

# Valley Township

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## **Valley Township to increase real estate taxes for 2010**

The Valley Township Board of Supervisors voted to increase the real estate taxes for 2010 from .88 mils to 1.5 mils. The taxes in Valley Township have not been increased in over 20 years. This increase was necessary due to the decline in building in the Township, providing for less transfer tax receipts and the need to provide the Westwood Fire Company with an increased allocation from \$50,000 to \$160,000 year. This increased allocation was granted to help fund a new pumper truck and also to provide for paid personnel for the ambulance crew. Westwood Fire Company is a totally volunteer fire company and their ambulance crew has been staffed by volunteers to date. To insure that the Township residents continue to have dependable, quality emergency services, the Board made the decision to increase Valley Township's allocation to Westwood Fire Company.

In addition to the road and trash services provided by the Township the budget provides for the repair of Red Road and the Laurel's way culvert due to the award of a \$400,000 grant from the County. Consideration has been made for the continued allocation of \$25,000 towards a new building and \$50,000 towards the planning and bidding out of a new vehicle storage building and salt shed.

The police department will obtain a new 4-wheel drive vehicle to add to their fleet and the public works department will acquire a new truck for plowing and department maintenance work. There is also an allocation of \$27,000 for savings towards a new trash truck. A new recycling truck will be purchased if the Township is awarded a recycling grant from DEP.

The Board strives to contain Township costs while maintaining current services to the Township residents. Their long-range planning includes the construction of a new Township Building as well as the updating of equipment and tools to ensure the continued provision of services to residents.

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