

Since 2007, The Board of Supervisors has issued a Budget Message to our Residents to accompany the Annual Budget. As in previous years, we hope that this message and our Newsletters will keep you informed about our Township Operations. **The Board and our Employees work very hard to responsibly plan how your Tax Dollars are spent and we utilize Grant Funds when available. Our expenses continue to rise just like your household expenses. We had a tax increase in 2006 and then 12 years later in 2018 a small .25 millage increase. We will not have a tax increase in 2021, but unfortunately anticipate a small increase in 2022. The past several years as well as in 2021, we will need to use Capital Reserve Funds to balance our Budget which is required by Law. We will continue our .25 Mill Fire Tax to assist our Four Volunteer Fire Company's.**

Our Budget includes the following funds; General Fund which is the primary fund used for every day Operations, State Liquid Fuel Fund which is used for Road Work, Building and Equipment Capital Reserve, and Road Capital Reserve which is the proceeds from the Sale of the Orrtanna Waste Water Plant in 2014 and the Spray Field in 2017. These funds have been used the past two years to assist us with road department expenses and to balance the General Fund.

Our current Staff consists of our Secretary/Treasurer, Roadmaster, plus two full time road workers. We utilize a number of consultants to assist with our operations; Solicitor, Engineer, Professional Planner from the County, BCO, (Building Code/Zoning Officer) and Transportation Consultant.

In 2020 we adopted a New Zoning Ordinance after three years of discussions, and continued our work on the Codification process of all our Ordinances which will be completed in early 2021.

The Road Department had a busy year with our number one project being the Paving of Gum Springs Rd. which had been delayed for many years. We acquired a loan from ACNB for \$ 250,000. For 5 years for that project. We completed the payoff of the loan for the Reids Bridge replacement at Mt. Hope and Gum. We bought a New John Deere Boom Mower in 2020. They did much work replacing cross pipes, boom mowing, seal coating Newman and Mt. Carmel Roads.

The 2021 Budget may be found at www.hamiltonban.com or at the Township Office during normal business hours.

GENERAL FUND

This is the fund used for every day Township Operations and by law must balance. The majority of our revenue comes from Real Estate Taxes and Earned Income Taxes. For 2021 total projected revenue is \$ 741,242.18 and projected expenses are \$ 834,910.91. That projects a deficit of \$93,668.73 which will be covered by Capital Reserve Funds.

The deficit includes \$ 22,750. For self-insured medical expenses, ACNB Loan debt service of \$53,621.12 and lease payment on John Deere Tractor Mower of \$ 31,308.89. It should be noted that our revenues do not increase unless we increase millage amounts as we do not have any significant population increases. We did receive approval for a \$6,837.18 Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Grant for Stream berm work on Mt. Carmel Rd. We project income of \$ 15,000. In Forest Reserves which is State Payment for Michaux State Forest.

WE will continue to support various Community Organizations in 2021, eg; Adams County Library, SPCA, Adams County Office for Aging, Adams County Transit Authority, Community Media, Carroll Valley 4th or July celebration and a \$ 5,000. Donation to Cashtown Fire Company for their new Truck. We will continue our 10-year plan to replace all required road signs for reflectivity per Federal Law.

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND

In 2021 we project revenue of \$ 120,323.46 from the State for Liquid Fuels Tax and \$ 20,560. For Road Turn Backs plus balance carry over of \$ 72,519.90 which gives us a total budget of \$ 213,503.36. The Liquid Fuel Tax is lower due to COVID-19 and less driving and less use of fuel.

We are planning, but subject to change, expenditures of \$ 205,000.00 in 2021 for the following projects; Pave Mount Hope Rd from Carrolls Tract Rd to the Railroad track in Virginia Mills. Replace culvert and paving on Old Waynesboro Rd near SGI entrance, Base repair and widen Northern end of Moritz Rd, Seal Coat Lower Bullfrog Rd, and 4,000 feet of paving on Cold Springs Rd in area of Deer Track and Whippoorwill.

ROAD CAPITAL RESERVE

In 2021 we will utilize \$ 93,668.73 of these funds to balance the General Fund to avoid any tax increase.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

In 2021 we expect to repaint the lines in the office Parking Lot. Our 5-year plan shows other anticipated expenses going forward including drive way paving at Public Works facility, Enclose Regional Fueling Station in 2023, and remodel office meeting room in 2022.

We do not plan any additional equipment purchases until 2023 when the Mack Truck will be paid in full and we plan to purchase new Dump Truck to replace the 2006 Peterbilt.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 717-642-8509 or plan to attend one of our Board meetings which are held the first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m, Additional info available on our web site – www.hamiltonban.com

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