

ORDINANCE NO. 10-22

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 2023 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 2023 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	\$15,976,510	
Licenses and Permits	841,700	
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	61,000	
Revenue for Interest, Rentals and Royalties	61,000	
Receipts from Other Agencies	1,165,000	
Charges for Current Services	972,800	
Non-Revenue Receipts	1,412,400	
Opening Balance	6,509,020	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		<u>\$26,999,430</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 3,346,757	
Public Safety	9,099,560	
Public Works	2,665,517	
Cultural-Recreation	1,216,430	
Debt Service	2,550,467	
Interfund Transfers-Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 1,542,000</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>\$20,420,731</u>
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 6,578,699</u>

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Estimated Revenues	\$ 2,603,000	
Opening Balance	<u>150,000</u>	
Total Funds Available	\$ 2,753,000	
Estimated Expenditures	<u>2,598,000</u>	
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 155,000</u>

STATE LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 579,580
Estimated Receipts	<u>839,601</u>
Total Fund Balance	1,419,181
Estimated Expenditures	<u>799,162</u>
 PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	 <u>\$ 620,019</u>

SPECIAL FUND – FIRE TAX FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 680,000
Taxes	139,906
Estimated Revenues	<u>14,500</u>
Total Fund Balance	834,406
Estimated Expenditures	
 PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	 <u>\$ 834,406</u>

SEWER REVENUE FUND

Estimated Revenue	\$ 6,248,692
Estimated Expenditures	<u>6,248,692</u>
 PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	 <u>\$ (0)</u>

STORMWATER FUND

Opening Balance	\$ 250,000
Projected Revenues	2,002,000
Total Fund Available	2,252,000
Estimated Expenditures	<u>1,324,563</u>
 PROJECTED FUND BALANCE	 <u>\$ 927,437</u>

Section II:

That real estate taxes are hereby levied for the 2023 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 19th day of December 2022 at a regular public meeting after public hearing thereon.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP**

John J. Merhottein
President

ATTEST:

Doug Bruce
Township Manager