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Highlights of Franklin Township's 2008 Budget

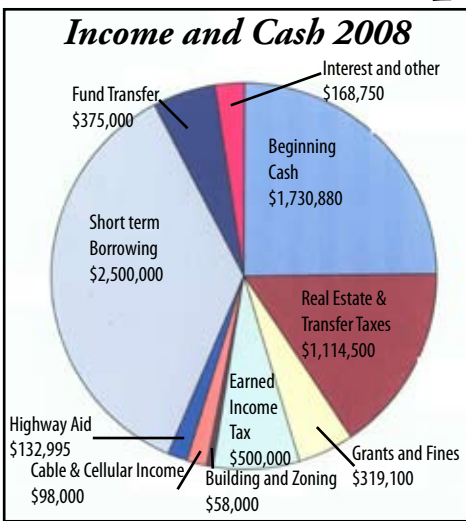
Below are a few of the highlights from the 2008 budget process. Township Treasurer Joan McVaugh has worked diligently keeping track of all the Township's finances, which helped the administration and supervisors make the decisions for our community.

For 2008, there is no increase in the property tax millage rate of 3.245 mills. The breakdown of the millage includes 2.075 mills for general purposes, .4 mills for emergency services, and .27 mills for park and recreation. Also, .5 mills is dedicated to the Open Space Fund per the voter referendum in 2002. The earned-income tax for a resident of Franklin Township is .5 percent. About 100 residents (where fire hydrants are installed) were charged a Fire Hydrant Tax of \$90 for maintenance of the hydrants.

Total expected Cash and Income is projected at \$6,995,325. The "Income and Cash" pie chart illustrates the Township's sources.

Much of the cash balance carried forward is for special funds such as Open Space and Parks, and Capital Reserve Funds. Expenditures from these funds are made on an as-needed basis.

In 2008, the Township anticipates the purchase of two large parcels for open space preservation. About 90 percent of the funding will come from state and county grants. However, the Township will need to borrow for the short term the full purchase price until the funds are actually received,



hence the \$2,500,000 in a short term borrowing fund included in this budget.

Franklin Township's budgeted expenditures total \$5,130,490. The "Expenses 2008" pie chart illustrates the Township's planned expenditures.

The 2008 budget contemplates a significant contribution to funding road improvements based on the 10-Year Road Improvement Plan. A total of \$619,500 is allocated to major road improvements from the following funds: General Fund-\$20,000 (if money budgeted for snow removal and road repairs in the General Fund is not spent, additional road improvements totaling \$94,600 may be added to the 2008 road program), Liquid Fuels Fund - \$135,000, and Capital Reserve Fund - \$464,500.

In 2008, \$220,000 is budgeted for salt shed replacement and improvements to the Township building. Also an additional \$25,000 will be used to obtain and install GIS (Geographic Information System) computers, software, and support.

The Emergency Services Fund has budgeted \$104,090 as follows: West Grove Fire Company (fire and ambulance) - \$67,850, Avondale Fire Company - \$4,500, Avondale Ambulance - \$3,500 and Medic 94 (advanced life support) - \$29,050.

Funds were also budgeted for park improvements-\$5,000, trail acquisition-\$15,000, and open space planning assistance-\$61,750.

Residents may review the complete budget by making an appointment at the Township office - 610-255-5212.

