

WILMINGTON TWP., MERCER COUNTY, PA
2018 BUDGET MESSAGE

GENERAL FUND

INCOME:

There was a slight increase in assessment value.

A small amount was collected for Act 13 Impact Fees. Not much is expected for 2018.

EXPENSE: Insurance costs are expected to remain relatively close to this year's premium.

Taxes

Real Estate tax will remain the same at 4.67 mills. As in prior years, 1 mill will be transferred to Capital Preservation for the purchase of equipment.

Building/Grounds/Tools

\$25,000 was allotted for garage doors and a front and side wall to the pavilion. Work is to be done by a contractor. \$6000.00 for a concrete floor in front of the salt shed and 5 bins for aggregate/cold patch is budgeted. One of these bins will have a concrete floor.

Road maintenance/repair

Culverts on Ferris Road (2), Brenneman Road (1), Valley View Road (1), Willow Drive (1), Orchard Road (2) are being considered. Bids will be received for this work. \$35,000 is budget for the culverts and installation.

\$10,000 is budgeted for tree service (The paved area of Garrett, Bend Road from the bridge towards Bethel Road approximately 100 feet, Brenneman from smiley rock up). These jobs will be quoted separately.

Personnel

No raises are expected this year.

The budget allows for the secretary and two supervisors to attend state convention. Meals, hotel, registration, mileage, and four eight hour days at regular wages are included in the budget for convention as allowed by law.

Equipment

Both trucks are to be scheduled for undercoating at Armor Linings, Inc.

\$5000 was allotted for machinery capital purchases.

CAPITAL PRESERVATION FUND

Equipment

A 2015 Terrstar was purchased at the end of 2014. Financing is for 5 years with payments set at \$772.37. This loan will be paid off in October 2019.

\$15,000 was budgeted towards machinery purchases.

STATE FUND

Road maintenance/repair

Consideration of paving on one bend of Angel Road. Sealcoating is being considered on all of Indian Run, Angel and Borowicz roads and portions of Orchard and Bend Road. \$84,000 was budgeted for these purposes.

FIRE PROTECTION FUND

The township's shared expenses will decreased in 2017 due to the fire department roof being paid off.

Fire Protection tax was increased from .55 to .80 mills beginning January 1, 2015.

SUSPENSE FUND

Black, Bashor, and Porsch advised transferring \$20,000 from the Suspense Fund to the General Fund in 2016, and then an additional \$5,000 each following year until the fund is exhausted, at which point any bill that may be received requesting these funds can be distributed from the General Fund.

SEWER FUND

Expenses

A new planning engineer was taken on in 2016 to complete the Act 537 Plan.

The \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit will mature October 15, 2018. It was rolled over on the existing CD through Greenville Savings Bank 1.0% for 18 months.

The general fund was reimbursed for legal expenses, administration costs and insurance costs for costs associated with the sewer.

2019 AND BEYOND

These items are not reflected in the current budget, but will need to be considered in the future.

Sewer construction to begin approximately Spring 2019.

Televising of the sewer lines will take place in 2021 for Phase II and III. Phase I will get televised in 2018.

Capacity fees will need to be negotiated with New Wilmington Borough for the future lines on Bethel, Cowden, Valley View, Willow, Auction, and Mercer-New Wilmington Roads (legal and capacity costs). Engineering costs for design and construction of these sewer lines will need to be considered in future budgets.

With the adoption of the Sewage Management Ordinance 2010-2 and the future installation of sewer lines on Cowden, Bethel, Auction, Valley View, Willow and Mercer-New Wilmington Roads, future budgets will need to reflect the necessary wages for meter reading, repair/servicing, billing, and recordkeeping.