



Shrewsbury Township News

Winter 2019

A Message from the Board of Supervisors

Cost Reduction

Greetings and best wishes from the Township Supervisors and Staff for good times and good health throughout 2019.

Just like each of us, the Township faces continued escalating costs for many of the supplies and services necessary to meet the needs of the community. To stretch taxpayer dollars, Supervisors and staff are very diligent in seeking ways to reduce or avoid costs. Efforts over the last few years have included:

- Eliminating a part time office position by utilizing the latest technologies, computer software, and improved office procedures.
- Township Manager took on the duties of Assistant Zoning Officer. This resulted in improved efficiency, timeliness and reduced costs to the Township to enforce sign violations, property clean-up and maintenance issues, and reduced costs for court appearances. Previously the Township Zoning Officer, a contracted position, was paid for all enforcement actions and court appearances. While not the goal, there is also a significant increase in revenue from fines for non-compliance.
- Employees began to pay for a portion of family medical insurance coverage.
- Successfully seeking and applying for grants to help fund established projects. Most recently, the Township was awarded a \$282,000 matching grant to continue work on the master plan for Miller Park.

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Township Employee Retires After 35-Years

Kerry Hunter, a Township resident, retired on December 26, 2018 after thirty-five (35) years, two (2) months, and two (2) days of service from the Township's Maintenance Department. He was recognized for his service by the Board of Supervisors at their December 5, 2018 meeting, at which time they read into the official record a retirement citation. The Board acknowledged the service he provided to Township residents during natural disasters, such as floods and blizzards, as well as routine snow events that required him to meet his call of duty, regardless of the day or time, weekend, or holiday. The Board of Supervisors extend their sincere "THANK YOU" to Kerry for the dedicated service he provided to the Township and its residents.

Enjoy your Retirement, Kerry!



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- The Township routinely shares equipment and manpower with adjacent municipalities. One example; Shrewsbury Township, Shrewsbury Borough and Glen Rock Borough share the once a year use and rental fees for a crack sealer (for roads and streets). Going forward, the municipalities plan to jointly purchase a crack sealer so it will be available throughout the year. This is but one example of the many ways the municipalities work together to save substantial costs throughout the year by avoiding duplication of equipment not used every day and keeping manpower requirements to a minimum.
- Large projects are carefully prioritized and spread out over longer periods, when feasible.
- Recently, the Township has been fortunate to have



volunteers help with spring clean-up, weeding, planting and mulching in Township parks.

Volunteers also established the rain garden in Miller Park this fall.

- The Township joined with Shrewsbury Borough, Glen Rock Borough and Railroad Borough to establish a multi-municipality council for emergency management. The shared costs reduced each municipality's cost and provided for a shared management team (all well trained and dedicated volunteers!)
- Implemented new office technologies including digitizing drawings and plans, and GIS mapping. A dash camera is being used to help in routing snowplows and as a training aid for drivers.
- The Township takes advantage of training programs and free consultation and advice from State and County agencies and officials.



This year has brought unique challenges, with \$900,000 of damages to bridges and roads from the late summer storms. Unfortunately, neither the State, County or Township qualified for FEMA or PEMA aid and the

Township must fully fund the repairs and replacements.

Congratulations to Township Manager Todd Zeigler and Emergency Manager Coordinator Stan Walters for receiving Letters of Commendation from York County Emergency Services for their leadership and response to the flood events last Fall.

2018 Fire Tax Distributed



The 2018 Fire Tax was distributed in November 2018 to the three (3) volunteer fire companies that serve Shrewsbury Township. The total tax collected in 2018 was \$197,242. Fire companies use the tax payments to train volunteers, as well as maintain their facilities and equipment. After the tax collector's commission and workers' compensation premiums for each fire company were deducted, the fire companies received the following tax distributions:

- **Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Company** - \$58,527
- **Shrewsbury Fire Company** - \$56,899
- **Rose Fire Company (New Freedom)** - \$63,160

Burn Permits for 2019

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** for small scale fires (under 20 sq. ft.). All permits are issued in the name of the property owner and must be signed by one or more of the owners.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday:

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Friday:

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Holiday Closings

April 19th – Good Friday

May 27th – Memorial Day

2018 PA Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program

Are you:

- 65 or older; a widow/widower 50 or older; **OR**
- 18 or older and permanently disabled; **AND**
- A homeowner and have a total income not exceeding \$35,000 annually; **OR**
- A renter and have a total income not exceeding \$15,000 annually.

If you meet these criteria you may be eligible for property tax or rent rebate. Note that only half of any Social Security benefits are counted toward annual income.

State Representative Kate A. Klunk's office can assist with the application. If you have questions or need assistance, please call her office at 717-630-8942. Filing deadline is **June 30, 2019**.



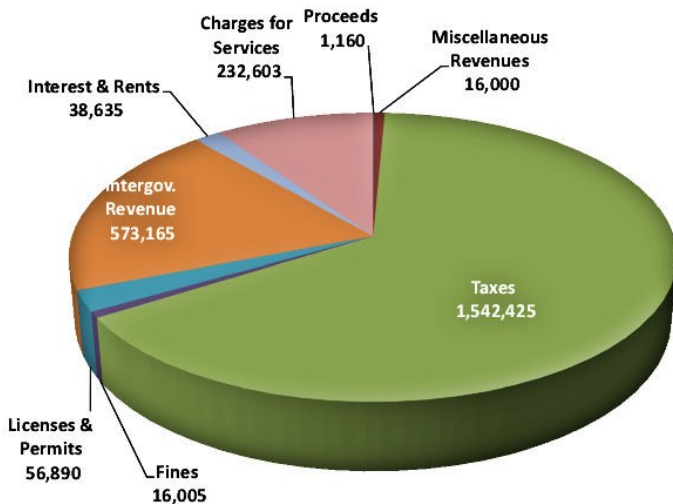
2019 Budget Approved with NO Tax Increases

At their December 5, 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2018 budget with NO tax increases. The budget includes revenues totaling \$2,390,950, expenditures totaling \$3,051,829, and a projected December 31, 2019 cash balance of \$3,118,453. The higher expenses in 2019 are attributed to the nearly \$1 million in road and bridge damage from the August 31, 2018 flood that is planned for repair in 2019. Despite the unanticipated major expense, the December 31, 2019 cash balance remains healthy for the Township.

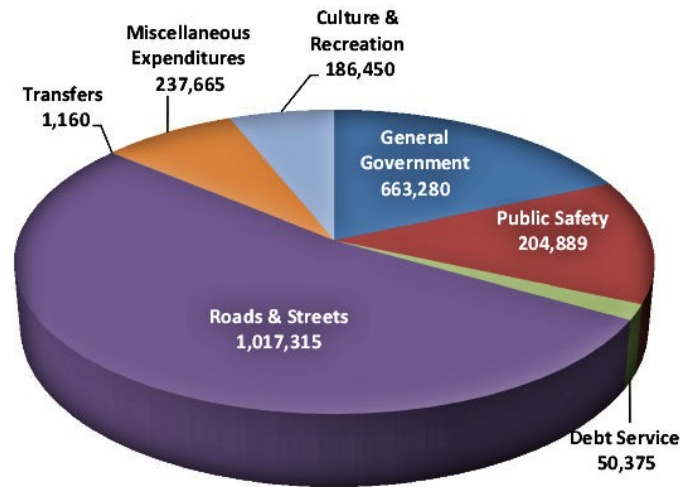
In addition to flood damage flood repairs, other highlights of the 2019 budget include construction of a stormwater detention basin at the Township maintenance facility, repairs to the maintenance building, share in the purchase of road crack sealer with Glen Rock & Shrewsbury Boroughs, purchase of a replacement pickup truck, road resurfacing and calibrated chipping, and an update of the fire & burglar system at the administration building.

The general fund real estate tax rate will remain unchanged at 0.074 mills, and the special fire protection 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 will be \$68.00.

2019 Revenues
\$2,390,950



2019 Expenditures
\$3,051,829



2019 Budget Summary All Funds		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	General Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund	Recreation Fund	Sewer Fund	Fire Tax Fund	Street Light Fund	Hydrant Fund
Assets									
	Cash - January 1, 2019	3,779,332	2,886,884	484,936	292,465	91,708	3,824	4,405	15,110
Revenues									
300	Taxes	1,561,900	1,333,700	-	-	-	199,500	-	28,700
320	Licenses & Permits	56,890	56,890	-	-	-	-	-	-
330	Fines	16,005	16,000	-	-	-	-	5	-
340	Interest & Rents	38,635	27,500	6,000	3,500	1,000	600	-	35
350	Intergovernmental Revenue	467,757	84,125	383,632	-	-	-	-	-
360	Charges for Services	232,603	188,820	-	25,000	16,485	-	2,298	-
380	Miscellaneous Revenues	16,000	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
390	Proceeds (From Other Sources & Sale of Assets)	1,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,160
	Total 2019 Revenues	2,390,950	1,723,035	389,632	28,500	17,485	200,100	2,303	29,895
	Total Available for Appropriations	6,170,282	4,609,919	874,568	320,965	109,193	203,924	6,708	45,005
Expenditures									
400	General Government	562,660	559,540	-	-	-	-	3,120	-
410	Public Safety	402,829	174,459	-	-	-	202,900	-	25,470
420	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
426	Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
429	Collection & Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
430	Roads & Streets	1,610,690	764,850	845,840	-	-	-	-	-
450	Culture & Recreation	186,450	136,450	-	50,000	-	-	-	-
470	Debt Service	50,375	-	-	-	50,375	-	-	-
480	Miscellaneous Expenditures	237,665	237,665	-	-	-	-	-	-
490	Transfer to Other Funds	1,160	1,160	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total 2019 Expenditures	3,051,829	1,874,124	845,840	50,000	50,375	202,900	3,120	25,470
	Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2019	3,118,453	2,735,795	28,728	270,965	58,818	1,024	3,588	19,535

I-83 Exit 4 Update

The PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has received several bids for the reconstruction of the I-83 Exit 4 interchange. The bids ranged from \$29—\$40 million. PennDOT is expected to make a contract award in mid-March 2019, with construction beginning as early as April 2019. The project is expected to take two (2) years to complete.

Details of the project, and to learn more about a Diverging Diamond Interchange, visit PennDOT's website, which can be accessed through the Township website: www.shrewsburytownship.org (click on "Exit 4").

2018 Audit Available for Inspection

The Township's 2018 financial audit has been completed and is available for inspection at the Township Office, as well as on the Township's website. The year-end cash balance for 2018 was \$3,513,129.

Municipal Primary

The Municipal Primary will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On the ballot will be Township Supervisor (6-year term), and Auditor (6-years). The Township positions on the May ballot are as follows:

- **Supervisor** (1 position): currently held by Paul Solomon.
- **Auditor** (1 position): currently held by John Fockler.



Outdoor Storage of Campers, Boats & Recreational Vehicles

Now that spring is upon, it is that time of year when outdoor enthusiasts will begin preparing their campers, boats, and recreational vehicles for the summer season.

In doing so, please be reminded that boats, campers, and other recreational vehicles cannot be kept in a front yard (defined as the area between the front wall of the principal building and street) for more than three (3) days in any seven (7) day period.

Recreational vehicles are defined to include trailer, motor home, camper, sleigh, snowmobile, off-road vehicle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, boat trailer, airplane, or any other similar vehicle. These vehicles can be stored in the side and rear yard.



The PA Treasury Unclaimed Property division may have that answer for you. The Treasury is currently seeking the owners of \$2.3 billion in unclaimed property.

The following link is an easy searchable data base and includes instructions to claim any unclaimed property waiting for you: <http://www.patreasury.gov/claim/>.

Roadside Tree Trimming

Throughout the year the Township Maintenance Department will be trimming trees, shrubs, bushes, and other similar vegetation along Township streets and roads that encroach into the roadway or road right-of-way. Trimming typically does not exceed 14 feet in height.

Temporary Signs in Road Right-of-Ways

Spring events, election season, and yard sales bring out a variety of signs along the side of roads and streets. Please keep in mind that the placement of this type of temporary sign is prohibited from being placed in a street right-of-way or on utility/traffic control signs; either could result in the immediate removal and disposal by the Township without notification. Repeat offenders may be cited, resulting in a fine and court costs up to \$600 per day.



Sewer Rate Increase

Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Authority Customers

Although New Freedom Borough owns and operates the Wastewater Treatment Plant (located in Railroad Borough), Shrewsbury Borough Municipal Authority customers produce approximately 52% of the sewage that they process. Two (2) of the major systems to operate the treatment plant have not been replaced since the last upgrade in 1992. New Freedom Borough's 2019 budget includes a nearly two million-dollar capital improvement expense. The Shrewsbury Borough Council is working diligently to secure financing for its share because the Shrewsbury Borough 2019 Sewer Budget must include a one (1) million-dollar loan. Both bank financing and State PENNVEST loans are under consideration. What this means to you is that the base rate for the quarterly sewer must be increased to meet the monthly loan payments, as follows:

- Residential Customer Base Rate: currently \$55.00 per quarter will go to \$73.00 per quarter.
- Commercial/Industrial Base Rate: currently \$91.00 per quarter will go to \$120.00 per quarter.

There will also be an increase to the rate per thousand gallons for the larger quantity users. Conserving your water usage is not only environmentally beneficial but it will also help minimize your rate increase.

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection



The York County Solid Waste Authority will again be hosting its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event. This year the event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 915 Woodland View Drive, York, PA. The event is free for York County residents. Businesses and government entities are not eligible to participate. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.ycswa.com/the-york-county-solid-waste-authoritys-household-hazardous-waste-collection-event/>

Upcoming Events

• **Glen Rock Hose & Ladder Co.**

- **March 30, 2019** – Sportsman Bingo: Doors open at 4:00 p.m. and games begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00
- **April 6, 2019** – Chicken BBQ: 11:00 a.m. until sold out.

For information email glenrockfiredept@comcast.net, call 717-235-2654, or visit www.grfd.org



• **Shrewsbury Fire Company Fundraiser**

- **April 26, 2019** - 2nd Annual Golf Tournament
Greystone Golf Course - 7:00 a.m. registration and 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.
\$120 per player/\$480 per foursome.
Call the fire department for details and registration forms at 717-235-4476.

• **2019 Tree Seedling Sale**

Sponsored by the York County Conservation District.

- Order deadline is **March 18, 2019** with Pickup on **April 11, 2019** at Rocky Ridge County Park from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The bare root seedlings that are available are two-, three-, and four-years-old. Evergreens average 8"-14" in height; and Deciduous hardwoods average 12"-18" in height. Fruit trees, Raspberries, Blueberries and ground cover plants. Order forms can be found online at <https://www.yorkccd.org/events/seedling-sale> or picked up at the Township office. Call 717-840-7430 or 800-441-2025 (ext. 7430) with questions.



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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

March 6th

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th

Planning Commission

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th

2018 Community Contributions

The Board of Supervisors granted the 2018 community contributions,
as follows:

- Animal Rescue, Inc. - \$1,500
- Glen Rock Ambulance - \$25,000
- Hufnagel Public Library (Glen Rock) - \$1,500
- Rose Ambulance (New Freedom) - \$40,000
- 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

Medication Take-Back Program

The York County Solid Waste Authority announced that in collaboration with York County Police Departments in 2018, a total of 4.15 tons of medications were destroyed through its collection program. This program is for residential and pet medications only. Syringes and "sharps" are NOT accepted.

The nearest participating department is the **Southern Regional Police Department**, located at **47 E. High Street, New Freedom, PA**, which is open **Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

