



Lower Paxton Township

2019 Budgets
12/18/18

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Lower Paxton Township - Your 2019 Municipal Funds -

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 18, 2018. The LPTA adopted its Sewer Fund budget during a public meeting on November 27, 2018 and its Stormwater Fund budget during a meeting on December 11, 2018.

General Fund – \$24,935,195 (balanced)

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$1,599,742 (balanced)

General Improvement Fund - \$1,391,165 (expenditure)

Fire Equipment Capital Fund - \$305,300 (revenue) and \$2,300,000 (expenditure)

LOSAP - \$101,615 (revenue) & \$39,500 (expenditure)

Friendship Operating Fund -\$2,531,475 (revenue) & \$2,491,060 (expenditure)

LPTA Sewer Operating - \$17,498,767 (revenue) & \$16,529,860 (expenditure)

LPTA Sewer Capital Fund - \$4,059,000 (expenditures)

LPTA Stormwater Operating – \$2,612,720 (revenue) & \$2,490,014 (expenditure)

LPTA Stormwater Capital Fund - \$2,489,000 (expenditure)

Proposed 2019 Spending Plan - \$58.8 million
(not including pension funds)

Lower Paxton Township 2019 General Fund

- ❑ General Fund budget is balanced at \$24,935,195.
 - ❑ 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.
 - ❑ The 2019 municipal real estate tax is 1.95 mills, unchanged from 2018.
 - ❑ The real estate tax levy is comprised of 1.554 mills for the general fund, 0.355 mills for fire protection and 0.041 mills for library service.
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Lower Paxton Township 2019 State Aid Fund

- ❑ The State Aid Fund is per the PA Liquid Fuels Tax Act 655 of 1956 and is a sub-component of the General Fund.
 - ❑ State Aid provides maintenance and construction of local roads.
 - ❑ In 2019, the State Aid Fund expects \$1,559,742 in both revenue and expenditures.
 - ❑ \$980,742 is budgeted for roadway paving.
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Lower Paxton Township 2019 Fire Equipment Capital Fund

- ❑ The Fire Equipment Capital Plan covers 9 pieces of primary apparatus for the Township's 3 fire companies.
 - ❑ 2019 will begin with a Fund balance of approximately \$465,000. \$305,300 will be added during the year, taking the year-end fund balance to approximately \$770,000.
 - ❑ In 2019, expenditures from the fund are expected to total \$2.3 million, as the next phase of purchasing begins – 3 new units between 2019-20, costing an estimated \$3.6 million.
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Lower Paxton Township 2019 LOSAP Fund

- ❑ The Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) provides a defined benefit stipend to qualifying volunteer firefighters and/or fire police officers.
 - ❑ The LOSAP Fund balance is expected to be \$783,000 at the beginning of 2019. An additional \$101,615 will be added during the fiscal year, not including investment earnings.
 - ❑ Expenditures are budgeted at \$39,500 for the fiscal year.
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Lower Paxton Township 2019 General Improvement Fund

- ❑ The General Improvement Fund is used by Lower Paxton Township for one-time capital projects.
 - ❑ In 2019, General Improvement Fund expenditures for capital projects are budgeted at \$1,391,165.
 - ❑ The Fund expects \$222,312 from the General Fund, with remaining revenues of \$1,168,853 from various grants and contributions.
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Lower Paxton Township 2019 Friendship Center Fund

- ❑ 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 2019 Operating Fund expects \$2,531,745 in revenues and \$2,491,060 in expenditures.
 - ❑ The FC Operating Board has yet to completed its budget review and make a final recommendation to the Supervisors.
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2019 LPTA Sewer Operating & Capital Funds

- ❑ The Lower Paxton Township Authority (LPTA) operates as an “enterprise” entity, providing sanitary sewer service.
 - ❑ The LPTA 2019 Sewer Operating Fund expects revenues of \$17,498,767 and expenditures of \$16,529,860.
 - ❑ The sanitary sewer rate is expected to remain at \$153/qtr. in 2019.
 - ❑ 2019 LPTA expenditures for sewer capital projects are expected to be \$4,059,000.
 - ❑ The LPTA sewer capital fund is expected to possess \$21 million on 1/1/19.
 - ❑ The LPTA acted on this budget on 11/27/18.
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2019 LPTA Stormwater Operating & Capital Funds

- ❑ The Lower Paxton Township Authority (LPTA) operates as an “enterprise” entity, and is expected to begin stormwater service in 2019.
 - ❑ The LPTA 2019 Stormwater Operating Fund expects revenues of \$2,612,720 and expenditures of \$2,490,014.
 - ❑ The stormwater rate is expected to be \$32/qtr.
 - ❑ 2019 LPTA expenditures for stormwater capital projects are expected to be \$2,489,000.
 - ❑ The LPTA stormwater capital fund is expected to possess \$0 on account on 1/1/19 and a \$7 million borrowing is expected during the year.
 - ❑ The LPTA acted on this budget on 12/11/18.
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Lower Paxton Township 2019 Municipal Tax Basics

- ❑ The largest source of revenue is the Earned Income Tax (EIT), expected to generate \$8.1 million.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.9 million at a levy of 1.95 mills.
 - ❑ The Local Service Tax is expected to generate \$1,150,000.
 - ❑ ***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 2019

- ❑ The Real Estate Tax rate is 1.95 mills.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.9 million, less than **25%** of the General Fund.
 - ❑ 20% of the Real Estate Tax (over \$1 million) funds volunteer fire services.
 - ❑ **Only \$4.7 million in Real Estate Tax revenue is available for municipal operations in 2019.**
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Average Municipal Real Estate Tax Millage In Dauphin County

33 municipalities averaged 2.6053 in 2018 (excludes 2 with no real estate tax and 5 with millage rates above 10 mills)

Lower Paxton Township – 1.950 mills in 2017, 2018, & 2019.

Lower Paxton Township TOTAL Real Estate Taxation

In 2019, Lower Paxton Township property owners will pay real estate taxes at the rate of 25.7432 mills; to CDSB at 16.5672 mills, Dauphin County at 7.226 mills, and LPT at 1.95 mills.

Lower Paxton Township 2019 Real Estate Tax (Example)

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

2019 Real Estate Tax (1.95 mills):

1.554 mills (general) \$310.80

.355 mills (fire protection) \$71.00

.041 mills (library service) \$8.20

TOTAL: \$390.00
