

Shrewsbury Township News

Winter 2016

Burn Permits

Outdoor fires other than those fully contained within a non-flammable barrel, drum, or other similar container or in an outdoor grill or hibachi utilized for cooking purposes shall be subject to the following regulations:

- No fire or burning shall occur unless York County 911 is notified prior to the start of any fire and at the completion of the burning.
- Fires can burn only between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- No fire shall be left unattended.
- Burning can occur only on calm days. No fire shall be permitted to burn if wind conditions are such that the smoke will blow onto any dwelling or other building owned by someone other than the owner of the property where the burning is occurring.
- No plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, cardboard or recyclable material shall be burned in any fire. No wet garbage or other organic material, which smolders and emits offense odors shall be burned in any fire.



A **burning permit**, valid for the calendar year, must be obtained from Shrewsbury Township. The annual fee is **\$5.00**. All permits are issued in the names of all of the owners of the property and shall be signed by one or more of such owners. Fires over 20 sq. ft. require a special permit and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Post Election News

New Board members begin duties January 4th

The two (2) Board of Supervisors seats vacated by Susan Fox and Cynthia DeLeone have been filled by Ann Biser and Arthur Rutledge; congratulations to both on their November 3rd general election win. The Township thanks Ms. Fox and Ms. DeLeone for their six (6) years of service to the Township, and welcomes Ms. Biser and Mr. Rutledge to the Board. The 2016 Board of Supervisors is as follows:

- Bill Cox (term expires 12/2017)
- Jeff Rennoll (term expire 12/2017)
- Paul Solomon (term expires 12/2019)
- Arthur Rutledge (term expires 12/ 2021)
- Ann Biser (term expires 12/2021)

No Tax Increases in 2016 – Budget Approved

On December 2, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2016 budget with revenues totaling \$2,169,507; expenditures totaling \$2,958,896, and a projected December 31, 2016 fund balance of \$2,174,336.

The general fund real estate tax rate will remain unchanged at 0.074 mills, and the special fire tax will also remain unchanged at 0.34 mills. On a home assessed at \$200,000, the general real estate tax is \$14.80 and the special fire tax is \$68.00. Proceeds from the special fire tax are distributed to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township, including Shrewsbury, Glen Rock, and Rose (New Freedom) Fire Companies. The 2015 tax distribution to each of these fire departments was \$63,059 (reduced by workers' compensation premiums).

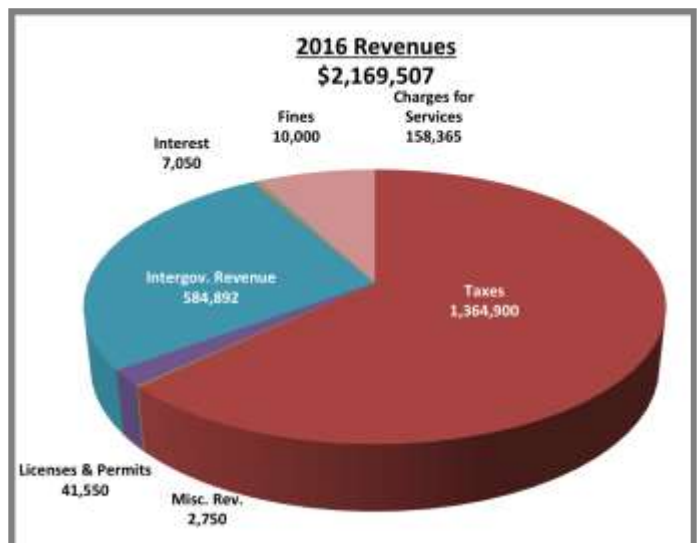
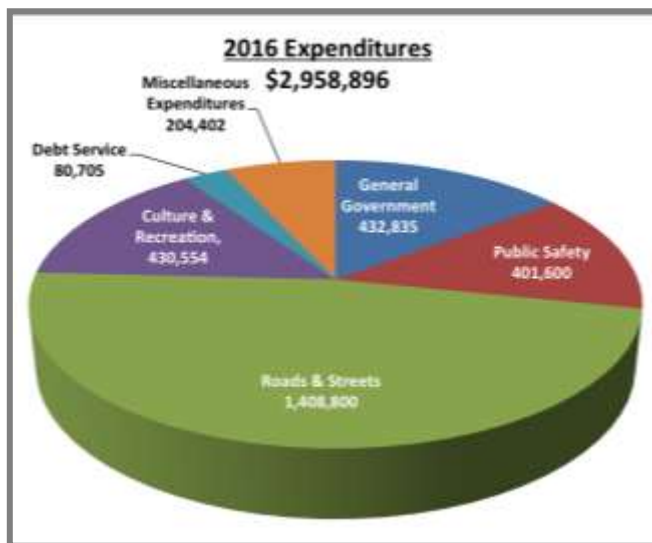
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2016 Budget (Continued)

Capital projects for 2016, totaling \$1,073,000, include the following:

- Park improvements at Windy Hill, Winchester, Hametown, and Miller Parks budgeted at \$315,000 (includes \$150,000 in state & county grant funds).
- Environmental improvements to Deer Creek, in the area along SR 851 (between I-83 and Wolfe Road) in the amount of \$25,000.
- Mt. Airy Road surfacing improvement project (from E. Forrest Avenue to the roundabout) in the amount of \$487,500.
- Stream culvert replacement projects on Spruce Road (at Country Club Road), and Saw Mill Road (2 locations), totaling \$245,500.

Details of the budget are available on the Township's website or by visiting the Township office. A summary of the income and expenditures for 2016 are in the charts below.



2015 Community Contributions

The Board of Supervisors recently approved the 2015 community contributions, as follows:

- Glen Rock Ambulance - \$20,000
- Hufnagel Public Library - \$1,500
- Rose Ambulance (New Freedom) - \$35,000
- S. Central York County Sr. Center - \$2,500
- Southern Community Services - \$700
- Southern York County Library - \$10,000
- York County Rail Trail Authority - \$500



Rental Property Registration

If you own a property that is not owner occupied, registration of all tenants age 18 years and older is required. Tenant registration forms can be downloaded from the township website, or call the township office at 235-3011 (ext. 101) to have a form mailed to you. Forms can also be obtained by visiting the township office.



Ready for Snow?

Throwing Snow into Streets

Snow that is removed from private property owners sidewalks and driveways **shall not** be deposited into a public street. Please deposit the snow into grassy yard areas. When snow is thrown back into the street it can freeze and cause unsafe travel conditions in that area. If the snow plow has not yet passed, the additional snow deposited into the street will be plowed back into driveway, resulting in the property owner to handle the snow twice.



Mailbox Damage

The Township does not prohibit property owners from placing mailboxes within the limits of the legal road right-of-way, as it is recognized that the post office has certain placement requirements regarding the location of mailboxes. However, since these mailboxes are not placed under permit regulations, they are technically deemed to be encroachments, which are placed and remain at the risk of the property owner. Therefore, Shrewsbury Township is not liable for damages to mailboxes, fencing, shrubbery, trees, etc., caused by snow removal or other maintenance operations where the same are located within the limits of the legal road right-of-way. (Ref: Code of the Township of Shrewsbury, Chapter 21, Part 2, §21.201).



Remove Vehicles from Streets

Please remove all vehicles parked along Township roads and CUL-DE-SACS prior to any storm that results in a plowable snowfall. Your cooperation is always appreciated.

Board Meetings are Just a Click Away

Board of Supervisors meeting minutes and meeting video recordings are online for viewing. Videos are uploaded within 2 – 3 weeks of the meetings and minutes are available following approval by the Board at the following meeting. The township website is www.shrewsburytownship.org.

Filing Complaints

Residents who wish to file a complaint for noncriminal violations must submit the complaint in writing, including full contact information. **All complaints remain confidential.** Verbal and anonymous complaints will not be acted upon. Complaint forms can be obtained at the Township office or on the Township's website, and can be filed in person, by mail, fax, or email.

Meeting Dates

The following meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 11505 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock.

Board of Supervisors

January 4th
February 3rd
March 2nd
April 6th

Planning Commission

January 20th
February 17th
March 16th
April 20th





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Holiday Closings

January 1st – New Year’s Day
February 15th – President’s Day
March 25th – Good Friday

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday:
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Roadside Tree Trimming



During the winter months the Township Maintenance Department will be trimming trees, shrubs, bushes, and other similar vegetation along Township streets and roads. Trimming will occur within the Township’s road right-of-ways and will not exceed a height of 14 feet.

Electronics Recycling SUSPENDED

The York County Solid Waste Authority (YCSWA) informed all county municipalities that they have been forced to **suspend** electronic recycling **until further notice**. The suspension is due to problems created by Pennsylvania State Law (Act 108), which mandates electronic recycling. Specifically, it has created an imbalance of supply and demand, which makes it economically prohibitive for electronic recycling vendors to operate in Pennsylvania. The County’s vendor is unable to continue service in 2016. The YCSWA recommends that all residents and businesses hold on to electronic until a new program can be implemented. Act 108 needs to change and the YCSWA asks that you voice your concerns by contacting the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at 717-787-7382, as well as your state legislative representatives. Check the township website for updates as they become available: www.shrewsburytownship.org.