



# Fire, Fire Hydrant, Fire Capital Funds

*as presented November 14, 2013*

Whitpain Township

# Tax Rates

## ▶ Millage

▶ General Fund	2.02
▶ Fire Tax	0.40
▶ Fire Hydrant	0.05
▶ <u>Debt Service</u>	<u>0.73</u>
	<u>3.20</u> mills



## ▶ Impact

- ▶ Average residential assessment ~ \$226,000
- ▶ Average Township tax bill = \$723/year
- ▶ Fire & Fire Hydrant Tax represent roughly 14% of the Township's millage. For the average homeowner this equates to \$102/year or \$8.48/month

# Services Received (for \$8.42 per month)

- ▶ Traditional fire services including: fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials response, emergency medical services, fire prevention education, and community outreach
- ▶ Centre Square Fire Company (CSFC) covers 12.8 square miles of Whitpain Township, while offering mutual aid to numerous municipalities as needed



# Public / Non-profit Partnership

- ▶ CSFC is the Township's most important and longest standing strategic partnership
- ▶ Without the support of dedicated volunteers, the cost of fire fighting services would be massive
- ▶ CSFC is an organization made up of 67 volunteers
  - Supplemented by 3 Career Staff Members for 50 hours a week
  - Emergency Medical Staff personnel of 12
  - Fire Police personnel of 8
  - Ladies Auxiliary personnel of 25

# Major Accomplishments

- ▶ CSFC celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.
  - Parade down Skippack Pike & Housing Ceremony
  - Annual Fire Expo modified to include a fireworks show.
  - Various special events, including: a golf tournament, carnival, and comedy night.
  - These events cost CSFC a total of 63,000, all of which was paid for by donations over the last 10 years.



# Major Accomplishments (con't.)

- ▶ CSFC received delivery of a new 100-foot aerial platform truck and a new fire police unit, which was purchased by the Township.
- ▶ Continued Community Service Fighting Cancer
- ▶ Sale of Station B under agreement
- ▶ Continued to examine possibilities for a new Station A



# Grants

- ▶ CSFC was awarded several grants in 2013, including:

- A state grant for \$12,793 purchase and installation of two new mobile data computers for Tower 33 and Utility 33

SAFER Grant from the federal government in the amount of \$50,150 to be used over 4-years for gear, medical assessments, and classes

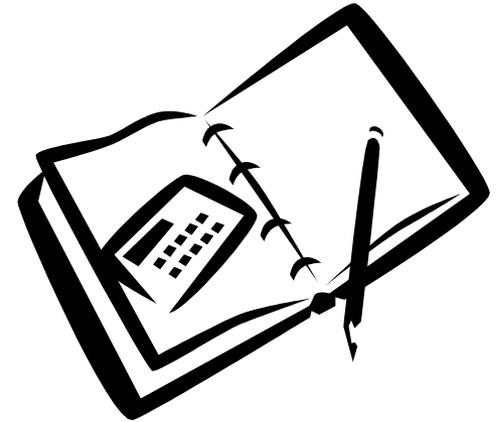




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# Addition of Fire Capital Fund

- ▶ The 2014 budget proposal includes a specific fire capital fund for the first time.
  - Traditionally capital expenditures came from the Fire Fund.
  - In keeping with best practices, a separate Fire Capital Fund has been created.



# Fire Fund

	2013 Projected	2014 Requested	2014 Change	Pct. Change
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>	1,123,069	435,324	(687,745)	-61.24%
<b>REVENUES</b>	976,100	975,700	(1,000)	-0.10%
<b>EXPENSES</b>	(830,469)	(794,035)	339,727	-29.96%
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>	(833,376)	(150,000)	-	0.00%
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	435,324	466,989	(349,018)	-42.77%

# Fire Fund Expenses

	2013 Revised	2014 Requested
<b>SALARIES-FIRE OFFICERS</b>	<b>207,645</b>	<b>211,230</b>
<b>LONGEVITY PAY</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>OVERTIME PAY</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>FICA - EMPLOYER</b>	<b>16,221</b>	<b>16,496</b>
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,860</b>
<b>FIRE CO. WORKERS COMP</b>	<b>10,660</b>	<b>10,710</b>
<b>GROUP HEALTH BENEFITS</b>	<b>65,628</b>	<b>68,089</b>
<b>FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND</b>	<b>197,000</b>	<b>197,000</b>
<b>COMPUTER/COPIER SUPPLIES</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>

# Fire Fund Expenses (con't.)

	2013 Revised	2014 Requested
<b>FIRE PREVENTION &amp; PUBLIC EDUC.</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>FIRE CO. OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>266,100</b>	<b>260,200</b>
<b>SMALL TOOLS AND MINOR EQUIP.</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>17,000</b>
<b>DUES SUBS. &amp; MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>CONFERENCE &amp; SEMINAR FEES</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>VEHICLE REPLACEMENT</b>	<b>234,293</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FIRE CO/CAPITAL EXP.</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,133,762</b>	<b>793,035</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO FIRE CAP/DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,283,762</b>	<b>943,005</b>

# Fire Fund 5-Year Plan

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>	439,524	472,189	491,592	497,413	489,323
<b>REVENUES</b>	975,700	979,660	983,699	987,819	992,022
<b>EXPENSES</b>	(793,035)	(810,257)	(827,879)	(845,909)	(864,359)
<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	472,189	491,592	497,413	489,323	466,985

# CSFC Expenses

Expenses	2013	2014
Administration	11,000	14,000
Apparatus Maintenance	55,000	35,000
Building/Grounds Station A	30,000	40,000
Building/Grounds Station B	7,000	0
EMS Expenses	5,000	5,000
Equipment (New)	15,000	20,000
Equipment Maintenance	6,000	6,000
Fire Police	3,000	2,000

Expenses	2013	2014
Fire Prevention/Public Awareness/Recruitment	10,000	10,000
Fuel (vehicles)	14,000	14,000
Heat - Station A	10,000	15,000
Heat - Station B (Included in Utilities Station B)	0	0
Insurance	22,000	20,000
Misc. Expenses	9,000	9,000
Computer Expense	2,000	2,000
Office Supplies	8,000	6,000

# CSFC Expenses (con't.)

Expenses	2013	2014
<b>Radio Maintenance - Base Station</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Salaries (Office Manager)</b>	<b>12,600</b>	<b>13,200</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Utilities Station A</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>Utilities Station B</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Firefighter Incentives</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Operating Total</b>	<b>266,100</b>	<b>255,200</b>

# CSFC Capital Expenses

Expenses	2013	2014
<b>New Building Account</b>		<b>75,000</b>
<b>Map Books and VBI Program</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>
<b>Parking Lot Repave</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Meeting Room Renovation</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Electronic Sign – Station A</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Uniforms Class A&amp;B</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>Moved to Operating Budget</b>
<b>Total Capital Items 2012</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,000</b>

# CSFC Total Expenses

Expenses	2013	2014
<b>Operating</b>	<b>266,100</b>	<b>255,200</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>374,100</b>	<b>379,200</b>

# Fire Hydrant Fund

	2013 Projected	2014 Requested	2014 Change	Pct. Change
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>	<b>125,913</b>	<b>139,233</b>	<b>13,320</b>	<b>10.58%</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>75,720</b>	<b>75,720</b>	<b>(180)</b>	<b>-0.24%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>(62,400)</b>	<b>(62,400)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>13,320</b>	<b>13,320</b>	<b>(180)</b>	<b>-1.33%</b>
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	<b>139,233</b>	<b>152,553</b>	<b>13,140</b>	<b>9.43%</b>

# Fire Hydrant Fund 5-Year Plan

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>	139,233	152,553	164,627	175,431	184,939
<b>REVENUES</b>	75,720	75,722	75,725	75,727	75,730
<b>EXPENSES</b>	(62,400)	(63,648)	(64,921)	(66,219)	(67,544)
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	13,320	12,074	10,804	9,508	8,186
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	152,553	164,627	175,431	184,939	193,125

# Fire Capital Fund 5-Year Plan

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>BEGINNING CASH</b>	683,376	647,072	729,782	812,506	895,245
<b>REVENUES</b>	700	714	728	743	758
<b>EXPENSES</b>	(119,000)	-	-	-	-
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	(118,300)	714	728	743	758
<b>TRANSFERS IN</b>	81,996	81,996	81,996	81,996	81,996
<b>ENDING CASH</b>	647,072	729,782	812,506	895,245	977,999

# Overall Budget Changes To Date

- ▶ Since the 2014 Budget was first presented in October, it has been amended as follows:
  - In the Open Space Fund, playground equipment for Wentz Run Park was moved from 2013 to 2014 and revised from \$55,000 to \$65,000.
  - In the Open Space Fund, the Core Phase One Northern Project (Lower Gwynedd to MCCC) has been revised from \$57,500 to \$117,500 to reflect grant funding recently released by the County. This revision reflects both the additional expenses and associated revenues.
  - The Open Space Fund includes the following items for Centre Square Park in 2014:
    - Security Gates \$15,000
    - Parking lot lighting \$80,000
    - Wheel Stops \$15,000
    - Security Cameras \$25,000

# Overall Budget Changes To Date (con't.)

- ▶ In the General Fund, the Police Uniform Allowance request for 2014 should be \$33,200 instead of \$26,400.
- ▶ In the Sewer Capital Fund, the Sewer Capital Machinery request for 2014 should be \$73,000 instead of \$111,200. The original request included the replacement of a \$38,200 brush chipper in 2014.
- ▶ The Capital Reserve Budget now includes a Comprehensive Plan update as follows:
  - 2014 – \$50,000
  - 2015 – \$50,000
  - 2016 – \$15,000

# Upcoming Meetings

- ▶ Public Comment – November 19<sup>th</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ▶ Budget Adoption – December 3<sup>rd</sup>



# Comments & Questions

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