

No tax increases in 1991 Back Mountain municipal budgets

Area municipalities have held line on taxes for next year as officials approve municipal budgets for 1991.

Officials have spent a lot of time preparing for the new fiscal year and they are making final adjustments on the new budgets. An outline on the budgets is as follows:

DALLAS BOROUGH

Dallas Borough budget for 1991 is currently on display in the borough office and will be adopted by members of the Council at the December 18 meeting. The budget sets spending at \$436,310, an increase of \$16,388 over last year's budget but the millage of 14 mills remains the same as last year.

Revenue items remain approximately the same as the 1990 budget with only slight increases in real estate taxes, building permits and perhaps some motor tax income and miscellaneous items.

Road wages will be down slightly due to the fact that there are only two fulltime road employees instead of three and the expenditures for the road pensions will decrease some since the state will not contribute more to the pension fund. The savings on these items, however, will be used to underwrite some of the cost of the necessary road work.

Police wages will be higher than 1990 due to the new contract negotiated during the past year but the police costs are still below the state recommendation that one third of the budget be spent for police protection.

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Dallas Township has announced a tentative budget for 1991 of \$1,079,234 which is on display in the township office. The 1991 budget shows an increase of \$53,000 over the 1990 budget but the supervisors did not increase the tax rate of six mills.

Revenues for 1991 show an

1991 Tentative Municipal Budgets

MUNICIPALITY	EXPENDITURES		REVENUES	
	1990	1991	1990	1991
Dallas Borough	\$419,922	\$436,310	\$419,922	\$436,310
Dallas Twp.	929,000	1,079,000	1,026,000	1,079,234
Harveys Lake	516,956	543,057	489,920	544,100
Jackson Twp.	430,869	508,080	430,869	508,080
Kingston Twp.	904,136	1,074,603	904,136	1,074,603
Lehman Twp.	450,200	424,412	450,200	424,412

anticipated tax income of \$642,000, interest \$12,000, state appropriation from the highway fund, \$100,000 and other miscellaneous income \$227,000.

Expenditures expected are approximately \$366,300 for public safety, health welfare and sanitation \$5,000, highways, roads and highway aid \$329,000, equipment and land, culture and recreation, and miscellaneous expenses \$196,000.

There is little change in the 1991 budget in the items over the same items in the 1990 budget.

The supervisors anticipate adopting the budget at the Dec. 18 meeting at 7 p.m. All township citizens are invited to attend.

HARVEYS LAKE

The proposed 1991 budget for Harveys Lake calls for the borough to end the year with more than a \$1,000 surplus in funds.

The budget, which is scheduled to be accepted at the borough council meeting on Dec. 18, calls for an increase of both revenues and expenditures over last year.

The proposed budget shows revenues next year at \$544,000, an increase of approximately \$54,000. Expenditures increased \$26,000 over this year and will be an estimated \$543,000.

Despite an anticipated deficit this year, the proposed budget shows the borough ending 1991 with a surplus of funds so tax rates will stay the same for residents.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Like many municipalities, Jackson Township is expecting to spend the majority of its budget on police protection and on township roads.

The proposed budget for Jackson Township will not raise the tax rates for residents but will spend more than half its budget on police and roads.

The proposed budget, which was approved on first reading earlier this month, totals more than \$508,000. The township's board of supervisors is expected to accept the budget on second reading at a special hearing Dec. 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Fire Hall on Chase Road.

KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

The Kingston Township supervisors are expected to approve the township's 1991 budget at a public hearing tonight (Wednesday). The \$1.07 million budget shows an increase of more than \$107,000 in both revenues and expenditures over last year. Despite the increase tax rates will all stay the same in

the township.

The largest part of the budget, 23 percent, deals with the police department. More than \$252,000 was appropriated for the police force, with a large majority of the money going to salaries of the officers.

Other large appropriations deal with the highway department and insurance for employees. Also, a new line item for a regional recycling program was added to this year's budget.

The proposed budget was approved on first reading by a unanimous vote of the supervisors last month. Tonight's public hearing is scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Lake Township residents will not be paying any more in taxes in 1991 than they did last year, according to the township's new budget.

Despite the fact that the township is starting the new year with \$40,000 less in anticipated revenues than last year, the real estate tax remains at nine mills in the township.

To offset the loss in revenues the township supervisors have voted to cut services, supplies and the purchasing of equipment for

Municipal spending per resident

Dallas Boro	\$173/resident
Dallas Twp.	\$152/resident
Harveys Lake	\$202/resident
Jackson Twp.	\$ 98/resident
Kingston Twp.	\$163/resident
Lake Twp.	\$101/resident
Lehman Twp.	\$140/resident

*Based on proposed 1991 budgets and 1990 preliminary census count.

to be used on roads. The majority of the money set aside for the roads comes from state liquid fuel funds.

Other large expenditures will be made for police, general government administration, and insurance.

The new budget was approved by a unanimous vote of all three supervisors.

911

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signs and many homes do not have numbers. Residents should put reflective numbers on their houses or on something near their driveway or the roadway. We need specific addresses on mailboxes or driveways. In some areas, the mailboxes are in clusters and there needs to be some way to identify each mailbox.

The chief Sey Newberry of Lake Silkworth said his department sometimes gets into Fairmount Township, and told the people from that area to call Lake Silkworth if it is part of the area near them.

Dispatcher Marc Bregman said if a call is received at the Comm Center and they can't get anyone they have to send the next service unit or any unit that can be contacted.

"The caller should give the name of the town the person lives in when calling in an emergency, not the mailing address because the mail addresses overlap," Bregman explained.

Parrish deployed to Mideast

Sgt. Theodore G. Parrish has been deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield.

Operation Desert Shield is the largest deployment of U.S. military forces since Vietnam. The operation is in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and threat to Saudi Arabia.

"It is the presence of dedicated military people like Parrish that

Jack Dodson, president of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association said the association would do anything it can to help Fairmount Township or any of the areas who do not have complete service personnel. He also said the association is going to send out stickers with the fire, ambulance and police numbers on them.

Frank Wagner, Dallas Township supervisor emphasized that burglar alarms should not be tied into the 911 number.

"There is no way we can do anything but clip the wires and the phone company will not take kindly to that," Wagner explained.

"We are not professionals," said Sabol. "We are trying to do our best to help the people."

Sabol also said that officials will go into the schools to train students in the proper use of the system. A list of restrictions will be given to them to minimize non-emergency calls.

brings America's principles to life and gives them strength and meaning," President George Bush said.

He is the son of Elsie W. Parrish of 85 Lake Road, Noxen.

The soldier is an air defense gunnery crewmember at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Parrish is a 1984 graduate of West Side Technical High School, Pringle.

Suspect

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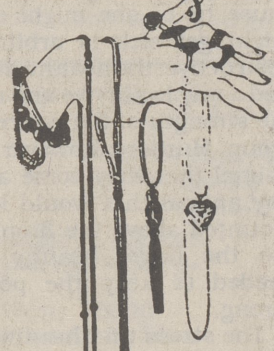
Delevas expanded as citizens said they spotted the youth in other municipalities in the area.

At around noon, one of the calls about the youth turned out to be an important one as he was seen near College Misericordia. Officers from Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township all converged on the area and fifteen minutes later Delevas was taken into custody.

Bockus said that the youth was

arraigned on a charge of theft by unlawful taking. A background check showed that Delevas was on parole so he was placed in the Luzerne County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 for the charge and parole violations.

Bockus praised the cooperation between all the departments who helped on the case and he thanked officers Jack Fowler, Walter Davis and Truman Brandt, who were the three that captured the youth.



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