



Wolf Township Newsletter

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Sewage Enforcement Officer

Lycoming County Sanitary Committee located at 999 N. Loyalsock Ave., Montoursville performs the duties of SEO (Sewage Enforcement Officer) for Wolf Township. This is a position created by the passing of Act 537 by Harrisburg lawmakers. Another mandated program that local governments are responsible for enforcing in their municipalities.

This is another item that is possibly being cut to help balance the State Budget. The ongoing recession has left this program partially unfunded for 2007, and completely unfunded until the 2008-2009 state budget is passed.

Lycoming County Sanitary Committee receives 85% of their funding from the State Government. If the state eliminates funding for this program from the budget, the Sanitary Committee will be unable to continue operating. In that case, each individual municipality will be responsible for enforcing the Act 537 program requirements on their own.

“ Police Coverage”

Wolf Township is a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. The association provides various services to member municipalities, such as newsletter article suggestions. We would like to bring a very important issue to your attention by using excerpts suggested.

Everyone is well aware of the fact that Governor Rendell and the lawmakers in Harrisburg have not passed a budget. The options being discussed are raising income taxes or passing legislation that threatens to take an even bigger chunk out of every Pennsylvanians wallet.

House Bill 1500 would create a true hardship for most of Pennsylvania, including Wolf Township because we rely on the State Police for protection.

Under the proposal, which does NOT increase State Police coverage, more than 1200 municipalities would be subject to a hefty annual service fee. To avoid it, these communities would be required by law to either start a full-time police department or contract with a neighboring or regional force.

Although the per-person fee has been described by a few legislators as a bargain, that’s simply not the case. Because, the truth is, if you live in a township that is mandated to pay it, you can say goodbye to more of your money and hello to higher property taxes.

Up until now, lawmakers had included population caps to exempt small municipalities from paying for coverage. Not so, with HB1500. In cold hard numbers, that means that Wolf Township (population 2,707 per the 2000 Census) would be charged \$422,292.00. That amount would require that the Township’s Real Estate Tax Rate would have to increase to 3.5%, from 0875%. In dollars this translates to an additional \$3.41 per \$1000.00 of assessment value. That example does not sound like a great deal but , in most cases if your property is worth between \$100,000.00 and \$300,000.00, this increase will cost you approximately \$300.00 to \$1000.00.

So what can you, a township resident, do to stop the passage of House Bill 1500?

The answer is simple: Join forces with your township officials, many of whom have been flooding Harrisburg with calls and e-mails opposing the legislation. You and your neighbors have a lot to lose— namely, your hard-earned money— if this bill passes. And initially you will blame your local officials when the facts are that your State legislators are mandating this initiative that must be paid by local governments through you.

“Township supervisors do not want to raise taxes. However they may not have a choice if House Bill 1500 gains momentum, which it could in this economic climate where the state is pressed to find extra dollars.”

State lawmakers are asking residents in Wolf Township and other municipalities throughout the State to pay twice for the same service—with their tax dollars and with this fee.



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