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Dunbar Township holds line on taxes

By Jackie Beranek, Herald-Standard
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DUNBAR TWP. - Residents will not see a tax increase in 2007.

The supervisors said it's been more than 50 years since the tax rate of 0.578 mills has been increased. They additionally said that this year's budget is just "slightly" higher than last year's proposed plan.

"We had to increase fuel and asphalt cost because of the price of gasoline and diesel fuel prices," said supervisor Ron Keller. "Other than that everything is just about the same in the proposed \$1,292,300 budget."

The township should have a cash reserve of \$331,500 at the end of the year, according to Keller. He said revenue for the township is derived from taxes in the amount of \$549,600, fines and forfeits in the amount of \$22,000, interest, rents and royalties in the amount of \$6,500, intergovernmental revenue in the amount of \$307,000 and other financing sources in the amount of \$75,700.

The largest expenditure is highways, roads and streets in the amount of \$652,500 followed by miscellaneous expenditures and expenses in the amount of \$349,500. Other expenditures are general government in the amount of \$108,000, public safety (protection to persons and property) in the amount of \$81,000, health and welfare in the amount of \$14,000 and culture and recreation in the amount of \$1,000.

In other matters, the supervisors agreed that fall burning days would continue until Nov. 18. Chairman Larry Mayros said residents are reminded not to burn on Sundays or after dark. All fires must be extinguished at dusk.

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The supervisors renewed their Uniform Construction Code (UCC) agreement with the county. Keller said Fayette County handles the township BOCA code and they are required to renew their contract with the county either every year or every other year.

Keller announced that the 2006 Community Development Block Grant project on Hustosky Road and Memory Lane have been completed at a cost of about \$103,000. He said the scope of the work included pipe work and paving.

Tax collector Marigrace Butela told the supervisors that there is a raccoon problem in her part of the township. The supervisors told her to all the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

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