

North Newton Township 2016 Budget Message

As 2015 comes to a close, the following information provides a brief explanation of what the Board of Supervisors has accomplished in the past year and plans for the coming year, along with the budget and revenue streams to fund this work.

The Projected Expenditures for the 2016 General Fund Budget total \$1,284,000.

This figure represents the following:

January 1, 2016 Projected General Fund Balance	\$1,901,947
2016 Budgeted Receipts	+ 902,010
Total of General Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$2,803,957
2016 Budgeted Expenditures	- 1,284,000
Total Un-appropriated General Funds	\$1,519,957

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 2015, this resulted in \$605,130, which is \$108,321 less than 2014. The difference is due to the expiration of an additional 25¢ per ton paid over an 18-month period for the construction of the township's administrative office. The fee for 2016 is conservatively estimated to be \$590,000.

The next largest revenue source is the earned income tax (EIT) assessment of ½%. The EIT contributed over \$250,000 in 2015. The real estate transfer tax amounted to \$29,456 over the course of the year. Tax assessments will be unchanged in 2016.

Additional sources of income are interest income, fines from the Magisterial District Justice and Pennsylvania State Police, and fees for permits and rentals. The state liquid fuels allotment of \$117,000 has been designated for the Bullshead Road bridge project.

The following lists represent progress made in 2015 and plans for 2016.

Review of 2015 Accomplishments:

- Implementation of the Zoning Ordinance
- New position of Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer
- Pave Fish Hatchery Road
- Seal coat various sections of roads
- Traffic line painting
- Implementation of 800 MHz Open Sky Radios in Public Works Dept.
- Acquire 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 Pickup Truck

- Install guide rail on Fish Hatchery & Horn roads
- Emergency repairs to Horn Road and Springfield Road following June storm
- Purchase Grasshopper mower
- Purchase 10'x6' Trailer
- Grants or reimbursements from the State included 50% reimbursement of the Host Municipal Landfill Inspector's wages and expenses (\$1,128), fuel tax reimbursement (\$302), Act 205 fire relief (\$15,566) and Pension reimbursement (\$9,996).
- Earned \$15,600 in interest on accounts.
- The park facilities were rented 113 times in 2015. The community room was rented 80 times and the pavilion was rented 33 times. This is a 24% increase in rentals over 2014. As of December 10, 2015, park rental income for the year amounted to \$5,935.

2016 Goals include:

- Replace Bullshead Road culvert with a bridge
- Remove trees along Bullshead Road in area of bridge project
- Seal coating maintenance to portions of various roads
- Micro surface North Newton Hills roads in Phase I
- Replace the #99 International Dump Truck
- Codification of ordinances
- Outfit an Emergency Operations Center for activation in a local emergency

State Liquid Fuels Fund - 2016 Projects

Projected January 1, 2016 State Liquid Fuels Fund Balance	\$ 8,906
2016 Budgeted Receipts	+ 134,851
Total of State Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 143,757
2016 Budgeted Expenditures (Fish Hatchery Rd. Paving)	- 135,000
Total Un-appropriated State Funds	\$ 8,757

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. North Newton Hills properties will remain at \$68 per lot.

Projected January 1, 2016 Street Light Fund Balance	\$ 2,575
2016 Budgeted Receipts	+ 6,543*
Total of Street Light Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 9,118
2016 Budgeted Expenditures	- 6,120
Total Un-appropriated Street Light Funds	\$ 2,998

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

Total of All 3 Funds

January 1, 2016 Projected Balance of All Funds	\$1,913,428
Total 2016 Budgeted Receipts	<u>+1,037,515</u>
Total of All Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$2,950,943
Total 2016 Budgeted Expenditures	<u>- 1,425,120</u>
Total All Funds Un-appropriated	\$1,531,712

Summary

By the end of fiscal year 2016, a new bridge on Bullshead Road should be handling water flows with ease, a new dump truck will have replaced one that will not pass inspection without extensive repair, progress will be made on the road maintenance program and codification of ordinances will result in updated, searchable ordinances that are easily accessible to the public.

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