

ORDINANCE 08-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, AND FIXING THE REAL ESTATE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, Article XVII, Section 1701, *et seq.*, of the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. 56701 *et seq.*, requires, *inter alia*, that the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners prepare and adopt a budget which shall reflect as nearly as possible the estimated revenues and expenditures of the Township for the year for which the budget is prepared; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation shall not exceed revenues available for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the tax levied by the Bethlehem Township Board of Commissioners shall be fixed at such figure within the limit allowed by law as with all other sources of revenue shall meet and cover such appropriations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section I:

That for the expenses of the Township of Bethlehem for the fiscal year 2021 the following amounts are hereby approved and appropriated from the receipts estimated to be available for said fiscal year for the specific purposes set forth below, which amounts are more fully itemized in the Budget Form on file in the Office of the Township Manager, as follows:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Taxes	\$14,283,864
Licenses and Permits	724,700
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	71,000
Revenue for Interest, Rentals and Royalties	70,000
Receipts from Other Agencies	1,140,000
Charges for Current Services	1,309,600
Non-Revenue Receipts	1,314,574
Opening Balance	3,545,268
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>\$22,459,006</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 3,204,925
Public Safety	9,277,572
Public Works	3,001,931
Cultural-Recreation	1,243,312
Debt Service	2,628,022
Interfund Transfers-Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 898,033</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$20,253,795</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 2,205,211</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Estimated Revenues	\$ 2,960,033
Opening Balance	<u>150,000</u>
Total Funds Available	\$ 3,110,033

Estimated Expenditures	<u>2,955,033</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 155,000</u>

STATE LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 628,333
Estimated Receipts	<u>758,549</u>
Total Fund Balance	1,386,882
Estimated Expenditures	<u>1,167,000</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 219,882</u>

SPECIAL FUND – FIRE TAX FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 415,000
Taxes	133,238
Estimated Revenues	<u>33,000</u>
Total Fund Balance	581,238
Estimated Expenditures	-
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 581,238</u>

SEWER REVENUE FUND

Estimated Revenue	\$ 5,781,285
Estimated Expenditures	<u>5,781,285</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ (0)</u>

Section II:

That real estate taxes are hereby levied for the 2021 Township of Bethlehem fiscal year at a rate of 7.59 general purpose mills per dollar of assessed valuation and a proposed fire tax at 0.15 special purpose mills.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 21st day of December 2020 at a regular public meeting after public hearing thereon.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP**

Michael D. Hudak,
President

ATTEST:

Doug Bruce,
Township Manager