

2007 Budget

The East Bradford Township Board of Supervisors approved the 2007 Budget Package at its December 13, 2006 meeting. The 2007 Budget actually consists of six (6) distinct budgets – General, Sewer, Highway, Liquid Fuels, Capital, and Open Space.

The **Sewer Fund** is a utility fund established to provide public sewer service to over 1,100 customers in the Township through an inter-municipal agreement with the Borough of West Chester. The Sewer Fund includes both an operating account and a capital reserve account, which should be considered before assessing annual fund performance. There are no increases in sewer user fees or sewer connection fees.

The **Highway Improvement Fund** is a proprietary fund established for design and construction of road improvements in the Township. The Highway Improvement Fund functions generally as a capital improvement and contingency fund for roads and related infrastructure. Revenues are derived from developers' contributions. In recent years, with less development activity, the fund balance is decreasing.

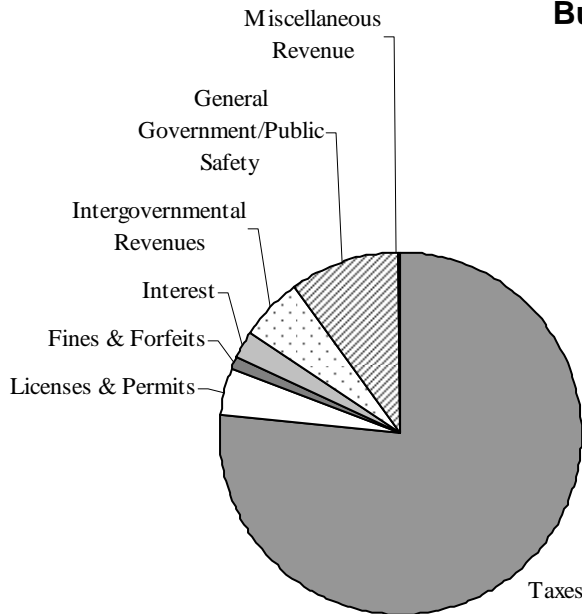
The **Open Space Fund**, established in 1999, is funded from the open space preservation tax (1/4 of 1% on earned income) pursuant to PA Act 153 (Open Space Preservation Act). Expenditures are restricted to acquisition of interests in real property and costs associated with these activities. The Open Space Fund represents the only source of Township debt at this time. The 2007 Open Space Budget has been prepared based upon potential open space acquisitions to reflect the "what if" factor. However, the fund is closely monitored to ensure its integrity and all potential acquisitions listed could not be accomplished based upon current cost estimates of these real property interests against the actual fund balance.

Receipts for the **State Liquid Fuels Fund** are provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from (gas) tax disbursed annually to all municipalities. The receipts are based upon Township road miles and population. Use of the fund is limited to road maintenance/reconstruction and related equipment purchases. The Board of Supervisors previously authorized road maintenance and related projects for 2007 (Liquid Fuels and Highway Improvement) based upon an October 2006 road inspection with staff. A list of scheduled road projects for 2007 is available at the Township.

Finally, the **Capital Reserve Fund** is comprised of appropriated monies that are used for capital projects, major equipment purchase/replacements, etc. This fund serves a complementary function to the General Fund together with the Five Year Capital Reserve Schedule for longer term replacements and improvements planning.

The **General Fund** represents the principal operating fund for the Township (police and fire, parks and recreation, planning/zoning, codes enforcement/engineering, legal, administration). The 2007 General Fund Final Budget is balanced and includes the maintenance of all current (2006) service levels (police, fire and emergency services, roadside litter control service, etc.). The budget includes a 3.4% employee uniform wage increase (with no change in the current staffing level) and an increased base contribution to the Capital Reserve Fund. A more detailed summary is provided below.

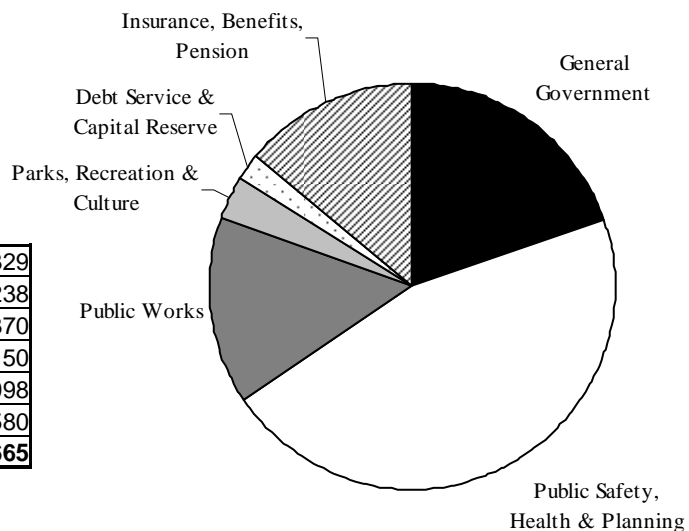
Budgeted Revenues



Taxes	\$2,283,453
Licenses & Permits	\$125,000
Fines & Forfeits	\$33,000
Interest	\$75,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$158,512
General Government/Public Safety	\$291,800
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$8,900
Total Revenues	\$2,975,665

Budgeted Expenditures

General Government	\$587,329
Public Safety, Health & Planning	\$1,361,238
Public Works	\$451,370
Parks, Recreation & Culture	\$100,150
Debt Service & Capital Reserve	\$58,998
Insurance, Benefits, Pension	\$416,580
Total Expenditures	\$2,975,665



Copies of the budget are available at the Township. Any budget questions should be directed to Michael Lynch, Township Manager.