



2024 Budget Presentation

Cummings Township, PA

2024 Cummings Township Budget - Overall Objectives

- ▶ The 2024 budget helps us meet our responsibilities as described in the PA Second Class Township Code with respect to public safety and road maintenance plus enhancing quality of life for Cummings Township residents, taxpayers and visitors. The uses of monies spent from 2019 through 2023 and budgeted to be spent in 2024 support meeting these objectives.
- ▶ We remain committed to doing the following:
 - ▶ Doing our own roads maintenance to improve road quality for our residents and property owners and do it **at a lower cost and with more consistent quality and timely work completion** compared to use of outside contractors
 - ▶ Supporting the ongoing activities and planned growth of the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company working cooperatively with the Fire Company to do so
 - ▶ Supporting our Emergency Management Coordinator and increasing our capabilities in this important area
 - ▶ Continuing to improve the park in Waterville for use and enjoyment by citizens of all ages and look for other opportunities to enhance recreation in Cummings Township
 - ▶ Improving overall communication and awareness of activities and events for residents and guests using www.cummingstownship-pa.com our fully functional township website
 - ▶ Supporting other activities that enhance public safety, roads and quality of life via targeted donations

2023 Key Accomplishments

- ▶ Public Safety - Continued our relationships with the now Lycoming Regional Police Department, Jersey Shore Area EMS and Lock Haven EMS (see our website for more details)
- ▶ Used Act 13 Impact Fees and Liquid Fuels funds for:
 - ▶ Continued maintenance and road quality for Dam Run Road - this is our primary emergency outlet to and from Waterville and the Pine Creek Valley above it in the event of a RT 44 road closure
 - ▶ Completed the assumption of road maintenance responsibility for West Drive and made improvements to it
 - ▶ Continued our strong cooperation with and support of the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company
 - ▶ Continued to fund improvements to the public park in Waterville to improve recreational use quality (key 2023 improvements were the addition of a CXT chemical toilet in cooperation with the DCNR)
- ▶ Continued working with PennDOT, Lycoming County and the Pine Creek Valley Council of Governments (COG) to prioritize much needed road maintenance on Rts. 44 and 4001

Cummings Township 2024 Budget Summary

(see the Budget Summary
attachment for more detail)

- ▶ **Assets and Revenues (Total available for use)**
 - ▶ **\$3,072,777** Projected Assets on 1/1/2024
 - ▶ **\$754,457** Projected 2024 Revenues
 - ▶ **\$3,827,234** 2024 Total Assets and Revenues

- ▶ **Expenditures including Capital Expenditure Reserves (2024 planned expenses)**
 - ▶ **\$270,619** Projected expenses
 - ▶ **\$343,550** Reserves set aside for Capital Expenditures
 - ▶ **\$614,169** 2024 Total Expenditures

- ▶ **Reconciled Assets and Revenues and Expenditures**
 - ▶ **\$3,827,234** 2024 Total Assets and Revenues
 - ▶ **\$614,169** 2024 Total Appropriated for Expenditures
 - ▶ **\$3,213,065** 2024 Unappropriated Funds (projected ending position)

Sources and Uses of Funds in the 2024 Cummings Township Budget

- ▶ Our township income and expenses come from 3 different funds - each has different sources and uses of monies
- ▶ These 3 funds are combined in our Budget documents but pages 6 - 8 of this presentation give detail on where monies are planned to be spent in 2024
- ▶ **General Fund**
 - ▶ General income and expenses of the township. For example:
 - ▶ Income - tax and fee revenues
 - ▶ Expenses - most salaries and payroll taxes, insurances, utilities, building and park maintenance
- ▶ **Liquid Fuels Fund**
 - ▶ Income received from the State of PA and Lycoming County to be used for maintenance of roads dedicated to the township (for example Dam Run Road maintenance)
- ▶ **Act 13 Fund**
 - ▶ Income received from the State of PA under the Act 13 Impact Fee legislation that can be used or reserved for defined expenses such as roads, emergency management, parks and recreation, water and sewage and public safety

General Fund - 2024 Goals

- ▶ Continue to pay day-to-day Township expenses that are not paid out of the Liquid Fuels and Act 13 Funds
- ▶ We have adopted a Zoning Ordinance that is better suited to our Cummings Township land uses and needs and is easier to understand and use by all parties. We are continuing to modify it to reflect changing conditions. Hoy Inspections LLC is our contractor for zoning administration and building inspections, IPMC enforcement and Floodplain Administration.
- ▶ We will continue to maintain and improve our Cummings Township website www.cummingstownship-pa.com to let us better communicate with and inform township residents and guests about issues such as government meetings, minutes and ordinances, recreation and tourism planning information, special events and much more
 - ▶ Efforts will continue to promote use of the website to township and area residents and visitors

Liquid Fuels Fund - 2024 Goals

- ▶ Continue to maintain Dam Run Road and other qualifying Township roads
 - ▶ Road expenses including materials and labor will be split between the Liquid Fuels and Act 13 Funds as appropriate
 - ▶ We will use Act 13 funds for higher cost, longer term improvements and other non-recurring road related expenses for roadways
 - ▶ Note: The continuing positive impact of receiving Act 13 funds has allowed us to significantly conserve our Liquid Fuels funds for future use

Act 13 Fund - 2024 Goals

Our overall long term objective for Act 13 funds is to spend no more than we take in each year reserving funds already on deposit for emergency and other special uses

- ▶ Funding as needed for maintenance and improvements on Dam Run Road and other Township roads (We are continuing to work with our Township Engineer, Lycoming County, LTAP and the Soil Conservation District on a long range 5 phase project to optimize Dam Run Road for future maintenance and emergency use.)
 - ▶ Dam Run Road is our emergency “safety valve” access to Waterville and above
 - ▶ This includes all expenses such as labor and materials and will be split as appropriate between the Act 13 and Liquid Fuels Funds
- ▶ Based on satisfactory results from our 2021 - 2023 experience we are budgeting for the continuation of our police services contract with the Lycoming Regional Police Department for 2 additional years at a fixed price of \$25,000 per year
- ▶ Funds have been budgeted and set aside in reserve for the following specific uses:
 - ▶ \$141,000* to support the Fire Company and EMS Office Technology
 - ▶ \$115,000 for improvements to Dam Run Road (new culvert) and Ramsey Drive (new tar and chip coat)
 - ▶ \$40,000 for improvements in the Waterville Public Park (pickleball court improvements)
 - ▶ \$37,000 for miscellaneous improvements at the EMS/Township Building
 - ▶ \$11,550 for donations that will enhance public safety
 - ▶ \$10,500 to Jersey Shore Area EMS and \$1,050 to Lock Haven EMS (each Cummings Township resident household will get a free membership)

* Includes spending for one time and/or non-recurring expense items