

WILMINGTON TWP., MERCER COUNTY, PA
2020 BUDGET MESSAGE

GENERAL FUND

INCOME:

There was a slight increase in assessment value.

A small amount was collected for Act 13 Impact Fees. Not much is expected for 2020.

EXPENSE: Insurance costs are expected to remain relatively close to this year's premium.

Taxes

Real Estate tax will remain the same at 4.67 mills. As in prior years, 1 mill will be transferred to Capital Preservation for the purchase of equipment.

Building/Grounds/Tools

Allot \$12,000 for building door enclosure and additional garage door supplies and \$12,000 for labor. Consider replacing light fixtures in community room in 2021. Insulate new part of garage with blue board.

Road maintenance/repair

- Culverts included are Number 8 Road (1), Mill Road (1), Means Road (1), . Bids will be received for this work. \$29,000 is budgeted for the culverts and installation.
- Tree service will be bid out on Orchard Road hill, and a portion of Garrett Road and Number 8 Road. These jobs will be quoted separately.
- Anderson Road cut off will be scarified, graded, stone added (500 ton of 2RC) and rolled for approximately \$12,500.
- A vacuum truck will be used on the storm drains on Bend Road hill.
- \$3000 will be allotted for contracted road services in case there is not enough state funds to cover the intended road work.
- White Chapel will need 500 tons of millings.

Personnel

The budget allows for the secretary and two supervisors to attend state convention. Meals, hotel, registration, mileage, and four eight hour days at regular wages are included in the budget for convention as allowed by law.

Equipment

Both trucks are to be scheduled for undercoating at Armor Linings, Inc.

\$20,000 was allotted for machinery capital purchases which will be carried over year after year to be used towards a truck replacement or other piece of equipment as needed.

CAPITAL PRESERVATION FUND

Equipment

- The 2015 Terrastar loan was paid off in 2019.
- No money was budgeted towards machinery purchases.
- 1 mill is transferred from the General Fund to Capital Preservation Fund each year.

STATE FUND

Road maintenance/repair

- Single Sealcoating all of Means (5491'x19') and Lusk Road (950'x18'), Number 8 Road (5174'x18'), Brenneman Road (4635'x18') from Mercer New Castle Road to Lusk, Ferris Road (1620'x18"), and a double seal on Brenneman Road (2060'x15') from Lusk to the big culvert. The estimated cost is \$46,598.
- Paving on Ferris from the High Water sign to the bend (1620'x18') - this will be a binder course with a seal coat over it. The estimated cost of the binder course is \$47,796.

FIRE PROTECTION FUND

Fire Protection tax was increased from .55 to .80 mills on January 1, 2015.

SUSPENSE FUND

Black, Bashor, and Porsch advised transferring \$20,000 from the Suspense Fund to the General Fund in 2016, and then an additional \$5,000 each following year until the fund is exhausted, at which point any bill that may be received requesting these funds can be distributed from the General Fund. This fund has been depleted in 2019.

SEWER FUND

Expenses

The design phase of the sewer project is expected to begin in 2020 after DEP approval of the 537 Plan.

The \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit will mature April 15, 2020. It was rolled over on the existing CD through Greenville Savings Bank 2.48% for 12 months.

The general fund was reimbursed for legal expenses, administration costs and insurance costs for costs associated with the sewer.

2021 AND BEYOND

These items are not reflected in the current budget, but will need to be considered in the future.

Sewer construction to begin approximately Spring 2021.

Televising of the sewer lines will take place in 2021 for Phase II and III. Phase I will get televised in 2023.

With the adoption of the Sewage Management Ordinance 2010-2 and the future installation of sewer lines on Cowden, Bethel, Auction, Valley View, Willow and Mercer-New Wilmington Roads, future budgets will need to reflect the necessary wages for meter reading, repair/servicing, billing, and recordkeeping.