



# Shrewsbury Township News

Winter 2018

## Shrewsbury Township – A Green Agricultural Community

Due primarily to its rich, productive, agricultural soils, Shrewsbury Township initially attracted English and Scottish-Irish settlers when it was settled in 1739. Today farming remains the Township's number one industry and dominant use of land.



However, beginning in the 1960s, the conversion of farmland to residential use gained momentum with a number of farms being converted to large-tract housing developments. This prompted the enactment of zoning in 1976 in which farming was protected by an Agricultural Zone extending over 15,395 acres (83%) of the Township's 18,560 total acres.

More specifically, farmland was protected by strictly limiting the number of lots or development rights allocated to farms or land parcels based on farm size. For example, a 100 acre farm is permitted up to six lots with the maximum lot size not to exceed 50,000 square feet, or just over an acre. In addition, the location of lots on a farm must not limit or impair the efficient use of the farm operation itself and/or materially reduce a farm's prime and productive soils.

Preserving farmland also...

- Maintains or contributes to open space;
- Protects the four public water supply watersheds in the Township from development related pollution;
- Reduces congestion related to development; and
- Impacts farmers who contribute disproportionately greater amounts to the tax base, given the substantial investment in their land and improvements.

Hopefully, the residents of Shrewsbury Township, and the Supervisors they vote into office, will continue to support this long-standing effort to maintain farming as the Township's major industry and prominent use of land. Once farmland is developed, it is lost forever, along with the farming industry it supports.

## 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 Township road right-of-ways and will not exceed a height of 14 feet.

Happy  
New Year  
2018

## Holiday Closings

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

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Presidents' Day

## Office Hours

**Monday – Thursday:**

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**Friday:**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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## **2017 Community Contributions**

The Board of Supervisors granted the 2017 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

## **Fire Tax Distributed for 2017**

The 2017 Fire Tax was distributed in November 2017 to the three volunteer fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township. The total tax collected in 2017 was \$196,879. 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** - \$57,654
- **Shrewsbury Fire Company** - \$ 57,753
- **Rose Fire Company** (New Freedom) - \$62,614

## **Are You Ready?**

### **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 the property owner's driveway, resulting in having 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 they 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.

## **How to Properly Place Your Recycling Cart At The Curb**

In 2017, Penn Waste took the initiative to invest in Single Operator Vehicles – or “SOVs” as they like to call them – adding 16 SOVs to their fleet. The SOVs are used in residential neighborhoods to collect trash and recycling. They are solely operated by one employee – the driver.

Safety is their #1 priority for Penn Waste so investing in these vehicles was a no-brainer. The SOVs do not require a loader to ride on the back of the truck so there is no risk of injury or dealing with inclement weather conditions. In addition, the SOVs make the collection process more efficient so they can get your trash and recycling picked up faster – IF YOUR CARTS ARE PROPERLY PLACED AT THE CURB. The SOVs have a mechanical arm that comes out, lifts up your cart, and empties it into the truck.

**There are 4 important points for you to remember to make sure the SOV is able to safely access your cart:**

- **Make sure your cart opening is facing the ROAD.** This ensures all recyclables are emptied from your recycling cart.
- **The cart needs to be placed 3 feet away from any other object on either side.** This ensures accessibility and decreases the risk of property damage.
- **All recyclables go in the same recycling bin.** You do not need to separate your recyclables.
- **Don't stuff your recycling container full.** If you shove cardboard into your recycle bin, we will have trouble getting it back out. If you have additional cardboard that won't fit in your recycle bin, just bundle it with some twine and sit it beside your recycle cart.

Link to a short video that demonstrates the steps outlined above: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m20ixkGeRt8>

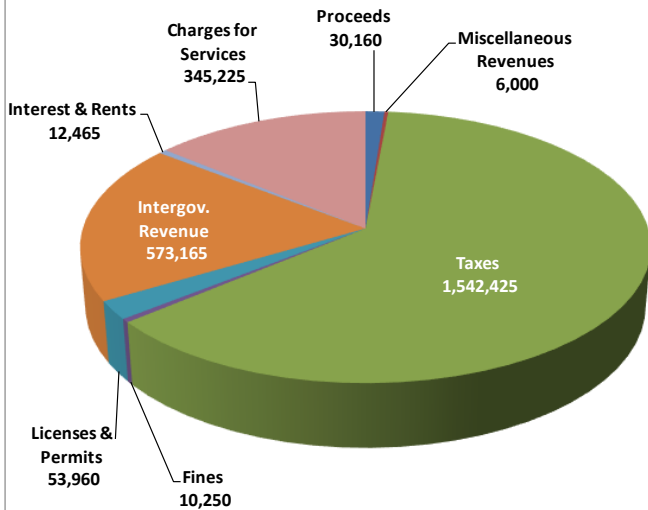
## 2018 Budget

At their December 6th meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2018 budget with no tax increases. The budget includes revenues totaling \$2,469,465, expenditures totaling \$2,293,945, and a projected December 31, 2018 cash balance of \$3,337,672.

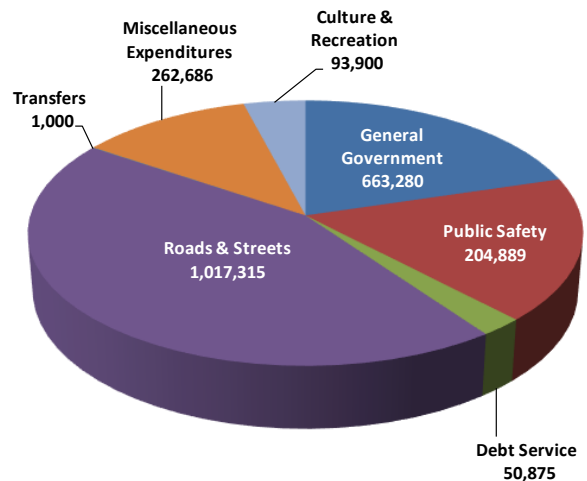
Major highlights of the 2018 budget include the replacement of a bridge on Line Road (shared with North Hopewell Township), codification of the zoning and the subdivision & land development ordinances, construction of a storm-water detention basin at the Township maintenance facility, hiring of one new park maintenance employee, purchase of a pickup truck for park maintenance, and purchase of a new dump truck and snow plow (replacing a 1987 truck and plow).

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. For a home assessed at \$200,000, the general real estate tax would be \$14.80 and the special fire tax would be \$68.00.

**2018 Revenues**  
**\$2,469,465**



**2018 Expenditures**  
**\$2,293,945**



2018 Budget Summary All Funds		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund	Recreation Fund	Sewer Fund	Fire Tax Fund	Street Light Fund	Hydrant Fund
<b>Assets</b>										
	Cash - January 1, 2018	3,162,152	2,363,196	332,535	318,990	47,036	82,250	2,139	5,152	10,854
<b>Revenues</b>										
300	Taxes	1,542,425	1,317,750	-	-	-	-	196,000	-	28,675
320	Licenses & Permits	53,960	53,960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
330	Fines	10,250	10,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
340	Interest & Rents	12,465	10,000	750	1,200	25	35	450	5	-
350	Intergovernmental Revenue	468,980	90,480	-	378,500	-	-	-	-	-
360	Charges for Services	345,225	92,700	-	-	232,500	17,725	-	2,300	-
380	Miscellaneous Revenues	6,000	6,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
390	Proceeds (From Other Sources & Sale of Assets)	30,160	-	29,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,160
	<b>Total 2018 Revenues</b>	<b>2,469,465</b>	<b>1,581,140</b>	<b>29,750</b>	<b>379,700</b>	<b>232,525</b>	<b>17,760</b>	<b>196,450</b>	<b>2,305</b>	<b>29,835</b>
	<b>Total Available for Appropriations</b>	<b>5,631,617</b>	<b>3,944,336</b>	<b>362,285</b>	<b>698,690</b>	<b>279,561</b>	<b>100,010</b>	<b>198,589</b>	<b>7,457</b>	<b>40,689</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
400	General Government	466,830	463,930	-	-	-	-	-	2,900	-
410	Public Safety	401,339	179,889	-	-	-	-	196,450	-	25,000
420	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
426	Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
429	Collection & Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
430	Roads & Streets	1,017,315	612,475	29,000	375,840	-	-	-	-	-
450	Culture & Recreation	93,900	41,400	-	-	52,500	-	-	-	-
470	Debt Service	50,875	-	-	-	-	50,875	-	-	-
480	Miscellaneous Expenditures	262,686	262,686	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
490	Transfer to Other Funds	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total 2018 Expenditures</b>	<b>2,293,945</b>	<b>1,561,380</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>375,840</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>50,875</b>	<b>196,450</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>25,000</b>
	<b>Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2018</b>	<b>3,337,672</b>	<b>2,382,956</b>	<b>333,285</b>	<b>322,850</b>	<b>227,061</b>	<b>49,135</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>15,689</b>

# Shrewsbury Township

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## Upcoming Meetings

The following meetings will be held  
at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Township Municipal Building,  
11505 Susquehanna Trail South,  
Glen Rock, PA 17327

### Board of Supervisors

January 2<sup>nd</sup>

February 7<sup>th</sup>

March 7<sup>th</sup>

April 4<sup>th</sup>

### Planning Commission

January 17<sup>th</sup>

February 21<sup>st</sup>

March 21<sup>st</sup>

April 18<sup>th</sup>

## Burn Permits for 2018

Be prepared when spring arrives and get your burn permit today! A burn permit is valid for the calendar year and 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.

## 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 (717) 235-3011 (ext. 101) to have a form mailed to you. Forms can also be obtained by visiting the Township Office.

