



2026 Preliminary Budget Fact Sheet

Budget meetings held on: October 23, 2025, November 6, 2025, November 10th, 2025

The first draft of the proposed budget was presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 23, 2025 and had a budgetary shortfall of \$756,909.

- This amount *did not* include several items that were still outstanding at time of presentation, including a new funding request from the Valley Forge Fire Department for dedicated funding for township ambulance service (not funded in the past).

The second version of the budget, when presented on November 6th, presented as one of three budget options, included all funding requests and had a budgetary shortfall of +/\$1,016,172. **See power point presentation for additional detail on the budget options.**

NEW TAX PROPOSED:

The 2026 Proposed Preliminary Budget that was advertised by the Board of Supervisors for adoption was presented on November 6th as one of 3 prepared budget options. The advertised version that is proposed for adoption for 2026 includes the creation of a designated Real Estate Millage for Fire and Emergency Services and Ambulance (EMS) Service.

Total of 1 new Mill is proposed:

- Firehouses and Equipment (Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Co.) = 0.82 Mill
- Ambulance, Rescue & Other Emergency Services (West End Ambulance) = 0.18 Mill

Revenues collected from a special purpose tax, such as a Fire/EMS tax as listed above, are restricted to use for those specific purposes. This revenue will provide a dedicated funding source for emergency fire and ambulance operations in the township.

What you pay in taxes:

To calculate how much you'll pay in real property tax, take your assessed property value and divide it by 1000. Then multiply it by the millage rate. 1 Mill = \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Example

Assessed Property Value	Multiply by 2026 Mill Rate	Amount in Taxes
(\$200,000 ÷ 1000)	× 3.0 (General Fund)	= \$600.00
	× 0.18 (EMS)	= \$36.00
	× 0.82 (Fire)	= \$164.00
	Total* 4.0 Mills	= \$800

**This does not include County or School District Taxes.*

Of your total real estate tax obligation (Chester County + Phoenixville Area School District + Schuylkill Township), the township receives 7%. That 7% funds the general operations of the township including Police, Fire, Roads, Building & Zoning, etc.

**percentages*

calculated using 2025 rates.



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How to: Public Review and Public Comment

The preliminary budget was advertised in the Pottstown Mercury on Monday, November 17th in accordance with 2nd Class Township Code. It is available for public review. [It can be reviewed online](#), or in-person at the Township Building during regular business hours.

Next Public Meeting:

The 2026 budget will be discussed during the next Board of Supervisors meeting prior to adoption. It will be on the agenda for a vote to adopt it at that meeting. The budget must be adopted no later than December 31st.

- **When:** Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Township Municipal Building, 111 Valley Park Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460

You can provide feedback:

- via email at lgetz@schuylkilltwp.org or supervisors@schuylkilltwp.org
- in writing to 111 Valley Park Rd, Phoenixville PA 19460.
- in-person during the Board of Supervisors Meeting.