



Lower Paxton Township

**2018 Budgets
12/19/17**

GOOD GOVERNMENT FOR A GREAT COMMUNITY

Lower Paxton Township - Your 2018 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 19, 2017. The LPTA adopted its budgets during a public meeting to be held on December 12, 2017.

General Fund - \$23,871,909 (balanced)

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$1,559,717 (balanced)

General Improvement Fund - \$2,978,750 (expenditures)

Fire Equipment Capital Fund - \$304,500 (revenues) & \$12,000 (expenditures)

LOSAP - \$101,315 (revenues) & \$34,500 (expenditures)

Friendship Operating Fund - \$2,535,143 (revenues) & \$2,417,315 (expenditures)

LPTA Operating Fund - \$17,182,587 (revenues) & \$16,230,570 (expenditures)

LPTA Capital Fund - \$5,421,000 (expenditures)

Proposed 2018 Spending Plan - \$52 million
(not including pension funds)

Lower Paxton Township 2018 General Fund

- ❑ General Fund budget is balanced at \$23,871,909.
 - ❑ 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 2018 municipal real estate tax is 1.95 mills, unchanged from 2017.
 - ❑ 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 2018 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 2018, the State Aid Fund expects \$1,559,717 in both revenues and expenditures.
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Lower Paxton Township 2018 Fire Equipment Capital Fund

- ❑ The Fire Equipment Capital Plan covers 9 pieces of primary apparatus for the Township's 3 fire companies.
 - ❑ 2018 will begin with a Fund balance of \$73,000. The sale of the 2000 KME pumper is expected to generate \$80,000. \$304,500 will be added during the year, taking the fund balance to approximately \$450,000.
 - ❑ In 2016/17, expenditures from the fund totaled nearly \$2.4 million.
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Lower Paxton Township 2018 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 \$690,000 at the beginning of 2018. An additional \$101,315 will be added during the fiscal year.
 - ❑ Expenditures are budgeted at \$34,500 for the fiscal year.
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Lower Paxton Township 2018 General Improvement Fund

- ❑ The General Improvement Fund is used by Lower Paxton Township for one-time capital projects.
 - ❑ In 2018, General Improvement Fund expenditures for capital projects are budgeted at \$2,978,750.
 - ❑ The majority of expenditures will be for stormwater improvements and replacement of the Jonestown Road bridge.
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Lower Paxton Township 2018 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 2018 Operating Fund expects \$2,535,143 in revenues and \$2,417,315 in expenditures.
 - ❑ The FC Operating Board has yet to complete its budget review and make a recommendation to the Supervisors.
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2018 LPTA Operating & Capital Funds

- ❑ The Lower Paxton Township Authority (LPTA) operates as an “enterprise” entity, providing sanitary sewer service.
 - ❑ The LPTA 2018 Operating Fund expects revenues of \$17,182,587 and expenditures of \$16,230,570.
 - ❑ The sanitary sewer rate will be increased by \$5.00 to \$153/qtr. in 2018.
 - ❑ LPTA expenditures for capital projects in 2018 are expected to be \$5,421,000.
 - ❑ The LPTA capital fund is expected to possess \$34 million on 1/1/18.
 - ❑ The LPTA acted on its budget on 12/12/17.
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Lower Paxton Township 2018 Municipal Tax Basics

- ❑ The largest source of revenue is the Earned Income Tax (EIT), expected to generate \$8 million.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.7 million at a levy of 1.95 mills.
 - ❑ The Local Service Tax is expected to generate \$1,400,000.
 - ❑ ***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 2018

- ❑ The Real Estate Tax rate is 1.95 mills.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.8 million, **25%** of the General Fund.
 - ❑ 20% of the Real Estate Tax (over \$1 million) funds volunteer fire services.
 - ❑ **Only \$4.6 million in Real Estate Tax revenue is available for municipal operations in 2018.**
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Average Municipal Real Estate Tax Millage In Dauphin County

33 municipalities averaged 2.379 in 2017 (excludes 2 with no real estate tax and 5 with millage rates above 10 mills)

Lower Paxton Township – 1.950 mills in 2017 and 2018

Lower Paxton Township 2018 Real Estate Tax (Example)

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

2018 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

Lower Paxton Township TOTAL Real Estate Taxation

In 2018, Lower Paxton Township property owners will pay real estate taxes at the rate of 25.292 mills; to CDSB at 16.116 mills, Dauphin County at 7.226 mills, and LPT at 1.95 mills.
