



# Shrewsbury Township News

Winter 2016

## Think Spring & Parks

Watch the upcoming Spring 2017 newsletter for information on offerings at each of Shrewsbury Township's Parks. Details will include park locations, facility and recreation offerings, and pavilion rental information.



## 2017 Budget Approved

On December 7, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2017 budget with revenues totaling \$2,418,000; expenditures totaling \$2,864,800, and a projected December 31, 2017 fund balance of \$2,561,100. The revenue shortfall of \$446,800, due to capital improvement projects, will be used from cash reserves.

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.

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## Burn Permits

Beginning in 2017, when a burn permit is issued by the Township, an actual pre-numbered paper permit will be given to the property owner. The Township will no longer use the "log book" to record your permit. 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 name of the property owner and shall be signed by one or more of the owners.



## Trash Rate Increases

Penn Waste has announced that effective January 1, 2017, disposal rates at the York County Resource Recovery Facility are increasing \$3.00/ton. The York County Disposal Plan mandates that all municipal-like waste be disposed of at the York Incinerator. As a result of this disposal increase, Penn Waste will increase its semi-annual rate per home by \$1.34 per semi-annual billing. The new semi-annual rate for Shrewsbury Township will be \$121.04 effective January 1, 2017. This figure was arrived at by using the Township's 2015 tonnage figures for a total of 2297.8 tons. Tag-a-Bag customer's rate will not be increased.

## Holiday Closings

January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Presidents' Day

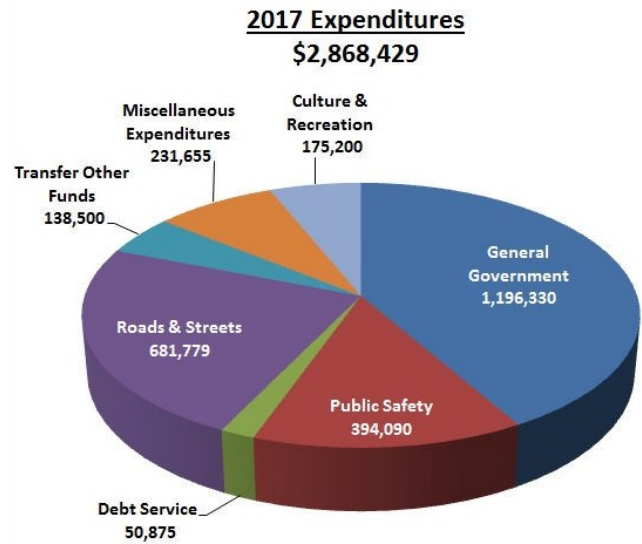
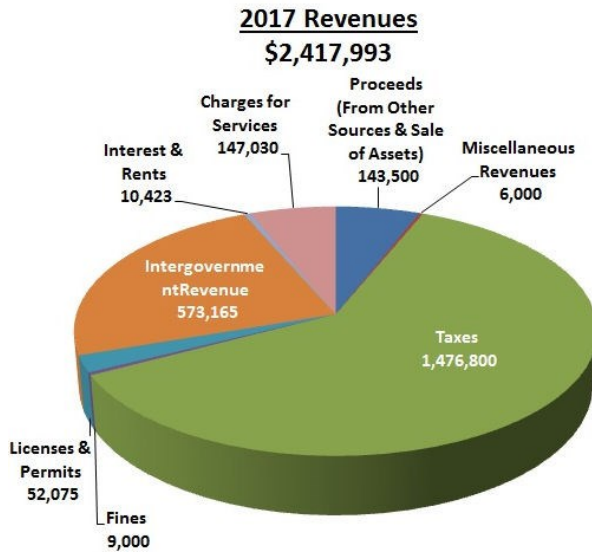


**Budget** (continued from page 1)

Capital projects for 2017, totaling \$834,400, include the following:

- Mt. Airy Road reconstruction & paving - \$525,000
- Replace 1987 International dump truck & plow - \$123,500
- Miller Park parking lot expansion - \$100,000
- Purchase used pickup truck for parks - \$20,000
- Reservoir Road culvert replacement - \$20,000
- Stormwater basin construction at township maintenance facility - \$17,500
- Digital record management system - \$14,400
- Administration building painting & light retrofits - \$14,000

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 2017 are in the charts below.



<b>2017 Budget Summary</b>		<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>Fire Tax Fund</b>	<b>Street Light Fund</b>	<b>Hydrant Fund</b>
<b>All Funds</b>										
<b>Assets</b>										
	Cash - January 1, 2017	3,007,877	1,910,557	320,600	672,091	559	88,260	4,083	5,767	5,960
<b>Revenues</b>										
300	Taxes	1,476,800	1,255,450	-	-	-	-	196,000	-	25,350
320	Licenses & Permits	52,075	52,075	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
330	Fines	9,000	9,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
340	Interest & Rents	10,423	9,000	250	850	25	40	250	6	2
350	Intergovernmental Revenue	573,165	212,625	-	360,540	-	-	-	-	-
360	Charges for Services	147,030	84,620	-	-	35,000	25,110	-	2,300	-
380	Miscellaneous Revenues	6,000	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
390	Proceeds (From Other Sources & Sale of Assets)	143,500	-	142,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
	<b>Total 2017 Revenues</b>	<b>2,417,993</b>	<b>1,628,770</b>	<b>142,750</b>	<b>361,390</b>	<b>35,025</b>	<b>25,150</b>	<b>196,250</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>26,352</b>
	<b>Total Available for Appropriations</b>	<b>5,425,870</b>	<b>3,539,327</b>	<b>463,350</b>	<b>1,033,481</b>	<b>35,584</b>	<b>113,410</b>	<b>200,333</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>32,312</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
400	General Government	1,196,330	453,690	14,000	725,840	-	-	-	2,800	-
410	Public Safety	394,090	174,475	-	-	-	-	195,250	-	24,365
420	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
426	Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
429	Collection & Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
430	Roads & Streets	681,779	558,279	123,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
450	Culture & Recreation	175,200	162,700	-	-	12,500	-	-	-	-
470	Debt Service	50,875	-	-	-	-	50,875	-	-	-
480	Miscellaneous Expenditures	231,655	229,155	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	-
490	Transfer to Other Funds	138,500	15,000	-	123,500	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total 2017 Expenditures</b>	<b>2,868,429</b>	<b>1,593,299</b>	<b>137,500</b>	<b>849,340</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>53,375</b>	<b>195,250</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>24,365</b>
	<b>Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>2,557,441</b>	<b>1,946,028</b>	<b>325,850</b>	<b>184,141</b>	<b>23,084</b>	<b>60,035</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>5,273</b>	<b>7,947</b>

**Permits** *(continued from page 1)*

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.**



**Are you 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.

**Habitat Improvement Project**

Land Studies has completed planting 175 native plants in the basin bordered by I-83, E. Forrest Avenue (SR 851), Wolfe Road, and the Cracker Barrel restaurant. On November 15, 2016, volunteers coordinated, through the Penn State Master Watershed Steward Program, assisted Land Studies in installing 50 live garlic stakes. The remaining live stakes will be replaced, along with installing 500 plugs, in the Spring of 2017.

Shrewsbury Township received a habitat improvement grant from the York County Conservation District in the amount of \$19,285. The grant funding is provided by Exelon, operators of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Plant. This area serves the Deer Creek watershed.



## 2016 Community Contributions

The Board of Supervisors granted the 2016 community contributions, as follows:

- Glen Rock Ambulance - \$20,000
- Hufnagel Public Library (Glen Rock) - \$1,500
- Rose Ambulance (New Freedom) - \$35,000
- S. Central York County Sr. Center - \$2,500
- Southern Community Services - \$700
- Southern York County Library (Shrewsbury) - \$10,000
- York County Rail Trail Authority - \$500
- York County SPCA - \$3,225
- Animal Rescue, Inc. - \$1,500

## York County School of Technology offers High School Equivalency Diploma Program

The York County School of Technology (York Vo-Tech) offers High School Equivalency Diploma (formerly known as GED) programs at four (4) locations in York County. There are three (3) easy steps:



**Step 1:** Register

**Step 2:** Attend an orientation and complete the pre-test evaluation

**Step 3:** Meet with a case manager to select the appropriate location for you

To register for the **FREE** classes and practice test, contact the Adult Education Department at 717-741-08201, ext. 5205.

## Office Hours

**Monday – Thursday:**

8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

**Friday:**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

February 1<sup>st</sup>

March 1<sup>st</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup>

### Planning Commission

January 18<sup>th</sup>

February 15<sup>th</sup>

March 15<sup>th</sup>

April 19<sup>th</sup>

## Municipal Primary

The Board of Supervisor seats current held by Bill Cox and Jeff Rennoll will expire on December 31, 2017. Any Township resident interested in running for the open positions must meet the nomination petition deadlines listed below. Both Cox and Rennoll are eligible to seek re-election. Important dates to remember for the municipal primary are as follows:

- January 26, 2017 - First day to circulate and file nomination petitions
- February 2, 2017 - Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions
- February 17, 2017 - First day to circulate and file nomination papers
- March 28, 2017 - Last day to REGISTER TO VOTE before primary
- April 19, 2017 - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
- April 22, 2017 - Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive civilian absentee ballots
- **April 26, 2017 - MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**



For more information, you can visit the York County's Election website by visiting [www.yorkcountypa.gov](http://www.yorkcountypa.gov) and clicking on "Voting & Elections." You can also reach them by calling 717-771-9604.

## Weatherization Assistance Program

This program is designed to reduce heating and cooling costs for low-income persons, with priority given to high energy users (the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children) by improving the energy efficiency of the home and helping ensure health and safety. This program is funded in part by the Department of Energy and/or the Department of Health and Human Services. No repayment is required for the services provided and no liens are filed on the property. Both owners and renters may apply. There is a shared cost requirement for the owners of rental properties. The program is designed to reduce energy consumption of the dwelling through the installation of various energy conservation measures.



### **Who Qualifies?**

Any York County homeowner or tenant whose income falls below the following guidelines:

# of Persons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income \$	23,760	32,040	40,320	48,600	56,880	65,160	73,460	81,780

**Both homeowners and renters** are eligible to apply for Weatherization services. Renters need to have the consent of their landlord to participate.

### **How Do I Apply?**

Call the York County Planning Commission at 717-771-9870, option 2 for the Weatherization Program.

## Fire Tax Distributed for 2016



The 2016 Fire Tax was distributed in November 2016 to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township. The total tax collected in 2016 was \$197,530. The

fire companies use the tax payments to train volunteers, as well as maintain their facilities and equipment. After tax collector commission and workers' compensation premiums for each fire company were deducted, the fire companies received the following tax distributions:

- **Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Company** - \$56,244
- **Shrewsbury Fire Company** - \$ 57,439
- **Rose Fire Company (New Freedom)** - \$64,413



## Own a Rental Property?

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.



## Now Online

### **Subdivision and Land Development Plans**

Subdivision and Land Development Plans are now available for viewing on the Township's website.

## 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.



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## **Residential Electronics Recycling Program Announced For 2017**

The York County Solid Waste Authority has approved a contract extension with its current vendor, ECOvanta, to provide electronics recycling services free of charge to York County **residents** through 2017.

In 2017, residential electronics will be collected at three (3) locations:

In the **York County Solid Waste Authority's** contractor parking area on Black Bridge Road in Manchester Township directly across the street from the York County Resource Recovery Center. Electronics recycling is conducted every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Fairview Township Electronic Recycling Center** is open to all York County residents. **Summer/Fall (April-Oct.)** hours are Monday - Saturday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Winter/Spring (Nov.-March)** hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month, from 9:00 am to Noon. The electronics drop off site is located at the Yard Waste Facility, 55 Fairview Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070.

**Penn Township Recycling Drop-off Center** is open to all York County residents

for electronics recycling. The Center is located at 1020 Wilson Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331, and is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\*Please Note: In 2017, the Authority will limit the number of TV's accepted to: FIVE TV's PER VISIT.

**Businesses, schools and organizations:** York County businesses , schools and organizations **are not eligible** to participate in any of the residential electronics recycling programs described above.