



Lower Paxton Township

2017 Budgets

Adopted by Resolution 16-42

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Lower Paxton Township - Your 2017 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 20, 2016. The LPTA adopted its budgets during a public meeting to be held on November 22, 2016.

General Fund – \$23,331,356 (balanced)

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$1,503,880 (balanced)

General Improvement Fund - \$4,588,750 (expenditures)

Fire Equipment Capital Fund - \$304,500 (revenues) & \$0 (expenditures)

LOSAP - \$83,520 (revenues) & \$31,000 (expenditures)

Friendship Operating Fund -\$2,305,333 (balanced)

LPTA Operating Fund - \$16,083,951 (revenues) & \$16,209,629 (expenditures)

LPTA Capital Fund - \$8,128,000 (expenditures)

Proposed 2017 Spending Plan - \$56 million
(not including pension funds)

Lower Paxton Township 2017 General Fund

- ❑ General Fund budget is balanced at \$23,331,356.
 - ❑ 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 2017 municipal real estate tax is 1.95 mills, unchanged from 2016.
 - ❑ 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 2017 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 2017, the State Aid Fund expects \$1,503,880 in both revenues and expenditures.
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Lower Paxton Township 2017 Fire Equipment Capital Fund

- ❑ The Fire Equipment Capital Plan covers 9 pieces of primary apparatus for the Township's 3 fire companies.
 - ❑ 2017 will begin with a Fund liability of nearly \$650,000. \$304,500 will be added during the year, taking the fund liability to \$350,000.
 - ❑ In 2016, expenditures from the fund totaled nearly \$2.4 million.
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Lower Paxton Township 2017 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 \$490,000 at the beginning of 2017. An additional \$83,520 will be added during the fiscal year.
 - ❑ Expenditures are budgeted at \$31,000 for the fiscal year.
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Lower Paxton Township 2017 General Improvement Fund

- ❑ The General Improvement Fund is used by Lower Paxton Township for one-time capital projects.
 - ❑ In 2017, General Improvement Fund expenditures for capital projects are budgeted at \$4,588,750.
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Lower Paxton Township 2017 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 2017 Operating Fund expects revenues and expenditures of \$2,305,333.
 - ❑ The FC Operating Board recommended approval of the budget at its 12/12/16 meeting.
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2017 LPTA Operating & Capital Funds

- ❑ The Lower Paxton Township Authority (LPTA) operates as an “enterprise” entity, providing sanitary sewer service.
 - ❑ The LPTA 2017 Operating Fund expects revenues of \$16,083,951 & expenditures of \$16,209,629.
 - ❑ The sanitary sewer rate increased to \$148/qtr. in 2017.
 - ❑ LPTA expenditures for capital projects in 2017 are expected to be \$8,128,000.
 - ❑ The LPTA capital fund is expected to possess \$32.4 million on 1/1/17.
 - ❑ The LPTA adopted its budgets on 11/22/16.
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Lower Paxton Township 2017 Municipal Tax Basics

- ❑ The largest source of revenue is the Earned Income Tax (EIT), expected to generate \$7.7 million.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.8 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 2017

- ❑ The Real Estate Tax rate is 1.95 mills.
 - ❑ The Real Estate Tax is expected to generate \$5.8 million, **24.9%** 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 2016.**
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Average Municipal Real Estate Tax Millage In Dauphin County

34 municipalities averaged 2.541 mills in 2015 (excludes 2 with no real estate tax and 4 with millage rates above 10 mills)

Lower Paxton Township – 1.950 mills in 2017

Lower Paxton Township 2017 Real Estate Tax (Example)

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

2017 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 2017, Lower Paxton Township property owners will pay real estate taxes at the rate of 23.7882 mills; to CDSB at 14.8622 mills, Dauphin County at 7.226 mills, and LPT at 1.95 mills.
