

North Newton Township 2018 Budget Message

This budget message serves as an explanation of the sources of income and the plan for expenditures by the Board of Supervisors of North Newton Township in 2018. Additionally, it outlines the progress made in 2017. The General Fund Budget is a balanced budget in that the projected receipts are greater than the projected expenditures and does not use fund balance to meet the Township's obligations.

The Projected Expenditures for the 2018 General Fund Budget total \$939,839. This figure represents the following:

January 1, 2018 Projected General Fund Balance	\$1,910,000
2018 Budgeted Receipts	+ 957,590
Total of General Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$2,867,590
2018 Budgeted Expenditures	- 939,839
Total Un-appropriated General Funds	\$1,927,751

The Host Municipal Tipping Fee from the Cumberland County Landfill continues to be North Newton Township's main source of income. As part of the Township's agreement with Advanced Disposal, \$1.00 is paid to the Township for every ton of eligible waste accepted by the landfill. In 2017, this resulted in \$597,880, which is a first ever decrease of \$20,695 from 2016. The decrease reflects a drop in waste accepted at the landfill. In 2018, the tipping fee represents 61% of projected receipts.

The earned income tax (EIT) assessment of ½% is the second largest source of revenue and provides 25% of 2018's projected receipts. The real estate transfer tax amounted to \$34,624 through November. These two tax assessments are the only taxes levied by the township (other than the street light assessment) and they will remain the same in 2018.

Additional income is received from reimbursements and grants from the Commonwealth, interest income, Magisterial District Justice and Pennsylvania State Police fines, and fees for permits and rentals.

The following lists represent advancements made in 2017 and plans for 2018:

Review of 2017 Accomplishments:

- Fry Road drainage project: side drains, cross drains, French mattress
- Fry Road shoulders milled, rebuilt and widened
- Repair to concrete floor in Public Works building 2A
- Acquired 2017 Mack Dump Truck to replace 1989 Mack
- Base repair to Willis Road

- Patching on Willis, Springfield, Nealy, Red Shed
- Pulled road shoulders
- Crack sealing on various roads and park parking lot
- Sealcoating of various roads: Running Pump, Springfield, Cemetery & Kough
- Worthington Road brush and limbs
- Clean up of Public Works property
- Street sweeping in neighborhoods around Newville
- Traffic lines applied to various roads
- Continued work on ordinance codification process
- Received a Cumberland County grant of \$10,572.86 for Fry Road drainage project
- Grants or reimbursements from the Commonwealth included:
 - Host Municipal Landfill Inspector's wages and expenses (at 50%): \$808.82
 - Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant (from 2015): \$262.00
 - Fuel sales tax reimbursement: \$378.72
 - Act 205 fire relief: \$16,656.55
 - Pension Plan reimbursement: \$13,978.58
- As of November 30, 2017, park rental income for the year amounted to \$7,155 (an increase of \$691.50 over 2016's total) and rental facility usage rose 17% for a total of 101 community room rentals and 33 pavilion rentals.

2018 Goals Include:

- Apply a top coat of pavement to Fry Road
- Seal coat 3 miles of roads: Koser, Springfield, Ott, Running Pump & Willis
- Patching of various roads
- Construct a salt shed at 8 Red Shed Road property
- Replace bidirectional tractor and attachments with a roadside mower with side arm
- Seal park parking lot and walking trail
- Complete work on codification of ordinances

State Liquid Fuels Fund

The 2018 state liquid fuels allotment of \$149,100 is a 3% increase over 2017 due to Act 89 of 2013. This legislation has increased the township's allotment by 50% over a period of five years. 2018 is the last year that will be affected by the liquid fuels tax increase.

Projected January 1, 2018 State Liquid Fuels Fund Balance	\$ 43,030
2018 Budgeted Receipts	+ 149,300
Total of State Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 192,330
2018 Budgeted Expenditures (Fry Rd paving & portion of salt shed)	- 180,000
Total Un-appropriated State Funds	\$ 12,330

Street Light Fund

There will be no increase in the street light assessment this year. Properties in the village of Oakville will continue to be assessed at 60 cents per foot of road frontage. The assessment for North Newton Hills' properties will remain at \$68 per lot.

Projected January 1, 2018 Street Light Fund Balance	\$ 3,335
2018 Budgeted Receipts	+ 6,543*
Total of Street Light Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 9,878
2018 Budgeted Expenditures	- 6,100
Total Un-appropriated Street Light Funds	\$ 3,778

**Includes a transfer from General Fund to cover payment for lighting at Township properties.*

Total of All 3 Funds

January 1, 2018 Projected Balance of All Funds	\$1,956,365
Total 2018 Budgeted Receipts	+1,113,433
Total of All Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$3,069,798
Total 2018 Budgeted Expenditures	- 1,125,939
Total of All Funds Un-appropriated	\$1,943,859

Summary

The Township was able to fund drainage improvements along and under Fry Road through Cumberland County Conservation District's Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Grant Program. This work, along with the road shoulders being rebuilt, has prepared the road to receive a wearing course in 2018. Other work expected in the coming year includes continued implementation of the road maintenance program, construction of a salt shed (to protect raw materials of road salt and anti-skid from inclement weather) and completion of the codification of ordinances. All of these projects will enhance services already utilized by residents.

Respectfully submitted by *Bonnie L. Myers, Secretary/Treasurer*
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