The two factors used in determining the amount of funds allocated to the various municipalities from the Liquid Fuels Tax are the miles of township road and the population. This reduction in road mileage in Lehigh Township will reduce the grant from the State.

In 1957 the State actually reimbursed the Township for mileage taken over by the State in January 1957. If the same process occurs in 1958 and the State reimburses the Township for that mileage taken over on January 1, 1958 the actual 1958 reimbursement will total approximately $1,000.

Expenditures

The budget proposed expenditures which total $498 in excess of the amount expended in 1957; while the mileage of roads to be maintained have been reduced by approximately 50 percent.

The Supervisors are desirous of building up the remaining miles of township road, and treating it with calcium as a means of binding and allaying the dust.

Comments

Judging from past experience it appears that anticipated revenue from current real estate taxes could be termed optimistic, while estimated revenue from several other sources could be considered low. Actual revenue during the year could exceed the budget estimates by at least $200, and could go as high as $700 in excess, depending on the amount of funds received from the State Liquid Fuels Tax.

Expenditures proposed during 1958 average approximately $4,200 per mile for the 1.5 miles of road to be maintained. During 1957 the cost of maintaining 3 miles of township road averaged about $1,950 per mile. Here again, if past experience is any criterion the Supervisors will endeavor to refrain from disbursing the total funds appropriated in order to finish the year with a cash balance. This will enable the Township to maintain the roads during the early part of 1959 without the need for temporary borrowing.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP - LACKAWANNA COUNTY

1958 PROPOSED BUDGET

TAX STRUCTURE	Actual 1957 As Reported By Supervisors	Tentative 1958 Budget
Assessed Valuation - Real Estate	$ 205,062	$ 212,466
Tax Rate - Mills	9	7
Current Duplicate	$ 1,845	$ 1,487
Current Tax Collection	1,506	1,300
Percent Collected	81.5%	87.4%
Occupation Valuation	$ 3,510	$ 6,841
Tax Rate - Mills	9	7
Current Duplicate	$ 31	$ 47
Current Tax Collection	36	21
Percent Collected	116.1%	44.6%
Delinquent Taxes Collected	$ 331	$ 134
Total Taxes Collected	$ 1,873	$ 1,455
RECEIPTS		
Taxes	$ 1,873	$ 1,455
Liquor Licenses	450	450
Forestry Reserves	287	143
Game Preserves	57	28
State Aid - Roads	2,212	500
Miscellaneous	25	-
Total Receipts	$ 4,904	$ 2,576
Cash Balance 1st of Year	4,746	3,786
Total Receipts & Cash	$ 9,650	$ 6,362
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	$ 356	$ 294
Show Removal	310	350
Repairs of Tools & Machinery	108	300
Construction of Guard Rails	-	200
Const. & Reconstruction of Roads	2,389	1,634
New Tolls & Machinery	-	100
Resurfacing Roads	2,539	3,349
Miscellaneous	162	135
Total Expenditures	$ 5,864	$ 6,362
Cash Balance End of Year	$ 3,786	$ -