

# TOWNSHIP TIMES



WINTER 2011

## 2011 BUDGET APPROVED WITH NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Residents of South Londonderry Township

C/o Board of Supervisors

South Londonderry Township

Pursuant to the Townships of the Second Class, Article XXXII-Section 23, the South Londonderry Township Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011 was presented and considered by the Board of Supervisors.

This budget was crafted with direct guidance from the Board of Supervisors and the various department managers with the following goals in mind:

- Take necessary steps to not increase the current tax rate.
- Evaluate all options to ensure that we are getting the best insurance/medical/interest rates as well as purchased goods and services.
- Where possible, continue to utilize user fees to charge residents/developers for services.
- Continue to complete improvement projects in house to keep costs down.

Forecast Long Term Trends and plan for South Londonderry's future.

With direction from the Board of Supervisors, the budget process began in August with the department heads submitting their FY2011 – FY2014 Capital Improvement Plans. Simultaneously to the requests coming in, revenue projections were developed; prior year's budget and actual expenditures as well as current year to date expenditures were listed comparatively. A preliminary budget was then drafted and submitted to the Board of Supervisors in early September. Workshops with the Supervisors were held during the months of September and October where fiscal discussions, line item explanations and policy implications were discussed.

The FY2011 General Fund Budget is \$2,258,517.00, a 2% increase over FY2010, which is primarily due to the expectation that revenues will not increase dramatically during FY2011. The Township has seen increases in Earned Income Tax revenues due to the appointment of Keystone Collections as the EIT collection agency for Lebanon County. These increased EIT revenues have allowed us to propose no increase in the property tax for the third consecutive year.

Projections for local receipts from property and local enabling taxes (Property, Local Services, Real Estate Transfer and Earned Income) are more than our 2010 Budget projections at \$1,624,000.00 or 7% more than expected. This is due to a one-time EIT payment of \$67,000, which is the Township's share that was due from another collection agency.

As in prior years, the FY2011 Budget reflects a number pass through funds and reimbursable expenses that are paid to the Township from developers, the Municipal Authority and State funding sources. These reimbursable costs are for the Township Engineer's review of developer's projects, to salary and benefits for the Public Works Director as well as the State's contribution towards the Township's Fire Companies and the Township's uniform and non uniformed pension plans.

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Thank You to ALL who participated in making this year's Salvation Army's Angel Tree a success. We were able to help 50 children in the Lebanon County Area.



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The resources within the General Fund Budget are earmarked for the day to day operations of the Township from administrative functions to law enforcement to roadway maintenance. Salaries and benefits for the Township's Employees are the number one expenses of the General Fund.

The Township has one collective bargaining agreement in effect and that is with its Police Department. An extension of this four year contract is under negotiation as it is set to expire on December 31, 2012. Under the contract, the sergeant and the officers will receive a 4.5% cost of living adjustment, but will be making a 2% contribution to their pension plans. All other cost of living adjustments for the remaining employees are at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. This year's budget recommends a 2.0% increase with a 10% contribution towards their health care coverage, but is subject to the approval of the Supervisors.

South Londonderry Township holds a Community Meeting in September every year and at this past meeting the Township's acquisition of the Old Colebrook Grist Mill was discussed and was very well received and this budget includes \$40,000 to acquire the mill from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

This year's budget includes funding for items within the Township's three year Capital Improvement Plan. South Londonderry Township has tried to maintain its infrastructure and capital items but due to limited funding, many planning and preventive maintenance projects have fallen behind. However, over the past several years the Township has worked hard to reduce costs and streamline the township's government functions. This has resulted in the development of a capital budget that will allow the Township to invest in the long term maintenance of its buildings and grounds, roadways and fleet of vehicles.

To meet the Township's goal of utilizing user fees for the residents who benefit from the services that are provided, the Township has several accounts which are specifically designed to process these funds. The Street Light Fund, the Hydrant Fund and the Sewer District Fund #1 and #2 are a few of such accounts with the fees established to cover the charges for the operation of street lights and fire hydrants within the Township. Those areas that do not have street lights, fire hydrants and/or public sewers are not assessed fees for these services.

During FY2011, the fees for the operation and maintenance of the Township's fire hydrants will once again be suspended because we have a surplus within this account that will cover the expected cost for at least one more year.

The Highway Aid Fund was established to handle the contribution from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the maintenance of the Township's Roadways. This funding is not expected to cover all of the road improvement costs anticipated during FY2011, so the Supervisors have authorized a \$14,500 transfer from the General Fund to this account. This will allow for the widening and repair of East Hinkle Road. Other road improvement projects scheduled for FY2011 will be completed under the Public Works section of the General Fund.

The Campbelltown Connector Fund was established as another pass through account to handle the federal funds for the construction of the Campbelltown Connector Project. In 2011, the Northside Roundabout will be completed at a cost of \$600,000 and this fund will process the grant receipts and invoices for the project.

The Capital Reserve Fund acts as a savings account to complete several long range projects and during FY2011 there are several that are slated to be started. The first is the renovations to the 100 year old municipal building. The Township has over the past couple of years been making maintenance improvements to the municipal building to waterproof the building and stabilize its foundation. In 2010, the first phase of these improvements should begin. The second project is the acquisition of the 15.74 acre Alger Property located adjacent to the Campbelltown Fire Company property. The funding for the purchase of this property will come from a National Park Service Grant, Recreation funds and Capital reserve funds.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors and the department heads of the Township who assisted me in the development of the FY2011 Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas S. Ernharth, Township Manager

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# Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance Updates

The Township is in the process of adopting a new Comprehensive Plan, which will guide growth and development for not only South Londonderry Township but the Palmyra Region as a whole. This Regional Comprehensive Plan was developed with both North Londonderry and Palmyra Borough and with input from the Palmyra Area School District. The initial draft of this document is completed and a copy of the Executive Summary is on the Township's Website: [www.southlondonderry.org](http://www.southlondonderry.org). We are planning for a joint public meeting to present and if acceptable take action on the draft of the Comprehensive Plan in either February or March.

In conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan, the Township has developed a new zoning ordinance which will implement the goals and objectives outlined within the Comprehensive Plan. A draft of the entire Zoning Ordinance is also on the Township's website at [www.southlondonderry.org](http://www.southlondonderry.org). Plans for a public presentation of the Ordinance are on hold as we try and address concerns that have been raised by area business owners, residents and township officials.

If you would like to solicit input on the Zoning Ordinance or want to be notified of when the public hearing on these documents will be held, please send an email to Thomas Ernharth, Township Manager at [manager@slondtwp.com](mailto:manager@slondtwp.com) and we will send an email notification once the meeting dates are set.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

On January 10, 2011 State Route  
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for approximately 6 months  
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Northside Drive traffic circle.

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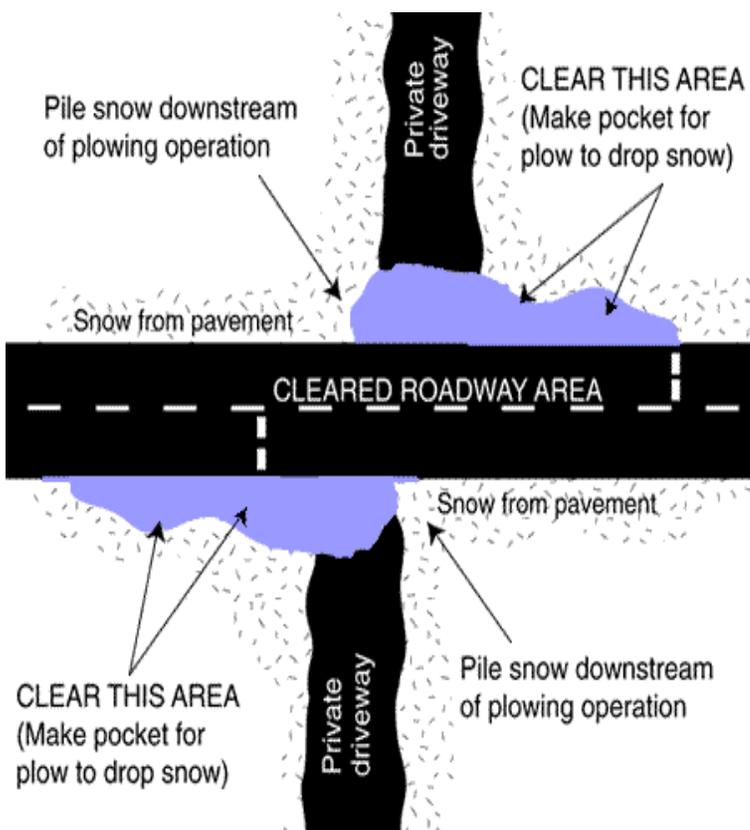
# IMPORTANT SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

The Township's Highway Department undertake snow removal and de-icing operations whenever road conditions require these services. Please remember that snow removal operations are performed under emergency conditions. Our drivers often endure extended work hours to provide safe and effective snow removal from Township streets.

Here are some helpful tips to avoid shoveling headaches.....

- ◆ When possible, wait to shovel the last six (6) feet of your driveway until curb to curb plowing is completed on your street. This will help prevent our plows from pushing snow back into your driveway.
- ◆ If you must shovel the last six (6) feet of your driveway prior to our completing plowing operations on your street, place the snow to the right of your driveway (standing in the direction with your back facing your house). Placing the snow in this area will lessen the amount of snow plowed back onto the driveway area. Please understand that proper plowing cannot prevent the redeposit of snow in driveway areas. (see below)
- ◆ Park all vehicles off the roadway. Parking your vehicle in your driveway and off the street allows the crew to plow back to the curb and lessens the amount of snow you may have to shovel.
- ◆ Please do not throw or place snow or ice onto the streets or immediately next to a fire hydrant. Township Ordinance prohibits this.
- ◆ Township Ordinance requires that snow and ice be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of any snow, sleet, or freezing rain. (There are some circumstances where this may be extended, visit the Township website or contact the Township office)
- ◆ Cul-de-Sacs are difficult to plow. Snow will be placed equally on both sides of the cul-de-sac. Most of the new developments have recorded snow storage easements in these areas.
- ◆ Portable basketball nets protruding into the roadway are prohibited and can become a danger during snow plowing. Township ordinance prohibits the placing of these items in the public right-of-way.

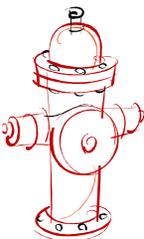
Please be patient and allow time for crews to do their job in plowing the streets. Safe streets are our primary concern during these storms. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.



## REMINDER:

Please remember that after any snow storm if you have a fire hydrant on your property the fire hydrant should be completely cleared of all snow and ice. Failure to clear the hydrant results in firefighters having to shovel snow from around the hydrant which may take up to 6 minutes, a loss of precious time during a structure fire and could result in unnecessary loss of property.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**TO CLEAR THAT HYDRANT**  
**IT MAY SAVE SOMEONES**  
**LIFE AND PROPERTY.**



## OUR FIRE COMPANIES

### CAMPBELLTOWN FIRE COMPANY

For A Listing of Upcoming Events, Useful Links and Other Information Visit the Campbelltown Fire Companies website @ [www.campbelltownfc.com](http://www.campbelltownfc.com)

### LAWN FIRE COMPANY

For A Listing of Upcoming Events, Useful Links and Other Information Visit the Lawn Fire Companies website @ [www.lawnfire.com](http://www.lawnfire.com)



**Free Recycle Bins** are now available at the Township Office. Bins can be picked up Monday–Friday from 7:30 am–4:00 pm, excluding holidays



**ATTENTION ALL PROPERTY OWNERS**  
ALL SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP MUST BE CLEARED OF SNOW AND ICE **TWENTY-FOUR HOURS** AFTER THE END OF ANY SNOW, SLEET OR FREEZING RAIN.

### Social Hall Rentals

Firehouse Caterers is now accepting bookings for the coming year. Contact Sharon at 717-838-3707 or 717-838-7927

### FIREHOUSE COOKBOOKS FOR SALE...

Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company Fundraiser Cost is \$11.00  
Books are available at the Fire Company or @ the Township Office

## Campbelltown History Books & Memorabilia

are available for sale at the Township Office

Campbelltown Pennsylvania A Historical Review in Words & Photographs	\$15.90
Campbelltown Pennsylvania Past & Present: A Visual Tour	\$12.00
Campbelltown Commemorative Banners	\$30.00

### REFLECTIVE STREET NUMBER SIGNS

ARE AVAILABLE THRU THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE. THE FEE IS \$20.00, ORDER FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE @ [www.southlondonderry.org](http://www.southlondonderry.org)

**TOT FINDERS AND PET FINDERS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS**



**REMINDER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITH COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL ALARM SYSTEMS, South Londonderry Township Ordinance requires all residents / business owners to register with the South Londonderry Township Police Department. FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED ON OUR WEBSITE @ [www.southlondonderry.org](http://www.southlondonderry.org).**

## OPERATION SAVE A LIFE

Campbelltown Fire Company and WHTM 27 have teamed together to give away **FREE SMOKE DETECTORS** to anyone that needs them. Stop in the station for yours!!



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# ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Steve Darhower Dierdre Curran  
Eva Staley

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Tom Ernharth, Manager / Zoning Officer

Jeffrey Arnold, Chief of Police

Scott Galbraith, Superintendent of Public Works / Code Enforcement Officer

William Jurell, Highway Foreman

Samuel Blauch, Wastewater Foreman

## Interested In Volunteering?

The Township occasionally is looking to fill vacancies on the various Township Committees. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these committees, please send a letter of interest along with an explanation of qualifications to the Township

Manager @ P O Box 3,  
Campbelltown PA 17010



## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

### Board of Supervisors

...meet the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month @ 7 p.m.

### Municipal Authority

...meet the 1st Thursday of Every Month @ 7 p.m.

### Planning Commission

...meet the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 7 p.m.

### Zoning Hearing Board

...meet the 4th Tuesday of Every Month @ 7 p.m. as needed

### Fire Board

...meet the 1st Tuesday of Every Other Month @ 8:00 p.m.

### Environmental Advisory Committee

...meet the 3rd Wednesday of Every Month @ 7:00 p.m.

### Agriculture Security Advisory Committee

...meet on an as needed basis

### Historical Committee

...2nd Monday of Every Month @ 7:00 p.m.

# RESIDENT'S INPUT WANTED!!!

South Londonderry Township has the opportunity to purchase 15 plus acres of land located east of, and adjacent to the Campbelltown Fire Company property, south of Spring Creek, and west of Lawn Road for use as a municipal/recreation park. We would like to know if you are in favor of or not in favor of the Township purchasing the land.

Here are the financial details: The total cost of the land would be approximately \$512,500 including all permits, deed preparation, etc. The money would come from the following sources: \$243,750 would come from a State grant that could only be used for this purpose; \$112,500 would come from the recreation fund which is money paid into a fund by developers that can only be used for recreation, and the remaining \$156,250 from the capital reserve fund.

The Township has already invested \$9,600 in obtaining two appraisals and the current owners of the property have indicated that their selling price is \$500,000 which is \$12,500 more than the average of the two appraisals that we received.

## **The issues affecting whether the Township purchases this property or not are as follows:**

- The land is ideally located for recreation, adjacent to the existing soccer fields at the Campbelltown Fire Company grounds, and within walking distance of most of the township's areas of development.
- The Township population is expected to increase significantly in the next 5 to 10 years particularly within the Campbelltown Area.
- The proposed Ridge Road project in North Londonderry Township which is a joint recreation project through the Palmyra Recreation and Parks Commission will provide more than enough land for recreation, but is much farther for most of our residents to travel.
- The Township already has a number of acres of parkland available, some of which is not being utilized.
- This land would provide the Township with its first and only community park which is intended to serve a population within a 2 mile service radius and contains wide range of athletic fields and courts. The public parks that the Township has are not suitable for large recreational projects.
- The purchase of this property would take approximately \$156,250 out of the capital reserve fund that would be used for other projects.
- The \$112,500 in recreation funds can only be spent on recreation and cannot be used in the general fund or for any other purpose.
- The grant funding accounts for almost half of the money and is available only for the purchase of this property and will be lost if it is not used to purchase this land.
- There will be costs for maintenance and development in the future subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Let us know what you think by marking your response in the appropriate box below and returning this form to the township office or by emailing your response to Township Manager Thomas Ernharth at [manager@slondtwp.com](mailto:manager@slondtwp.com). The Supervisors are planning to take a formal vote on this project at their meeting on February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office at 20 West Market Street Campbelltown, Pa.

I am in favor of purchasing the land       I am not in favor of purchasing the land.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Campbelltown Fire Company 717-838-3707

[www.campbelltownfc.com](http://www.campbelltownfc.com)

Lawn Fire Company/Lawn Ambulance 717-964-2369

[www.lawnfire.com](http://www.lawnfire.com)

## UTILITIES:

### TRASH HAULERS:

Waste Management 1-800-634-4595

Lebanon Farm Disposal 1-800-533-5356

TNT Sanitation 717-866-2322

Weidle Sanitation 717-272-7061

CABLE: Comcast 717-533-4433

ELECTRIC: MetEd 1-800-545-7741

WATER: American Water 1-800-717-7292

TAXES: REAL ESTATE

Lebanon County Treasurer 717-274-2801

Palmyra Area School District

[www.palmyra.k12.pa.us](http://www.palmyra.k12.pa.us)

Palmyra Recreation & Parks 717-838-9244

[www.palmyrarec.org](http://www.palmyrarec.org)

Palmyra Public Library

[www.lclibs.org/palmyra](http://www.lclibs.org/palmyra)

Lebanon County Courthouse 717-274-2801

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SUPPORT IN OUR  
COMMUNITY IS APPRECIATED!!