

TENTATIVE BUDGET - 1958

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PA.

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During the year 1957 the Supervisors expended \$5,864 in operating the Township. Revenue received during the year 1957 totaled \$4,904, resulting in an operating deficit of \$960. This deficit was offset by depleting cash on hand from \$4,746 at the beginning of the year to \$3,786 at the end of the year.

The preliminary budget as proposed by the Supervisors for the year 1958 calls for expenditures totaling \$6,362. Revenue anticipated during the year totals \$2,576, creating an operating deficit of \$3,786. This deficit has been offset by the cash on hand at the beginning of the year.

Assessed Valuation

The assessed valuation used in computing the taxes due in 1958 shows an increase of \$7,404 over the valuation used in determining the amount of taxes due in 1957.

Tax Rate

A tax rate of seven (7) mills has been proposed in the 1958 budget, as compared to a nine (9) mill rate levied in 1957.

Revenue

Revenue anticipated during the year 1958 is \$2,328 lower than the amount actually realized in 1957. The majority of this reduction can be attributed to the reduction in the tax rate, and an anticipated decrease in funds to be received from the State Liquid Fuels Tax.

On January 1, 1958 the State officially took over about 1.5 miles of township roads, leaving approximately 1.5 miles of roads in the township road system.

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.

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1958 PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>TAX STRUCTURE</u>	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
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
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
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Government	\$ 356	\$ 294
Shdw 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	\$ -

