HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
YORK COUNTY PA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM

Chairman Manifold called the advertised 2027 budget workshop meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Also present – Supervisors John O'Neill and David Wisnom, Road Master Travis Mergler, and Township Manager Amy Mottram

2027 Proposed Budget Overview

- 2026 Budget vs. Actual, 2026 Profit & Loss YTD, and Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison reports for all accounts were provided for reference.
- The 2027 Proposed Budget Draft # 1 for the General Fund accounts and the Liquid Fuels Fund were reviewed. Figures will continue to be adjusted until the November meeting as any revenue or expense estimates are received.
- Sources of Revenue – An increase to the real estate tax millage from 0.21 mills to 0.31 mills was discussed. This would result in approximately $54,000 in new revenue that can be directed toward the increasing cost of emergency services. The change can be included in the tax resolution in December.
- The following road department topics were presented by the Road Master-
  - Proposed Road Projects:
    1) Overlaying Existing 25mm with 1,285 tons of 12.5mm – Gemmill Road $123,360 +/-
    2) Overlaying Existing 25mm with 1,835 tons of 12.5mm 2.5" – Orwig Road $176,765 +/-
    3) Rebuild Sadlers Church Road with 2,200 tons of 19mm 3" $199,716 +/-
  - Equipment – Cost estimates for a bigger cold planer for the skid loader, vibrator plate tamper, and new flail mower (John Deere vs. Massey Ferguson) were reviewed. The balance of the equipment fund and the cost to rent vs. buying was also discussed.
  - Material – PPL reimbursement request for road repairs (Little Road, Kilgore Road, and Haugh Road) and the Scarborough Fare paving project for 2028 were also discussed.
  - Capital Purchases / Grants
    1) A Local Share Account Statewide grant will be applied for in November for purchasing a new John Deere 644 P-Tier Wheel Loader. The quoted COSTARS price is $311,850. The old loader will be listed for sale.
    2) Discussion took place about the cost of constructing a pole barn at the landfill for the storage of a loader.

- Payroll & Employees – A payroll estimate was prepared for 7 full time employees. No new hires are expected in 2027.
- Insurance – In addition to a 14% increase for the medical/vision policy premiums, a small increase is expected for the dental plan on January 1. An updated quote will be obtained for workers compensation insurance ahead of the 4/4/2027 renewal. There is potential to save money with another carrier.
- Building Maintenance – The need for new heater for shop bay 1 was noted.
- Line Painting – Due to the cost, this will be done only as needed.
- Donation Requests – New requests for contributions were received from the York County Quick Response Team and the West Shore Wildlife Center. No action was taken on those requests. All current contributions to community organizations will remain the same for 2027.
- Traffic Signal – The increased cost of bi-annual inspections, the amount of as needed repairs, and remaining account funds were discussed.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Chairman Manifold adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Amy L. Mottram, Recording Secretary