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SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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Township Has Positive Balance

Your township supervisors are happy to report that we were able to keep spending in line with revenue again in 2013. Expenditures for the year were \$1,528,201, and we ended with a surplus of \$64,998. The township is keeping operations within budget without requiring property tax, except for a very small amount (.4 mils) which goes towards the library.

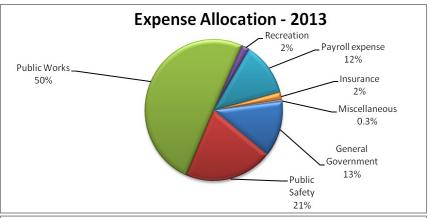
The pie chart entitled, Expense Allocation – 2013, contributed by our accountant, indicates the breakdown of township expenses. Our biggest expense is "Public Works," which takes up half of our budget. Public Works includes road construction and repair, winter maintenance, leaf collection, trash days, clearing brush and weed control on our right of ways.

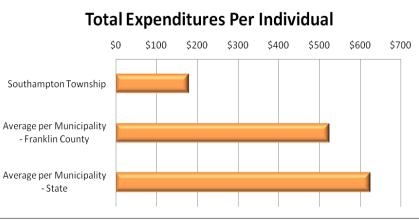
"Public Safety" is the second biggest township expense. We support our fire companies financially and help whenever we can. Please thank and support our volunteers from West End, Pleasant Hall and all the other emergency services for helping our community.

We continue to see growth in the township. Your supervisors are actively planning for those impacts while trying to maintain the rural nature of our community everywhere we can. The bar

graph to the right demonstrates the cost per individual living in South-ampton Township compared to other municipalities in Franklin County and the State.

There is always the threat from Harrisburg to force more mandates that stress your wallet. You should be aware of a current idea that has recently resurfaced, which is a mandatory police fee for State Police. A few in Harrisburg believe that because we don't have our own local police, we should be required to pay for the State Police twice. The State Police have reported to our township that we have no "discernible criminal trends." Creating a local police force here would be like annually building a bridge with nothing to cross. This could be a million dollar mandate for our residents.







Primary Election Day—May 20th

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For further assistance regarding any Election inquiries, please call the Franklin County Court House Voter Registration Office at 717-261-3886.

Representative Kauffman's Office Has Moved

Rob Kauffman, Local Representative of the 89th Legislative District of Franklin County has moved his Shippensburg district office into the Southampton Township Municipal Building, 703 Municipal Drive.

Representative Kauffman's office offers services such as:

Driver's license and vehicle registration application and renewals • Assistance with PennDOT paperwork • Copies of birth and death certificates • PACE and PACENET applications for seniors • Property Tax and Rent Rebate forms and applications • Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications • State tax forms • Free state maps, state park information, and PA Vacation Guides • Copies of legislation • Tours of the State Capital • Referrals to agencies to resolve state-related matters.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Phone

717-532-1707

www.repkauffman.com

Welcome Greg Richardson as Township Supervisor

Southampton Township would like to welcome new supervisor, Greg Richardson. Greg has been a resident of the township for 38 years and has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University. He currently works full-time as a fraud investigator with Medicare/Medicaid.

As a supervisor, Greg wants to work in the best interest of our residents, while using a common sense approach to address issues of the township. He also wants to make the township more transparent while efficiently appropriating township resources.

In his free time, he enjoys camping, boating and spending time with his wife Tara and daughters, Peyton and Camryn.

Special Sitting for Local Tax Collection

Debbie Heckman, tax collector for Southampton Township, will have special tax collection sittings at:

Orrstown Bank, Orrstown

Tuesday, April 22nd 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Southampton Township Building

Wednesday, April 23rd 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Tax office hours at 9028 Pineville Road

MONDAYS * THURSDAYS * FRIDAYS 4:00PM to 7:00PM

SATURDAYS 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Dentler Park Rental

Dentler Park, located at 25 Mount Rock Road, is available for rental for your family reunions, birthday parties or summertime picnics. The facility has a pavilion (capacity 65), bathrooms, grills, picnic tables, volleyball and basketball courts, horseshoe pits, softball field and a large playground apparatus. The fee for the day is \$50. Call the office at 532-9041 to reserve the park.

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Bulky Trash Days set for April 11th and 12th

Southampton Township will hold its semi-annual bulky trash days on Friday, April 11th, from 12:00pm until 5:00pm, and on Saturday, April 12th, from 7:00am until 12:00pm. Township households can once again take advantage of this opportunity to discard any junk they have collected over the year(s) they cannot put into their regular trash. The drop off spot will be at the township building on Municipal Drive. Drive *behind* the township facility where someone will greet you. We will log your name and address and answer any questions you have about disposal of your junk. There are certain items that we cannot take and others that we have to charge a minimal fee.

We cannot accept liquid wastes of any kind, including: waste oil, paint, insecticides, inks, solvents, aerosols or pressurized containers. No motors containing gasoline or oil, tanks-welding or cooking; ammunition or anything explosive. No 55-gallon drums, hospital/biohazard waste, industrial wastes of any kind, or anything containing asbestos. No contaminated soil, yard waste or dead animals. Of course, the township must reserve the right to refuse anything that it thinks is a hazard. No CRT TVs.

The township will take up to 4 automobile tires from each household 15" or smaller free of charge. There will be a \$2.00 fee for each additional tire. We do not accept tires on rims. Tires larger than 15" are \$10.00 each. We reserve the right to refuse tires based upon size.

Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or anything that has Freon in will also have a \$5.00 charge.

The township can accept automobile batteries in small numbers.

We will have big roll-off containers on site. If you are able bodied, you will be directed to a self-unload zone. If you need help we will direct you to an area where we will be happy to assist you.

As a free service to assist elderly and handicapped, Lane Thrush of RE/MAX Realty Agency in Chambersburg is offering volunteers to pick up the items for you on Thursday, April 10th. You will still be responsible for any fees that may be associated with the junk.

If you need help and want to schedule a pickup, please call Lane's office at 709-7063 by Wednesday, April 9th.

*Please Note: Bulky Trash Days are for residential purposes only.

It is now illegal to put the following in your trash: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals and televisions.

Recycling E-Waste

Southampton Township will continue to collect desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals, flat-screen TVs and other electronics at our semi-annual bulky trash day. They will be properly recycled at NO CHARGE to our residents.



Unfortunately, we still cannot accept any Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) TVs. They are the older "box" style televisions. There are no R2 certified recyclers who will take them at this time.

Please *gently* place your computers, peripherals and flat-screen televisions under the equipment sheds. If you need help, pull your car down to the loaders and we will be happy to assist you.

Public Works Emergencies

If you have a question, complaint, concern, or observe what would appear to be an emergency or serious situation with roadways, signs, traffic signals, storm water facilities, or the like, please contact us at 717-532-9041.

After office hours or on holidays, please contact the 911 Center at (717)-263-3172.



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CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP

Southampton Township Office hours are from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday. The office is closed on Holidays and the Friday after Thanksgiving. The facility is also used for primary and regular elections. Our office must be closed those days as well.

You may contact us by phone at **717-532-9041**. Our office is open to the public and you may stop in during regular business hours for questions or concerns.

All are welcome to attend Board of Supervisors (BOS) meetings and Planning Commission (PC) meetings, the dates are as follows:

Township Meeting Dates

2nd Tuesday of the Month—8:00am—BOS meeting 3rd Tuesday of the Month—7:00pm— PC meeting 4th Tuesday of the Month—7:00pm—BOS meeting

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES

Changes in hearing, vision, and reaction time can affect your driving ability.

Safely retain your driving mobility. Sign up for AARP Driver Safety at Southampton Township.

Two-Day 8-Hour Class

 April 9 & 10
 8:00 to Noon

 August 13 & 14
 8:00 to Noon

 December 3 & 4
 8:00 to Noon

4-Hour Refresher Class

June 12 8:00 to Noon October 2 8:00 to Noon

To register for classes at the Municipal Building, call Shelly at Representative Rob Kauffman's Office at:

532-1707