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2019 BUDGET MESSAGE

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The Board of Supervisors respectfully submits this Annual 2019 Budget Message in conjunction with the 2019 Budget to the residents of Hamiltonban Township. The Board of Supervisors of Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania wishes to convey their insights and hopes for the residents and property owners in Hamiltonban Township. The Board of Supervisors has strived to create efficient and cost-effective measures to hold spending and also provide the services that those within the Township can appreciate and enjoy. In 2018 the Township suffered extensive damage in July due to flooding of which temporary repairs were made. Even with enormous cost estimates in damages, and no federal, state or local aid, there is no tax increase for 2019.

The 2019 Budget may be obtained at www.Hamiltonban.com or at the Township Office. Special specific funds are established by state and federal laws.

General Fund

This fund is the primary fund used for every day Township operations. By law, all Municipal budgets must balance when they are passed. Therefore, the 2019 total projected General Fund revenue which equals expenses is \$740,875. This includes a transfer from Capital Reserve totaling \$22,700. Net income from Sewer Fund transfer will go into Capital Reserve Fund. Each of these items are considered a "pass through". The funds are expensed once they are received and are netted to zero not affecting any other line item in the budget.

The Township will continue to support other organizations on behalf of the community such as the Adams County Library, SPCA, Adams County Office for the Aging; Adams County Transit Authority; Adams County Community Media, Carroll Valley 4th of July Event; and another \$5,000 gift to the Fairfield Fire Department for their new truck.

Codification of ordinances will be done in 2019 to organize the legislation of the Township. The scope of services is the incorporation of all legislation including research, editorial and legal analysis.

Roughly eighty-six percent of revenues come from tax levies with the real estate tax being the single largest revenue and primary source for funding. Tax revenues which provide dedicated financial support to the Township are carefully monitored. Factors that are currently impacting revenues are the slow-down of: new construction, improvements to homes, real estate transfers, and little, if any, expansion of local business in the Township.

The Road Department with a Roadmaster, one full-time and one part-time, on-call employees devote all their time to maintaining the roads and equipment. Roughly sixty-one percent of

General Fund expenses are derived strictly from the Road Department. Snow removal which includes employee overtime and the purchase of salt and magnesium chloride remains a large annual expense. The Road Department has begun "re-facing" old road signs with the new reflectivity.

Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund is proceeds after the sale of the Orrtanna Treatment Plant and Sewer Spray Fields. These funds will be transferred to the General Fund upon the dissolution of the Municipal Sewer Authority. McNees Law Firm of Harrisburg has been contracted to instruct and guide the Township with the dissolution process which is anticipated here in 2019.

State Liquid Fuels

While 2018 had much rain, which postponed projects for this fund. The Gum Springs Road paving was such a project, which since delayed due to weather had to be cancelled. Sealing coating was done on portions of several roads Scotch Trail, Rum Trail, Thunder Trail, Mt. Hope Road and Bullfrog Road. These funds are specifically available for PennDOT approved items and projects. The Township will retain \$100,827.02 from 2018 to use on road improvement projects in 2019. A payment of \$41,970.95 will be made as the Township continues paying on a state loan for the Reids Bridge on Mount Hope Road, which will be repaid in three years.

Projects projected for 2019 include paving project on Hickory Bridge Road, which the Township received a \$15,000 Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Road Grant to assist with. Repairs to Mt. Hope Road, Cold Springs Road, and the Bullfrog Road intersection, which is a safety issue will be done.

Capital Improvement Plans

For capital improvements this year the Township is adding new and additional cameras for the 4020 Maintenance Shop and Community Park. New security cameras are being added for the Township Office, and some minor upgrades to crawl space to address water issues and expansion of meeting room. The Capital Improvement Plans are long-range which identifies future equipment needs and projects. As equipment ages and needs arise, these funds provide for sufficient funding with keeping debt within reason. The Road Department maintains the Township fleet of vehicles as well as provides maintenance within reason to the Township facilities whenever possible.

We welcome any questions regarding this Budget Message, please contact the office at 642-8509 or you may address your Board of Supervisors at a Board of Supervisors meeting. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Township Office. You may obtain a copy of the entire 2019 Budget at www.hamiltonban.com or at the Township Office.