



# Lower Paxton Township

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## 2015 Budgets

*GOOD GOVERNMENT FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY*

# ***Lower Paxton Township - Your Municipal Government -***

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- A PA Township of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, with 5 Supervisors elected at large.
  - A population of 47,000+ residents in 28 square miles.
  - Owns 200 miles of roads, 275 miles of sanitary sewers, 150 miles of storm sewers, and 320 acres of parkland.
  - Employs 140 full-time and nearly 400 part-time and seasonal workers.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township*** ***- Your Municipal Services -***

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- Public Safety - *Police, Fire, EMS, & Emergency Preparedness*
  - Public Works – *roads, storm sewers, municipal properties, and the compost facility*
  - Sanitary Sewer
  - Parks and Recreation & the Friendship Center
  - Community Development/Sanitation/Health
  - Administration/Finance/Personnel
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# ***Lower Paxton Township - Your 2015 Municipal Funds -***

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*The following budgets are proposed for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Final consideration is scheduled for a public meeting to be held on December 16, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The LPTA adopted its budgets during a public meeting held on November 10, 2014.*

General Fund - \$20,985,300 (balanced)

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$1,233,749 (balanced)

General Improvement Fund - \$4,042,500 (expenditures)

Fire Equipment Capital Fund - \$204,300 (revenues)

LOSAP - \$80,520 (revenues) & \$30,000 (expenditures)

Friendship Operating Fund - \$2,191,893 (revenues) & \$2,191,855 (expenditures)

LPTA Operating Fund - \$14,403,451 (revenues) & \$13,930,621 (expenditures)

LPTA Capital Fund - \$11,104,000 (expenditures)

**Proposed 2015 Spending Plan - \$53.5 million**  
**(not including pension funds)**

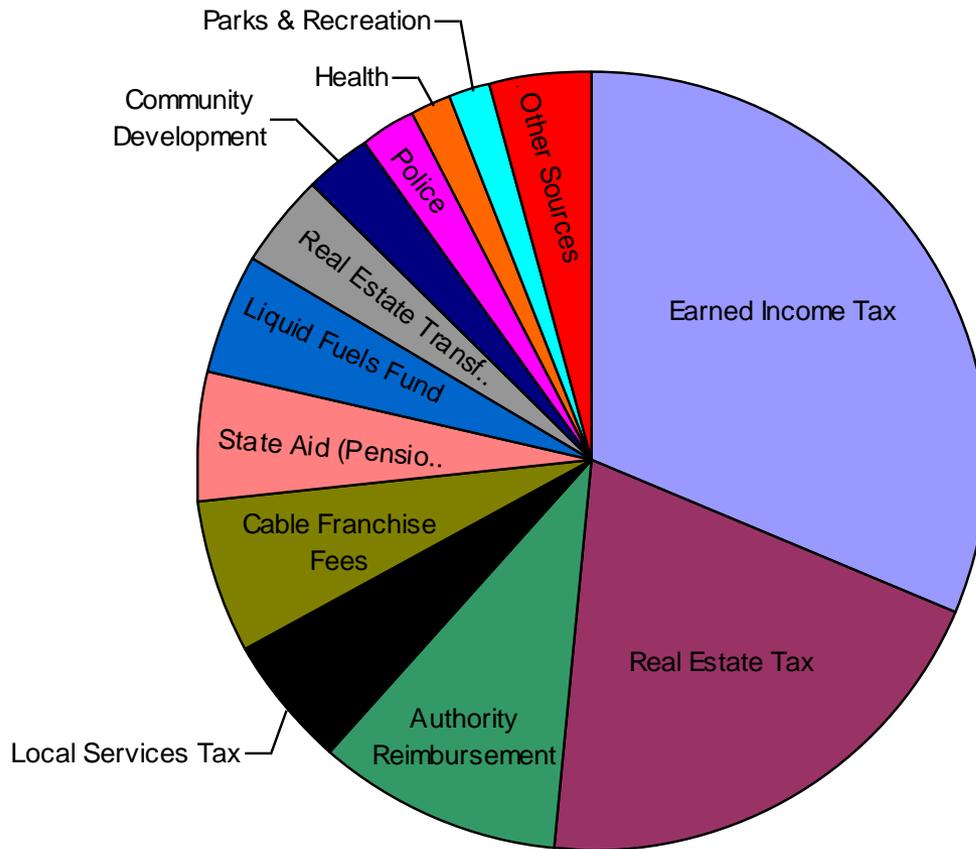
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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 General Fund***

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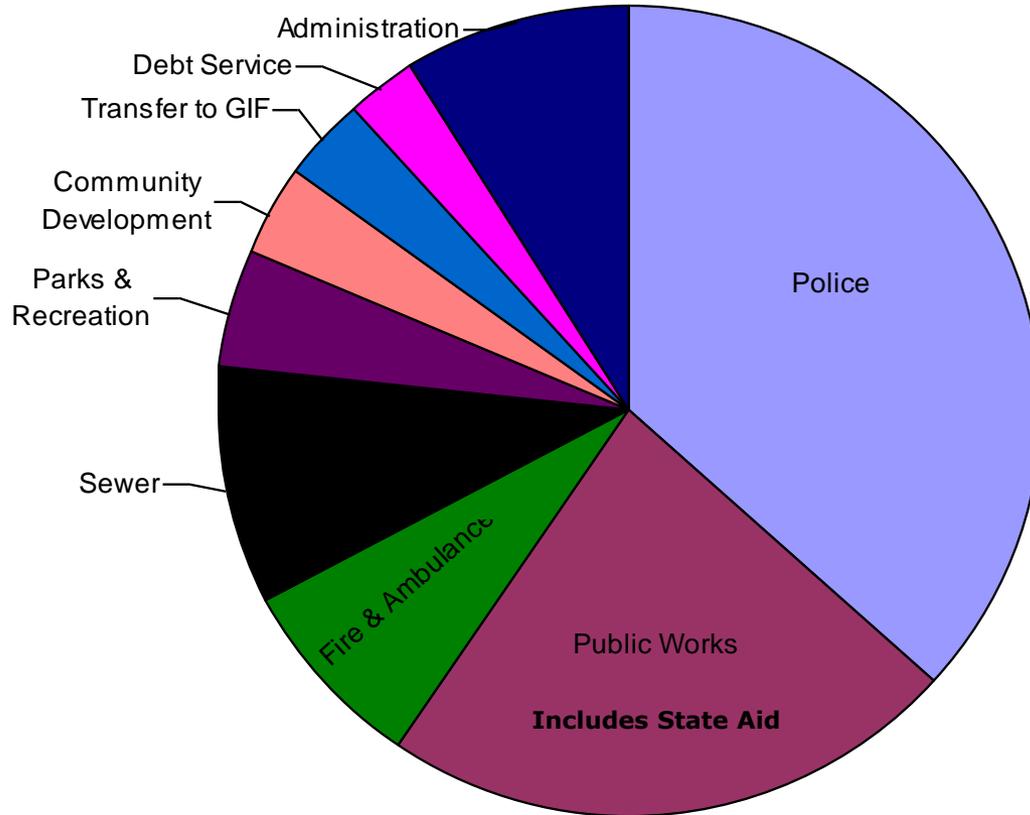
- The General Fund is the Township operating fund.**
  - The 2015 General Fund budget is balanced at \$20,985,300.**
  - *The General Fund is the primary source of revenue for the General Improvement Fund, the Fire Equipment Capital Fund, the LOSAP Fund, the Police Pension Fund, and the Non-Uniformed Employee Pension Fund.***
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# 2015 General Fund Revenues



# 2015 General Fund Expenditures

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# ***Lower Paxton Township Annual Expenditures for Operations***

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- From 2008 through the 2015 budget, annual expenditures for municipal operations have increased by a total of 10.8% or **1.4% per year**.
  - The CPI for NE urban areas has increased 12.9% from 1/08 to 9/14, on average – 1.9% per year.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 New General Fund Spending***

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**To catch up with municipal needs, the Board is planning to increase revenues in 2015, which can only be accomplished by raising the real estate tax rate. A rate increase of .4 mills is included in the 2015 General Fund Budget.**

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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 New General Fund Spending***

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- ❑ Equip the PD with a K-9, an additional officer and vehicle.
  - ❑ Hire 2 police officers. In 2007, we had 62. We now have 54.
  - ❑ Expand the Public Works maintenance garage. \$4 million in bonds were issued in 2014 to fund this project.
  - ❑ Repair and replace failing storm sewers. Annual stormwater spending is estimated at \$1.2 million/year for the next 3 years.
  - ❑ Hire a technician to assist with stormwater management.
  - ❑ Hire an additional laborer in the Public Works. The Department has 30 employees, which has not changed in many years.
  - ❑ Upgrade parks, including mandatory ADA improvements.
  - ❑ Implement Phase 1 of Wolfersberger Park.
  - ❑ Increase Compost Facility capacity through the purchase of a screener and windrow turner.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 State Aid Fund***

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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 Fire Equipment Capital Fund***

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- ❑ The Fire Equipment Capital Plan covers nine pieces of primary apparatus used by the Township's 3 volunteer fire companies.
  - ❑ The 2015 fiscal year will began with a Fire Equipment Capital Fund balance of approximately \$1,185,000. An additional \$204,300 will be added during the fiscal year.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 LOSAP Fund***

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- ❑ The Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) provides a defined benefit stipend to volunteer firefighters and/or fire police officers who meet certain criteria.
  - ❑ The LOSAP Fund balance is expected to be approximately \$440,000 at the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year. An additional \$80,520 will be added during the fiscal year.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 General Improvement Fund***

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- The General Improvement Fund is used by Lower Paxton Township for one-time capital projects.
  - In 2015, General Improvement Fund expenditures for capital projects are budgeted at \$4,042,500.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 Friendship Center Fund***

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- ❑ The Friendship Center operates as an “enterprise” entity, with revenues coming primarily from user charges to fund operations, debt service, and capital facilities.
  - ❑ The Friendship Center 2015 Operating Fund expects \$2,191,893 in revenues and \$2,191,855 in expenditures.
  - ❑ The Center’s Capital Fund is expected to possess a zero balance on January 1, 2015.
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# ***2015 LPTA Operating & Capital Funds***

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- ❑ The Lower Paxton Township Authority (LPTA) operates as an “enterprise” entity, providing sanitary sewer service.
  - ❑ The LPTA 2015 Operating Fund expects revenues of \$14,403,451 and expenditures of \$13,930,621.
  - ❑ LPTA expenditures for capital projects in 2014 are expected to be \$11,104,000.
  - ❑ The LPTA is expected to possess cash-on-hand of \$24.5 million at the beginning of the 2015 fiscal year.
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# ***Lower Paxton Township***

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## ***Tax Basics for 2015***

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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 Municipal Tax Basics***

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- ❑ The Township's largest source of revenue is the Earned Income Tax (EIT), expected to generate \$7.2 million.
  - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.1 million.
  - ❑ The Local Service Tax is expected to generate \$1,050,000.
  - ❑ ***The Township levies no other taxes that are paid by residents on an annual basis.***
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# ***Lower Paxton Township Real Estate Tax Basics for 2015***

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- ❑ The Real Estate Tax rate will increase to 1.7 mills.
  - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.1 million, **24%** of the General Fund.
  - ❑ 19% of the Real Estate Tax (nearly \$1 million) funds volunteer fire services.
  - ❑ **Only \$4 million in Real Estate Tax revenue is available for municipal operations in 2015.**
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# ***Average 2014 Municipal Real Estate Tax Millage In Dauphin County***

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2.508 mills – (excludes 2 with no real estate tax and 4 with millage rates above 10 mills)

Lower Paxton Township – 1.300 mills in 2014 & 1.700 mills proposed for 2015

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# ***Lower Paxton Township 2015 Real Estate Tax (Example)***

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**The LPT Real Estate Tax for a house  
with an assessed value of  
\$200,000**

**2015 Real Estate Tax (1.7 mills):**

**1.337 mills (general) \$267.40**

**.322 mills (fire protection) \$64.40**

**.041 mills (library service) \$8.20**

**TOTAL: \$340.00**

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# ***Lower Paxton Township TOTAL Real Estate Taxation***

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***In 2014, Lower Paxton Township property owners paid real estate taxes at the rate of 23.1268 mills; to CDSB at 14.6008 mills, Dauphin County at 7.226 mills, and LPT at 1.3 mills.***

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