

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**2016 PROPOSED COLLEGE TOWNSHIP BUDGET**  
Thursday, December 17, 2015

**ATTENDED BY:**

**COUNCIL:**

L. Eric Bernier, Chair  
Lynn B. Herman, Vice-Chair  
Carla Stilson  
D. Richard Francke  
William H. Sharp

**STAFF:**

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager/Secretary  
Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director  
John J. Franek, Jr., Management Analyst  
Mark Gabrovsek, Zoning Officer  
Mary E. Wilson, Asst. Township Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Mark Holdren, CRPA Sr. Planner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bernier called to order at 7:05 PM the duly advertised, December 17, 2015, Public Hearing on the 2016 Proposed College Township Budget, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Manager, and Mr. Robert T. Long, Jr., Finance Director, offered a brief overview of the 2016 Proposed Budget and reported that a .5 mill tax increase was planned in 2016 for College Township. Tax rates per category are as follows on each dollar of assessed valuation/dollars and cents on each one-hundred dollars of assessed valuation:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| - General purposes              | 1.90 mills/\$0.190;     |
| - Debt purposes                 | 1.23 mills/\$0.123;     |
| - Fire Protection purposes      | 0.52 mills/\$0.052;     |
| - Road Machinery purposes       | 0.30 mills/\$0.030;     |
| - Parks and Recreation purposes | 1.00 mills/\$0.100; and |
| - Library purposes              | 0.45 mills/\$0.045.     |

The Township Budget for 2016 reflects \$14,281,810 in total revenues and \$13,552,769 in total expenditures. An amount of \$729,041 will be added to reserves, providing an ending combined balance of \$2,674,766.

2016 Key Facts

- Tax millage would increase to 5.4 mills, resulting in approximately \$216,000 in Property Tax Revenue.
- Valuation of College Township properties exempt from Property Tax is \$158,000,000, which equates to a \$853,000 loss in Property Tax revenue.
- Expected borrowing of \$2,000,000 is anticipated to finance projects with useful lives exceeding twenty (20) years, such as:
  - o Takeover of Puddintown/Houserville Roads - \$2,000,000 (funding from PennDOT);
  - o Manor Drive/Mountain View Avenue Upgrade - \$400,000;
  - o New restrooms at Spring Creek Park - \$250,000; and
  - o Puddintown to Orchard Bike Connector - \$568,000 (funding from grants).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments were presented.

Hearing no public comment, Chair Bernier called for a motion to close the public hearing.

**Ms. Stilson moved to close the Public Hearing on  
the 2016 Proposed College Township Budget.  
Mr. Francke seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Bernier adjourned the December 17, 2015, Public Hearing on the 2016 Proposed College Township Budget at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam T. Brumbaugh*  
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Township Manager/Secretary