

# 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

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# North Lebanon Township Description of Various Funds

The Preliminary Budget and Fiscal Plan ("the Plan") is presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review and action. The Board of Supervisors conducted four budget meetings that were advertised and open to the public. This Plan is a result of the issues discussed and direction provided during those meetings. Most of the Funds are restricted by the funding source(s) or the specific Resolution adopted establishing the Fund.

General Fund – The General Fund is the allpurpose Fund of the Township. Real Estate taxes are authorized under Section 3205 of the Second-Class Township Code. "The Board of Supervisors may levy taxes upon all real property within the Township" made taxable by the Tax Duplicate prepared by the Lebanon County Tax Assessment Office. It is the responsibility of the County to provide the assessment valuation of the properties within the Township.

All real estate taxes, Act 511 taxes (Real Estate Transfer, EIT, LST), and other fees charged by the Township that are not Fund specific, go into the General Fund. The Real Estate Property Taxes and Act 511 Taxes combine for approximately 78% of the township revenue for the General Fund. Other large revenue sources are from the 5% cable TV franchise agreement, fines, host municipality benefit fee, state allocations, and the police service contract with West Lebanon Township.

The majority of all township services are rendered through our General Fund. These services include, police, fire (contribution to 4 volunteer fire companies), ambulance, EMA, administration, highway, building maintenance, park & recreation, and fleet maintenance. The Wastewater Department operates from a separate budget adopted by the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority.

No tax increase is being proposed for 2024.

# Recent history of the township millage rate is as follows:

- 2024 2.01 mills (1.59 General; .420 Fire Protection)
- 2023 2.01 mills (1.59 General; .420 Fire Protection)
- 2022 2.01 mills (1.59 General; .420 Fire Protection)
- 2021 2.01 mills (1.59 General; .420 Fire Protection)
- 2020 2.01 mills (1.59 General; .420 Fire Protection)
- 2019 2.01 mills (1.61 General; .400 Fire Protection)
- 2018 2.01 mills (No increase in General Fund taxes; New SW Fee)
- 2017 2.01 mills (Added FT Police Officer; Additional allocation to Fire Companies)
- 2016 1.71 mills (No Increase from 2015)

# The Township's Assessment Value:

- 2024 \$921,254,100; parcel count 4909
- 2023 \$914,383,000; parcel count 4886
- 2022 \$886,476,700; parcel count 4871
- 2021 \$862,835,300; parcel count 4831
- 2020 \$846,912,601; parcel count 4818
- 2019 \$840,059,800; parcel count 4804
- 2018 \$830,203,000; parcel count 4774
- 2017 \$818,049,000; parcel count 4751
- 2016 \$809,967,800; parcel count 4719

The following table provides a comparison of taxes an average resident pays to the 3 separate entities based on their respective millage rates. The chart is based on the average market value of a residential property in North Lebanon Township at \$150,000.

#### **2024 Assessment Value: \$150,000:**

2.0100 mills (Township Real Estate Taxes)

3.8925 mills (County Real Estate Taxes)

17.3605 mills (Cornwall-Lebanon School District

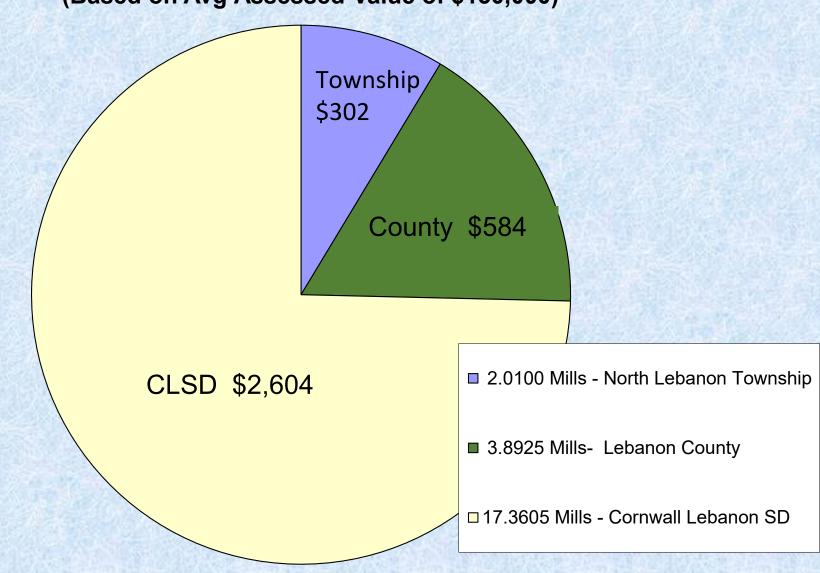
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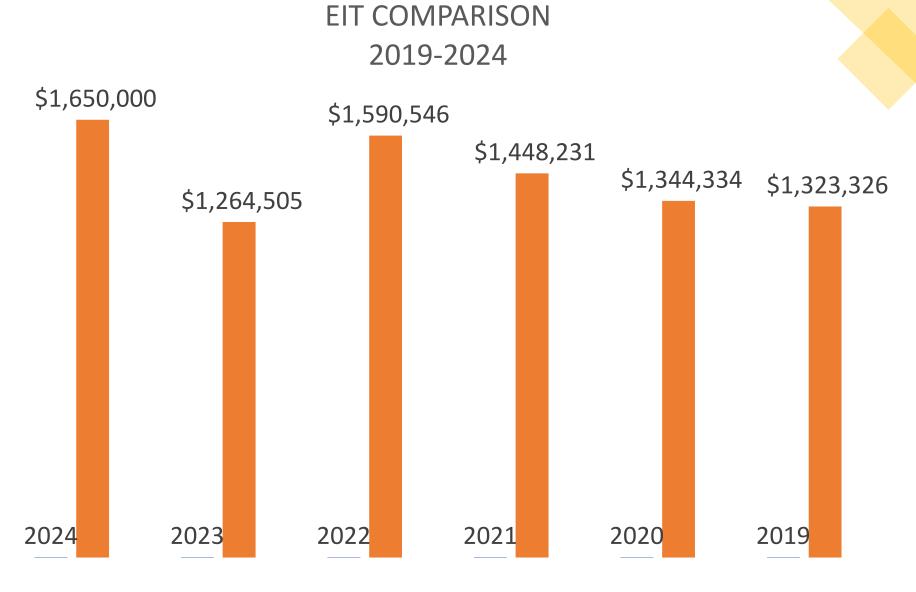
\$ 302 (2024)

\$ 584 (2023 rate)

\$ 2,604 (2023 rate)

# Municipal Tax Breakdown Vs. County & School Taxes (Based on Avg Assessed Value of \$150,000)





2024 - Budgeted Amount 2023 - YTD As of 9/30/2023

2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND REVENUES						
		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent	
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change	
100	Cash/CD's on Hand	\$3,507,700	\$2,508,990	998,710	39.81%	
301	Real Estate Taxes	\$1,841,170	\$1,827,773	13,397	0.73%	
310	Act 511 Taxes	\$2,125,373	\$1,945,373	180,000	9.25%	
321/322	License/Permits	\$217,209	\$209,054	8,155	3.90%	
331	Fines	\$53,000	\$53,000	0	0.00%	
341-342	Interest/Rents/Royalties	\$120,432	\$84,256	36,176	42.94%	
354-357	State Grants/Entitlements	\$281,788	\$332,288	-50,500	-15.20%	
358	Intergovernmental Services	\$88,697	\$85,698	2,999	3.50%	
361	General Government	\$14,620	\$22,520	-7,900	-35.08%	
362	Public Safety (Police)	\$8,150	\$9,750	-1,600	-16.41%	
363	Highways & Streets	\$97,400	\$95,400	2,000	2.10%	
364	Sanitation (Host Municipality Fee-GLRA)	\$165,000	\$165,000	0	0.00%	
367	Recreation	\$12,500	\$14,500	-2,000	-13.79%	
380/381	Misc & Sale of Property	\$0	\$100	-100	-100.00%	
387	Donations/Contributions	\$5,000	\$20,000	-15,000	-75.00%	
391	Disposition of Fixed Assets	\$3,000	\$3,000	0	0.00%	
395	Refund Prior Yr Expenses	\$51,763	\$0	51,763	0.00%	
	Total Projected Revenue	\$5,085,102	\$4,867,712	217,390	4.47%	
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$8,592,802	\$7,376,702			

	Percent Change
And # Developed ANACHAT	Change
Acct # Department Budget Budget AMOUNT	
400 Board of Supervisors \$140,420 \$93,112 47,308	50.81%
401 Administration \$394,388 \$431,279 (36,891)	-8.55%
402 Auditors \$11 \$11 0	0.00%
403 Tax Collection \$6,300 \$6,300 0	0.00%
409 Building Maintenance \$54,529 \$56,064 (1,535)	-2.74%
410 Police Department \$2,247,295 \$2,285,048 (37,753)	-1.65%
411 Fire Departments \$335,282 \$317,337 17,945	5.65%
412 Ambulance \$60,205 \$60,205 0	0.00%
414 Planning/Zoning \$63,470 \$70,470 (7,000)	-9.93%
415 EMA/911 \$14,500 \$8,500 6,000	70.59%
<b>421</b> Humane Society \$950 \$950	0.00%
423 Safety Committee \$5,307 \$4,805 502	10.45%
430 Hwy-General \$705,738 \$685,766 19,972	2.91%
432 Hwy-Snow Removal (Liq Fuels) \$12,041 \$12,041 0	0.00%
433 Hwy-Signals/Signs \$5,750 \$5,000 750	15.00%
437 Hwy-Vehicle Maintenance \$115,395 \$110,618 4,777	4.32%
438 Hwy-Construction & Rebuild \$89,400 \$89,400 0	0.00%
448 Fire Hydrants \$91,352 \$89,250 2,102	2.36%
450 Rental Properties (2) \$12,875 \$12,795 80	0.63%
451 Recreation \$151,261 \$209,254 (57,993)	-27.71%
456 Library \$6,000 \$6,000 0	0.00%
492 Interfund Operating Transfer \$313,083 \$312,567 516	0.17%
Total Projected Expenses \$4,825,552 \$4,866,772 (41,220)	-0.85%
Projected Yr End Balance \$3,767,250 \$2,509,930	

#### **General Fund Expenditures:**

The 2024 budget maintains all current level of services.

The Township will continue to utilize services of the Lebanon County Treasurer's Office for tax collection of Real Estate, Fire Protection, and Street Light Taxes, which provides a 50% savings for all costs associated with the mailing and collection of taxes. The Township also contracts with the County Treasurer's Office for collection of delinquent Real Estate and Street Light Taxes.

#### **Administration:**

\$1,000 – One Computer Upgrade

#### **Police Dept:**

The purchase of a Police SUV is listed under the Capital Reserve Fund for 2024.

The purchase of a Driver License Reader is listed under the ARPA Fund for 2024.

## <u>Fire Departments</u> (Ebenezer, Glenn Lebanon, Rural Security, Weavertown):

\$192,000 (\$48,000 allocation to each Fire Company) \$120,000 (Fire Co Capital Reserve Account—\$30,000 each) restricted to vehicle equipment purchases only.

The annual \$48,000 allocation to each of the 4 fire departments will remain the same for 2024 and will be disbursed in two equal payments; June and December. In addition, \$120,000 will be transferred into the Fire Company Capital Reserve Fund to be used solely for larger vehicle equipment purchases and loan payments on the equipment, per the signed MOU with each volunteer fire company. All additional fire-company related expenses will be taken from this fire protection tax including the Worker's Comp insurance.

#### **FASP**

The 2024 budget includes a contribution to First Aid and Safety Patrol (FASP) towards future capital purchase of equipment. For 2024, the contribution amount is \$60,205.00 which represents a \$5.00 per capita (12,041) commitment.

#### **Highway Department:**

No Capital Purchases from General Fund. See Capital Reserve and Special Project Funds.

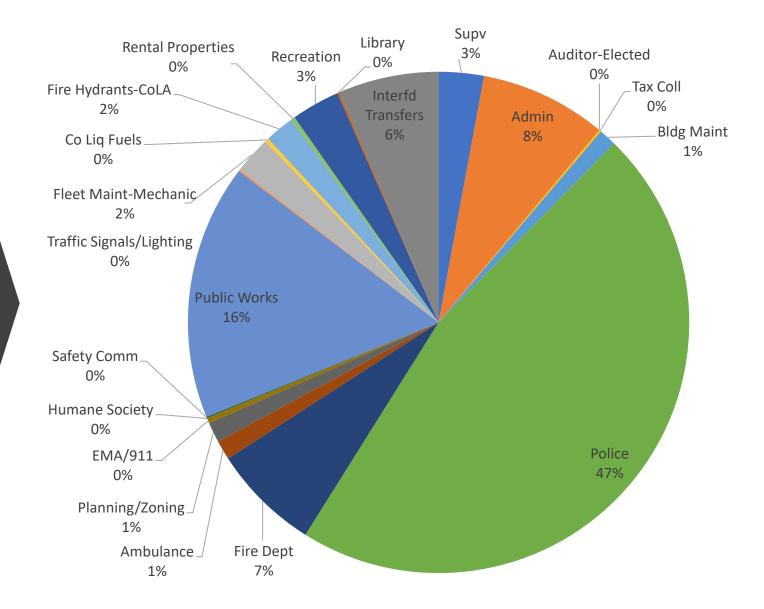
#### **Fleet Management:**

\$ 3,000 – Small Tools

## **Recreation:**

None—See Park & Rec Fund

General Fund Depts. vs. Overall Budget



#### **ARPA Fund**

This fund was created due the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) are subject to the Department of the U.S. Treasury. "As a result of a recipient of an SLFRF award, we may use the SLFRF funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021, and ends on December 31, 2024, as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December 31, 2024, are expended by December 31, 2026."

The Township received our first distribution in the amount of \$637,750 in 2021. The second distribution was received in 2022, in the amount of \$641,782. These funds are restricted by the Act, and we are working closely with our CPA firm, Brown, Schultz, Sheridan, and Fritz (BSSF) for compliance.

The following are proposed projects that comply with the Act.

- 1) A Driver License Reader for the Police Dept.
- 2) Annual inspection of Fire Department hoses, ladders, pumps, etc.
- 3) Repairs to the Jay Street Wall.



Jay Street Wall



Jay Street Wall



#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP ARPA REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
100	Cash on Hand	541,000	1,254,070	(713,070)	-56.86%
341	Interest	25,000	6,000	19,000	316.67%
352	American Rescue Funds	0	0	0	0.00%
	Total Projected Revenue	\$25,000	\$6,000	\$19,000	316.67%
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$566,000	\$1,260,070		

#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP ARPA EXPENSES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
409	Bldg & Grounds	0	170,875	(170,875)	-100.00%
410	Police	19,615	50,000	(30,385)	-60.77%
411	Fire Departments	22,000	20,413	1,587	7.77%
436	Stormwater	0	0	0	0.00%
438	Maintenance & Repairs	524,385	270,750	253,635	93.68%
439	Highway	0	645,750	(645,750)	-100.00%
492	Interfund Transfers	0	0	0	0.00%
	Total Projected Expenses	\$566,000	\$1,157,788		
	Projected Year End Balance	\$0	\$102,282		

#### **Stormwater Fund**

This Fund was established in 2018 along with the adoption of a Stormwater Fee Ordinance 4-2018. The Township maintains a system of pipes, drains, basins, inlets, outfalls, and other infrastructure known as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to collect and manage stormwater in township rights-of-way. The Township holds a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The NPDES permit requires the township to meet numerous requirements and regulations to comply with State and Federal laws.

Our MS4 renewal permit for 2018 also required the completion of a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP). The Township must reduce sediment to local water bodies by 10 percent between 2018 and 2023 (the permit cycle). The Board of Supervisors previously approved and joined the Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium (Annville Township, City of Lebanon, Cleona Borough, North Cornwall Township, South Lebanon Township and North Lebanon Township.)

Together we will work to complete the projects listed in our Joint PRP submitted to DEP to meet these requirements. The Consortium meets on the third Tuesday of every month and all meetings are open to the public. The Consortium received approval on December 12, 2019, from DEP on our MS4/PRP resubmitted application.

The stormwater fee will remain at \$40.00 per ERU for 2024.

Projects continue to progress. North Lebanon Township has submitted a grant application to DCNR (Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources) for the shoreline restoration project at Lion's Lake, which will also provide sediment load reductions when completed. The Township was awarded this grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 which is the maximum allowed by the grant. The Consortium has agreed to contribute to this project. We are waiting for the permits to be issued to begin this project.

The Consortium also received a grant for stream restoration along the Quittapahilla Creek.



Floodplain restoration along the Quittapahilla Creek will include over 6,260 linear feet of area. The estimated sediment reduction in these 2 projects along the Quittapahilla Creek will be 812,149 in sediment reduction.



#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP STORMWATER REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
100	Cash on Hand	196,800	311,500	(114,700)	-36.82%
341	Interest	15,000	7,000	8,000	114.29%
364	Stormwater Fees	433,000	431,185	1,815	0.42%
	Total Projected Revenue	\$448,000	\$438,185	\$9,815	2.24%
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$644,800	\$749,685		W. S. B. Barrier

#### **2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP STORMWATER EXPENSES** 2024 2023 **INCREASE** Percent Acct # Department Budget Budget **AMOUNT** Change (126,800)465,900 592,700 -21.39% 429 Stormwater MS-4 \$465,900 \$592,700 -\$126,800 -21.39% **Total Projected Expenses** \$178,900 \$156,985 Projected Year End Balance

## **Street Light Fund**

This is a restricted Fund for streetlights maintained throughout various areas of the Township. Commencing in the late 80's, developers were mandated to install streetlights at their expense. Properties located within 250' of a streetlight are assessed a front foot assessment to pay for associated operating and maintenance costs of the streetlights. There is no increase in the streetlight tax proposed for 2024; the assessment rate will remain the same at \$.51/front foot.

#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP STREET LIGHT REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
100	Cash on Hand	148,650	134,255	14,395	10.72%
301	Real Estate Taxes	63,065	63,065	0	0.00%
341	Interest	5,000	1,500	3,500	233.33
	Total Projected Revenue	\$68,065	\$64,565	\$3,500	5.42%
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$216,71 5	\$198,82 0		

#### **2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP STREET LIGHT EXPENSES**

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		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
401	Administration	25	25	0	
434	Hwy-Street Lighting	49,700	43,740	5,960	13.63%
	Total Projected Expenses	\$49,725	\$43,765	\$5,960	13.62%
	Projected Year End Balance	\$166,990	\$155,055		

## **Capital Improvement Fund**

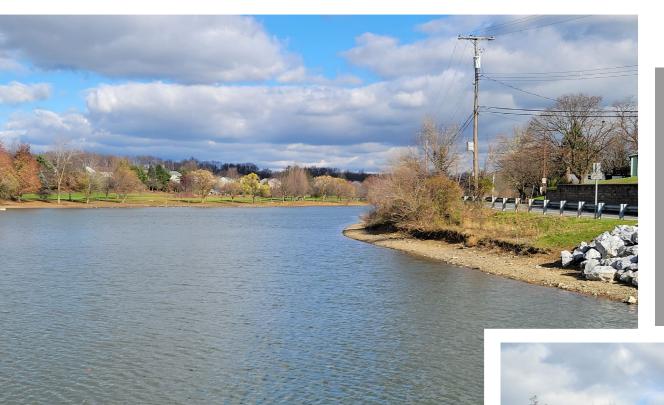
This Fund is used for larger capital improvement projects related to the municipal building and other township-owned property. The EIT revenue received from the over/under issue is transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund. The 10-year payback plan from the "overpaid" municipalities ended at the end of 2020. There are two entities (ELCO SD and Mt. Gretna Borough) that will continue making payments for the next 10 years (2021-2030). Our annual revenue from these two remaining entities is \$10,373 annually until 2030. For 2024, this amount will be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUES

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		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent		
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change		
100	Cash on Hand	1,467,300	1,638,650	(171,350)	-10.46%		
341	Interest	40,000	8,000	32,000	400.00%		
351	Federal Capital/Operating Grants	825,000	750,000	75,000	10.00%		
354	State Capital/Operating Grants	0	0				
358	Intergovernmental Contracted Svcs	200,000	200,000	0			
392	Transfer from Other Funds	228,083	227,567	516	0.23%		
	Total Projected Revenue	1,293,083	1,185,567	107,516	9.07%		
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	2,760,383	2,824,217				

# The following projects are planned for 2024:

- 1) Replace roof above Police Department
- 2) Paint exterior block walls on municipal building
- 3) Land Acquisition
- 4) Replacement of Jay Street Wall Project
- 5) Capital Improvement Project at Lion's Lake (Restoration)





#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
400	Land Acquisition	240,000	100,000	140,000	140.00%
409	Building Improvements	47,625	81,501	(33,876)	-41.57%
439	Highway Cap Improvements	325,000	0	325,000	
451	Park & Rec	700,000	700,000	0	0.00%
	Total Projected Expense	\$1,312,625	\$881,501	\$431,124	48.91%
	Projected Year End Balance	\$1,447,758	\$1,942,716		

# **NLT Fire Company Capital Reserve Fund**

As discussed under the General Fund, in 2017, the North Lebanon Township Fire Company Capital Reserve (equipment) Fund was created by Resolution #17-2017. The 2024 budget continues to set aside \$30,000 for each Fire Company (\$120,000 total). The Board has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the 4 volunteer fire companies (Ebenezer, Glenn Lebanon, Rural Security, and Weavertown) that outlines requirements for requesting money from this Fund. Each Fire Company was established independently with their own set of Bylaws and is not under the direction of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors. They are a separate entity.

All 4 fire companies have taken advantage of this program. All 4 fire companies now have new equipment to help protect our residents and those travelling through the township.







#### 2024 VS 2023 FIRE CO CAP RESERVE REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
100	Cash on Hand	7,250	5,325	1,925	36.15%
341	Interest/Rents/Royalties	1,200	1,000	200	20.00%
392	Interfund Operating Transfers	120,000	120,000	0	0.00%
	Total Projected Revenue	\$121,200	\$121,000	200	0.17%
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$128,450	\$126,325		

#### 2024 VS 2023 FIRE CO CAP RESERVE EXPENSES 2024 2023 **INCREASE** Percent Change Acct # Department Budget Budget **AMOUNT** 411 Fire Companies 120,000 120,000 0.00% \$120,000 \$120,000 **Total Projected Expenses** 0.00% 0 \$8,450 \$6,325 Projected Year End Balance

# **Capital Reserve Fund**

In 1979, the Board of Supervisors created the Capital Reserve Fund for the sole purpose of purchasing township equipment. We have prepared an Equipment Replacement Schedule based on the life expectancy of the various pieces of equipment. This schedule will continue to be updated as various pieces of equipment are purchased/replaced in 2024. The annual Host Municipality Fee is used to help fund the Capital Reserve Fund. All police vehicles and large equipment purchases are made through this Fund. Depending on the type of equipment, a portion of funding may be applied from the Liquid Fuels Fund or Special Projects Fund (recycling).

# For 2024, the Board is proposing to purchase the following items from the Capital Reserve Fund:

- Chevy Tahoe Police Vehicle
- Freightliner Chassis and Truck Body (To be split with Special Projects)
- 11' Valk Snow Plow for new Truck
- Virnig Pick-up Broom
- JD Tractor w/22" tiger mower
- 11' Valk Snow Plow for new tractor
- JD Loader (25% pending 902 recycling grant)



#### 2024 VS 2023 CAPITAL RESERVE REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent		
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change		
100	Cash on Hand	531,675	351,975	179,700	51.05%		
341-342	Interest/Rents/Royalties	14,000	3,500	10,500	300.00%		
391	Disposition of Fixed Assets	61,900	31,000	30,900	99.68%		
392	Interfund Operating Transfers	165,000	165,000	0	0.00%		
	Total Projected Revenue	\$240,900	\$199,500	41,400	20.75%		
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$772,575	\$551,475				

#### 2024 VS 2023 CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENSES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
401	Administration	535	535	0	
410	Police - Cruiser & Fire Police Vehicle	65,000	56,980	8,020	14.08%
430	Hwy - General	337,304	100,204	237,100	236.62%
	Total Projected Expenses	\$402,839	\$157,719	245,120	155.42%
	Projected Year End Balance	\$369,736			

## **Special Projects Fund**

This Fund is for our Recycling Program and is funded in part through a 904 DEP Grant (Performance Grant). This annual grant is based on the tonnage recycled by North Lebanon Township businesses and residents.

During the budget meetings, the Board approved the ordering of a Freightliner truck immediately in anticipation of the chasis and truck body taking over a year to receive. Truck #2 was ordered in October of 2022 and is only anticipated to be received in the spring of 2024. A DEP grant was submitted for the leaf box and is eligible for 90% DEP funding, as it is used solely for recycling. The required 10% township match will be paid from the Special Projects Fund.



The use of our Township Yard Waste Facility continues to receive positive feedback from our residents regarding this facility.

The annual yard waste card will remain the same for 2024 at \$50.

#### The history of the yard waste fee is:

2023-current	\$50
2020-2022	\$45
2017-2019	\$40
2014-2016	\$35
2009-2013	\$30
2007-2008	\$25

This fee is per calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, and is only available for township residents/property owners. A landscape business access card can also be obtained by commercial businesses located in the township at a higher fee.

The yard waste facility is monitored 24/7 by our surveillance camera system. Should unapproved items be discarded at our facility we can review the recordings and take appropriate action.

#### **YARDWASTE HOURS:**

The yard waste facility is currently open **Monday through Saturday** (Closed Sunday):

#### **Fall/Winter Hours:**

October 1 through October 31 - 7:00 am to 6:00 pm November 1 through March 31 - 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

# **Spring/Summer Hours:**

April 1 to September 30 -7:00 am to 8:00 pm





	2024 VS 2023 SPECIAL PROJECT REVENUES								
		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent				
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change				
100	Cash on Hand	603,168	421,760	181,408	43.01%				
321	License/Permits	40,550	40,550	0	0.00%				
					100.00				
341-342	Interest/Rents/Royalties	13,000	6,500	6,500	%				
364	Mktg Recyclables/Load-Deliver Mulch	2,850	2,700	150	5.56%				
365	Recycling Grants	396,817	219,095	177,722	81.12%				
391	General Fixed Asset Disposition	53,700	9,000	44,700					
			\$277,84						
	Total Projected Revenue	\$506,917	5	\$229,072	82.45%				
		\$1,110,08	\$699,60						
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	5	5						

#### **2024 VS 2023 SPECIAL PROJECT EXPENSES**

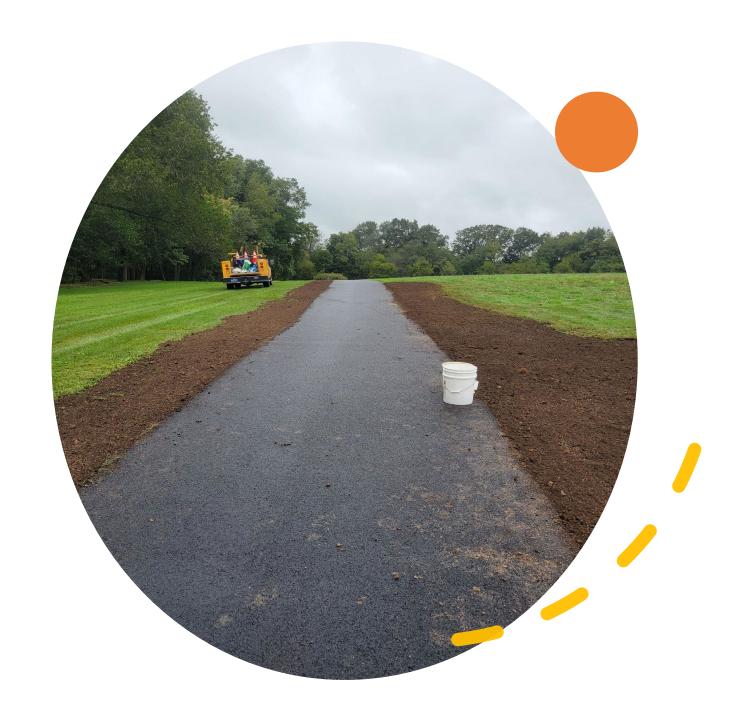
		2024	2022	INICDEACE	Damasat
		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
427	Recycling	435,171	240,656	194,515	80.83%
727	Necycling	433,171	240,030	154,515	80.8370
			\$240,65		
	Total Projected Expenses	\$435,171	6	\$194,515	80.83%
			\$458,94		
	Projected Year End Balance	\$674,914	9		

## Parks & Recreation Fund

This Fund receives its operating revenue from developers when paying a "fee in lieu of" land dedication. The fee is \$2200/unit on all new residential final subdivision and/or land development plans submitted to the township. These funds may be used for maintenance and new equipment/facilities. The Park & Recreation Board reviews budget requests and makes recommendations to the Supervisors.

In December of 2023, the township will again by applying for the \$25,000 Marcellus Shale Grant from the County Commissioners. The application will be submitted to purchase additional trees and benches throughout all three of the Township's parks.

Earlier this year we completed the last section of the walking path at Lenni Lenape thanks to funds from the Marcellus Shale Grant offered by the County Commissioners.



## **Projects Proposed for 2024:**

\$ 25,000 – Additional trees and benches (Grant)

\$200,000 – To be transferred to Capital Improvement for the Lion's

Lake Restoration Project



Stellar Pink Dogwood Height: 15-25 ft Width: 15-25 ft.

We will continue with the Tree Dedication Program (\$300/tree) at both the Lenni Lenape and Community Parks until all trees are dedicated. There are also benches (\$500) and disc golf tees/baskets (\$400) available for dedication.



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Lion's Lake Park will undergo several updates and renovations beginning in 2024. We have received a grant from DCNR for \$250,000 to help with the costs which total approximately \$700,000.



## A few of the listed projects for the Lion's Lake Park include:

- Shoreline restoration (the Consortium has agreed to contribute \$200,000 towards this)project
- New playground equipment for ages 2 to 5
- New playground equipment for ages 5 to 12
- Parking lot improvements
  - Main parking lot off Water Street
  - Ashton Drive parking lot
  - Jay Street parking lot
- Upgrades to the walking path

#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
100	Cash on Hand	200,060	321,325	(121,265)	-37.74%
341-342	Interest/Rents/Royalties	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
365	Developer Fees	448,800	426,800	22,000	5.15%
367	Marcellus Grant	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
367	Sponsorships/Memorials	900	900	0	0.00%
391	Proceeds Gen Fixed Assets	0	304,000	(304,000)	
	Total Projected Revenue	\$480,700	\$762,700	(\$282,000)	-36.97%
	Total Cash on Hand	\$680,760	\$1,084,025		

#### 2024 VS 2023 TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION EXPENSES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
427	Special Projects	25,000	42,658	(17,658)	-41.39%
492	Transfer to Other Funds	200,000	200,000	0	
	Total Projected Expenses	\$225,000	\$242,658	(\$17,658)	-7.28%
	Projected Year End Balance	\$455,760	\$841,367		

# **Liquid Fuels Fund**

This money is allocated annually from the State and deposit is mandatory into a separate Fund. Our allocation is received around March 1st. Expenses are restricted by the State to specific highway purposes. Currently, we use these funds for equipment purchases, salt and anti-skid material, plow repairs, street signs, speed limit signs, line striping, storm water maintenance, and routine street maintenance, including street repairs, crack sealing, and bridge work. In addition, all major paving projects are expensed from this fund. For 2024, the projected revenue from the State is estimated at \$416,278.

## **Project #1 – 2024 Proposed Paving Projects:**

Hill Street – Route 72 to cul-de-sac

N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street – Hill Street to W. Maple Street

W. Maple Street – N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street to N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street – Tunnel Hill Road to Taylor Street

Taylor Street – N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street to N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street

N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street – Tayler Street to Union Canal Drive

N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street – Glonninger Street to Union Canal Drive

Glonninger Street – N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street to N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Union Canal Drive – N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to hard turn at N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street

N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street – hard turn to catch basin S of Hanford Drive (West Lebanon Township to reimburse)

## Project #2 – Jay Street Wall

The Board has also budgeted for repairs to the Jay Street wall which is located across from the Ebenezer Lake Dam breast. Because this wall is within the right-of-way, it is the Township's responsibility to maintain.

We have submitted an application to PA DCED for the PA Local Share Account Grant to help with the costs to replace the wall.

Note that some of these expenses will also come from the ARPA Fund.

## 2024 VS 2023 LIQUID FUELS REVENUES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
100	Cash on Hand	503,700	765,750	(262,050)	-34.22%
341	Interest	25,000	5,000	20,000	400.00%
354-357	State Grants/Entitlements	416,278	413,002	3,276	0.79%
	Total Projected Revenue	\$441,278	\$418,002	23,276	5.57%
	Total Cash on Hand + Proj Revenue	\$944,978	\$1,183,752		

## 2024 VS 2023 LIQUID FUELS EXPENSES

		2024	2023	INCREASE	Percent
Acct #	Department	Budget	Budget	AMOUNT	Change
401	Administration	65	0	65	
430	Hwy-General-Cap Purchases	0	0	0	0.00%
432	Hwy-Snow & Ice	40,000	40,000	0	0.00%
433	Hwy-Signals/Signs	41,500	41,500	0	0.00%
436	Hwy-Storm Water	27,000	45,000	(18,000)	-40.00%
438	Hwy-Maint/Bridges	30,500	24,200	6,300	26.03%
439	Hwy-Constru/Rebuild	767,794	865,962	(98,168)	-11.34%
	Total Projected Expenses	\$906,859	\$1,016,662	(\$109,868)	-10.80%
	Projected Year End Balance	\$38,119	\$167,090		