

North Newton Township 2017 Budget Message

The following is a brief overview of the Board of Supervisors' accomplishments in 2016 and their plan for the coming year, along with the budget and revenue streams to support their goals.

The Projected Expenditures for the 2017 General Fund Budget total \$951,930.

This figure represents the following:

January 1, 2017 Projected General Fund Balance	\$1,725,000
2017 Budgeted Receipts	<u>+ 957,350</u>
Total of General Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$2,682,350
2017 Budgeted Expenditures	<u>- 951,930</u>
Total Un-appropriated General Funds	\$1,730,420

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 2016, this resulted in \$618,575, which is an increase of \$13,445 over 2015.

The earned income tax (EIT) assessment of ½% is the second largest source revenue. The EIT amounted to over \$238,000 in 2016. The real estate transfer tax amounted to \$33,572 through November. These two tax assessments are the only taxes levied by the township and they will remain the same in 2017.

Additional sources of income are interest from certificates of deposits and other accounts, fines from the Magisterial District Justice and Pennsylvania State Police, and fees for permits and rentals. The 2017 state liquid fuels allotment of \$141,696 reflects an increase of \$24,696 over 2016 due to Act 89 of 2013, which will continue to annually increase the township's allocation through 2018.

The following lists represent progress made in 2016 and plans for 2017.

Review of 2016 Accomplishments:

- Plowed snow for 20.5 hours during Snowstorm Jonas.
- Bob Smith was recognized by the Cumberland County Commissioners for his exemplary service during the storm.
- Removed trees along Bullshead Road in preparation for the bridge construction.
- Replaced Bullshead Road culverts with a concrete span bridge for \$288,074.59.
- Installed guiderail at new Bullshead Road bridge.
- Sealed cracks on roads in North Newton Hills and Heim Court.
- Ultra-thin bonded wearing course on roads of North Newton Hills & Heim Court applied by Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC for \$124,483.14.

- Adjusted height of manhole covers in North Newton Hills.
- Seal coated various sections of roads including: 1.25 miles of Springfield beginning at Big Spring Road, Running Pump from Clugston to Greenspring and the end of Willis near Red Shed.
- Milled & paved sections of Nealy Road and Red Shed Road intersection with S.R. 533.
- Replaced culverts under Fry Road and paved over them and paved the curve at Finkenbinder Road.
- Street sweeping in neighborhoods around Newville
- Installed four dry hydrants
- Traffic lines applied to various roads
- Acquired 2017 Mack Dump Truck to replace the 1999 International.
- Ordered a second 2017 Mack Dump to replace the 1989 Mack.
- Began offering reflective address signs
- Added an adventure crawl tube, tire swing, adaptive swing and bulletin board kiosk to the park.
- Installed an Oakville village sign and landscaping. Sign created by Cary Murray with landscape design created by Joseph Porter.
- Entered into a new 6 year recycling and trash collection contract with Southampton Township offering reduced full-service rate and new senior citizen rate for customers 65 years of age and older.
- Appointed Joel Rimby of Salzmann Hughes, PC. as solicitor for the Board of Supervisors following 41 years with Steven Fishman, Robert O'Brien or Mike Scherer.
- Transferred Pension funds and 457 Plan funds to a new pension plan service provider.
- Began work on ordinance codification process.
- Grants or reimbursements from the Commonwealth included Host Municipal Landfill Inspector's wages and expenses (at 50%): \$320.19, fuel tax reimbursement: \$394.93, Act 205 fire relief: \$15,580.41, Pension Plan reimbursement: \$12,974.84 and Snowstorm Jonas reimbursement of \$11,478.91.
- Earned \$13,111 in interest on accounts through the end of November.
- The park facilities were rented 114 times in 2016. The community room was rented 79 times and the pavilion was rented 35 times. This is consistent with the rentals in 2015. As of December 1, 2016, park rental income for the year amounted to \$5,981.

2017 Goals include:

- Mill, rebuild shoulders and perform base repair on Fry Road.
- Seal coat 3.1 miles of roads: Koser Road, Springfield Road from Oakville to township line beyond Koser Road, Running Pump Road from Ridge Road to Mud Level Road.
- Construct a salt shed at 8 Red Shed Road property.
- Continue work on codification of ordinances.
- Outfit an Emergency Operations Center for activation in a local emergency.

State Liquid Fuels Fund - 2017 Projects

Projected January 1, 2016 State Liquid Fuels Fund Balance	\$ 7,094
2017 Budgeted Receipts	<u>+ 141,766</u>
Total of State Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 148,860
2017 Budgeted Expenditures (Upfit Dump Truck & 3+ miles seal coating)	<u>- 115,000</u>
Total Un-appropriated State Funds	\$ 33,860

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, 2017 Street Light Fund Balance	\$ 3,497
2017 Budgeted Receipts	<u>+ 6,543*</u>
Total of Street Light Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$ 10,040
2017 Budgeted Expenditures	<u>- 6,120</u>
Total Un-appropriated Street Light Funds	\$ 3,920

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

Total of All 3 Funds

January 1, 2017 Projected Balance of All Funds	\$1,735,591
Total 2017 Budgeted Receipts	<u>+1,105,659</u>
Total of All Funds Appropriated & Un-appropriated	\$2,841,250
Total 2017 Budgeted Expenditures	<u>- 1,073,050</u>
Total All Funds Un-appropriated	\$1,768,200

Summary

As fiscal year 2016 draws to a close, we can reflect on the accomplishments of the year in which the township survived a January blizzard, updated township assets including a new bridge, a new dump truck, four dry hydrants located throughout the township, resurfaced North Newton Hills' roads and Heim Court, added playground equipment and features to the township park and installed a village sign for Oakville at Red Shed Road.

In 2017, the township is prepared to continue the road maintenance program, construct a salt shed to protect additional road salt and anti-skid, progress with the codification of ordinances and work toward establishing an emergency operations center.

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