

North Newton Township 2019 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 2019. Additionally, it outlines the progress made in 2018. 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 2019 General Fund Budget total \$868,720, which is \$70,000 less than 2018.

This figure represents the following:

January 1, 2019 Projected General Fund Balance	\$1,940,000
2019 Budgeted Receipts	+ 911,990
Total of General Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$2,851,990
2019 Budgeted Expenditures	- 868,720
Total Un-appropriated General Funds	\$1,983,270

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. Since 2016, the tipping fee has decreased by \$38,317. This is partially due to the alternate daily cover and rates of waste being accepted at the landfill. In 2019, the tipping fee represents 63% of projected receipts.

The earned income tax (EIT) assessment of ½% is the second largest source of revenue. The real estate transfer tax amounted to nearly \$23,000 through November 2018. 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 2019. Together, these two tax revenues provide 29% of 2019's projected receipts.

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.

In addition to regular operational, service and maintenance activities, the following lists represent advancements made in 2018 and goals for 2019:

Review of 2018 Accomplishments:

- Construction of Salt Shed
- Fry Road pavement project completed
- Sealcoating of various roads: Bullshead, Koser, Nealy, Ott, Red Shed, Running Pump, Springfield & Willis
- Long Road: Replace culvert
- Milling & paving sections of roads, including Long Road
- Replaced guiderail on Bullshead Road
- Tree removal along Bullshead Road
- Traded in bi-directional tractor on New Holland tractor with Alamo side-arm mower
- Street sweeping in neighborhoods around Newville
- Repairs to storm drains in North Newton Hills
- Traffic lines applied to various roads
- Hired part-time Public Works employee to replace former full-time position
- Received re-certifications for Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Road Program
- Crack sealing, sealcoating and lining of park's parking lot, walking trail and basketball court
- Replenish the mulch in the park playground
- Installed a parent-toddler swing at the playground
- Connected additional offices to generator at administrative office
- Installed ceiling outlets in community room
- Spring & Fall Clean Up Days
- Completed ordinance codification and implemented E-Code with online access
- Grants or reimbursements from the Commonwealth included:
 - Host Municipal Landfill Inspector's wages and expenses (at 50%): \$888.73
 - Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant (from 2016): \$183.00
 - Fuel sales tax reimbursement: \$379.71
 - Act 205 fire relief: \$15,952.92
 - Retirement Plan reimbursement: \$15,952.92
 - PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax): \$293.74
- As of November 26, 2018, park rental income for the year amounted to \$7,445 and is expected to exceed 2017's revenue of \$7,475.

2019 Goals Include:

- Seal coat 3 miles of roads
- Patching of various roads
- Continue to replace concrete culverts with plastic pipe
- Repair or replace storm drains in North Newton Hills
- Pull side gutters
- Replace rocks in the Big Spring underneath the Nealy Road bridge as required
- Replace 2001 pickup truck with a newer used truck
- Replace zero-turn mower
- Replace shop lights with LEDs
- Distribute the 2019 Map & Guide
- Pursue a grant for a feasibility study of a connector path from the CVRT to the park

State Liquid Fuels Fund

The estimated 2019 state liquid fuels allotment is \$151,119.73. Act 89 of 2013 increased the township's allotment by 50% over a period of five years. 2018 was the last year the Township will experience increases due to this legislation.

Projected January 1, 2019 State Liquid Fuels Fund Balance	\$ 38,225
2019 Budgeted Receipts	+ 151,320
Total of State Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 189,545
2019 Budgeted Expenditures	- 80,000
Total Un-appropriated State Funds	\$ 109,545

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, 2019 Street Light Fund Balance	\$ 3,191
2019 Budgeted Receipts	+ 6,543*
Total of Street Light Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 9,734
2018 Budgeted Expenditures	- 6,100
Total Un-appropriated Street Light Funds	\$ 3,634

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

Total of All 3 Funds

January 1, 2019 Projected Balance of All Funds	\$1,981,416
Total 2019 Budgeted Receipts	+1,069,853
Total of All Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$3,051,269
Total 2019 Budgeted Expenditures	- 954,820
Total of All Funds Un-appropriated	\$2,096,449

Summary

In 2018, the Township added fixed assets in the form of the salt shed and New Holland tractor with Alamo mower. Infrastructure improvements were made with the wearing course applied to Fry Road, paving of various sections of roads and sealcoating three miles of roads. The Township continues to implement projects with the goal of improving roads and drainage. In 2019, the Township expects to execute plans for sealcoating and road maintenance. No large projects are planned for the year.

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