

Socioeconomic, Operational and Financial Review
Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough
Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania
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INTRODUCTION

The governing bodies of Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough of Westmoreland County, PA have requested a review of their municipalities to examine socioeconomic, operational, and financial data relative to the issue of boundary change. The review is being carried out through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Governor's Center for Local Government Services, Southwest Regional Office.

Executive Summary

This report is a review of Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough for purposes of possible merger. If merger was approved:

Structure of government would become Second Class Township with three supervisors elected at large.

School Districts would not change. Current school districts are established, and boundary change would have no effect.

Paid employee changes may be considered as some positions are duplicated, such as code enforcement, police, office staff, and public works employees.

Revenues would be folded into the new township. They are almost the same funding sources, i.e., property taxes, earned income tax, liquid fuels and service fees.

Property Taxes would need to be determined for the combined municipality. There is a large disparity between the two millage rates.

Overlaps to be eliminated include websites, office furniture, bid and other advertising, and memberships reducing some costs.

Expenses would be somewhat reduced by eliminating duplicated services such as engineering, audit and legal.

SOCIOECONOMIC REVIEW

Socioeconomic Data Analysis

Allegheny Township was incorporated as a political subdivision in 1820 and West Leechburg Borough was incorporated in 1928. In 2020, Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough had a combined population of 9,597 persons and a combined land area of 31.14 miles.

	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough
Total Area	31.6 sq. miles	1.00 sq. miles
Land Area	30.8 sq. miles	.95 sq. miles
Water Area	.8 sq. miles	.04 sq. miles

Allegheny Township

As of the census of 2020, there are 8,328 people residing in the Township. The 2010 census recorded 8,164, and the 2000 census counted 8,002. The population density was 270.4 people per square mile.

Using data from the 2019 American Community Survey, there are 3,478 housing units. Of the 3,272 occupied housing units, 94% are owner-occupied and 6% tenant-occupied. The median housing value was \$198,900. The average household size was 2.48 persons for owner-occupied household, and 2.53 persons per renter-occupied household.

The median age per person was 47.2 years. In 2019, the median per capita income was \$42,196 and the median household income was \$84,519.

West Leechburg Borough

As of the census of 2020, there were 1,269 people residing in the Borough, resulting in a density of 1,269 people per square mile.

Using data from the 2019 American Community Survey, there were 682 housing units. Of the 652 occupied housing units, 85.1% are occupied by the homeowner, and 14.9% are occupied by tenants. The median housing value was \$115,200. The average household size was 2.44 persons for owner-occupied housing, and 1.61 persons per household in renter-occupied housing.

The median age per person was 42.3 years. In 2019, the median per capita income was \$31,270 and the median household income was \$58,947

Population

Population	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough	Combined	Westmoreland County	Pennsylvania
2020	8,328	1,269	9,597	354,663	13,002,700
2010	8,164	1,294	9,458	365,169	12,702,379
2000	8,002	1,290	9,292	369,993	12,281,054

Median Age

Age	Allegheny Township 2020	West Leechburg Borough 2020	Combined	Westmoreland County 2020	Pennsylvania 2020
Median Age	47.2	42.3	46.6	47.0	40.8

Income

Income	Allegheny Township 2019 ACS	West Leechburg Borough 2019 ACS	Combined	Westmoreland County 2019 ACS	Pennsylvania 2019 ACS
Per Capita Income	\$42,196	\$31,270	\$40,751	\$34,274	\$34,352
Median Household Income	\$84,519	\$58,947	N/A	\$59,073	\$56,951
Poverty	6%	4.9%	5.85%	10.7%	12.4%

Housing

Housing	Allegheny Township 2018 ACS	West Leechburg Borough 2019 ACS	Combined	Westmoreland County 2019 ACS	Pennsylvania 2019 ACS
Total Housing Units	3,478	682	4,160	170,442	5,693,314
Occupied Housing Units	3,272 / 94%	652 / 95.6%	3,924 / 94.3%	152,283 / 89.3%	5,053,106 / 89%
Vacant Housing Units	206 / 6%	30 / 4.4%	236 / 5.7%	18,159 / 10.7%	640,208 / 11%
Owner Occupied Housing Units	2,858 / 94%	555 / 85.1%	3,413 / 87%	117,573 / 66%	3,480,978 / 69%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	414 / 6%	97 / 14.9%	511 / 13%	34,710 / 34%	1,572,128 / 31%
Average Household Size Owner	2.48	2.44	N/A	2.37	2.56
Average Household Size Renter	2.53	1.61	N/A	1.91	2.20
Median Housing Value	\$181,000	\$115,200	N/A	\$153,100	\$180,200

Comparison to Westmoreland County and Pennsylvania

The median age in Allegheny Township was 47.2 years, 42.3 years in West Leechburg Borough; combined, the median age would be approximately 46.6. It is 47 years in Westmoreland County, and 40.8 years in Pennsylvania using 2019 American Community Survey data

The median per capita income in Allegheny Township was \$42,196, \$31,270 in West Leechburg Borough. Combined, the median per capita income would be approximately \$40,751.

The median per capita income was \$34,274 in Westmoreland County, and \$34,352 in Pennsylvania.

The average household size in Allegheny Township for owner-occupied housing was 2.48 persons and in West Leechburg Borough was 2.44 persons. In Westmoreland County, the average household size for owner-occupied housing was 2.37 persons and in Pennsylvania, the average was 2.56 persons. For renter-occupied housing, average household size in Allegheny Township was 2.53, West Leechburg Borough was 1.61, Westmoreland County was 1.91 persons, and in Pennsylvania 2.2 persons.

The median household income in Allegheny Township was \$84,519, \$58,947 in West Leechburg Borough, \$59,073 in Westmoreland County, and \$56,951 in Pennsylvania.

In Allegheny Township, 94% of the housing units were occupied and 95.6% of the housing units in West Leechburg Borough were occupied. Combined, the percentage would be approximately 94.3%. In Westmoreland County, 89.3% of the housing units were occupied and in Pennsylvania, 89% of the housing units were occupied.

In Allegheny Township, 94% of the occupied housing units were owner occupied and in West Leechburg Borough, 85.1% of the occupied housing units were owner occupied. Combined, the rate would be approximately 87%. In Westmoreland County, 66% of the occupied housing units were owner occupied and in Pennsylvania, 69% of the occupied housing units were owner occupied.

The median housing value in Allegheny Township was \$181,000 and the median housing value in West Leechburg Borough was \$115,200. In Westmoreland County, the median housing value was \$153,100 and in Pennsylvania, the median housing value was \$180,200.*

*Note: these figures were from the 2019 ACS. Since then, the housing market has undergone changes, and these numbers may have changed significantly.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

Operational Analysis

Allegheny Township is governed by a three-member board of supervisors. West Leechburg Borough is governed by a seven-member borough council and a mayor. Both municipalities have an elected tax collector, have police departments, have appointed treasurers/secretaries, and appoint an independent CPA auditor. In addition, both municipalities have appointed solicitors, zoning officials, engineers, and an Emergency Management Coordinator. Allegheny Township also has three elected auditors.

Structure of Government

	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough	COMBINED
Classification	Second Class Township	Borough	Second Class Township
Governing Authority	Second Class Township Code	Borough Code	Second Class Township Code
Form of Government	Three-member Board of Supervisors, all elected at-large	Mayor/Council; 7 members, all elected at-large	Three-member Board of Supervisors, all elected at-large

Other Elected and Appointed Officials

	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough	COMBINED
Elected Officials	Tax Collector 3 Auditors	Tax Collector	Tax Collector 3 Auditors
Appointed Officials	Manager Police Chief, Engineer, Solicitor EMS Coordinator Zoning Official Independent Auditor	Secretary, Treasurer Police Chief, Engineer, Solicitor EMS Coordinator Zoning Official Independent Auditor	Manager Police Chief, Engineer, Solicitor EMS Coordinator Zoning Official Independent Auditor

Allegheny Township employs a full-time secretary/treasurer titled Manager, plus three full-time clerks, and a part-time cleaning person. West Leechburg Borough employs a part-time secretary/treasurer, two full-time roadworkers. Allegheny Township also employs a full-time roadmaster and 8 full-time road crew positions, plus a full-time zoning official. Both municipalities have a police force, with Allegheny Township employing 9 full-time officers plus the chief, and West Leechburg with 2 part-time officers plus the chief.

Roads

Road Miles	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough	Combined
Municipal Roads	54.38	10.9	65.28
Turnback Roads	5.46	0	5.46

Employees

	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough	COMBINED
No. of Employees	1 F/T Manager	1 P/T Secretary/Treasurer	TBD
	3 F/T Office Staff 1 F/T Zoning 1 F/T Roadmaster		
	8 F/T Laborers	2 F/T Laborers	
	1 P/T Cleaning		
	9 F/T Police	1 F/T, 2 P/T Police	
Street/Road Maintenance/ Repair & Snow Removal	Township has own public works department.	Borough has own public works department.	Township Public Works Department
Collective Bargaining Agreement	Yes	Teamsters	TBD
Pensions	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System	None	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System

Memberships and Associations

Council of Governments

Both the Township and the Borough are members of the Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council formed in 2021.

Other Memberships

The Borough is a member of PA State Association of Boroughs. The Township is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS), and the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML).

Public Utilities

Water and Sewage Services

Allegheny Township sewer services are provided by two treatment plants operated by the Sewer Authority for select areas of the Township. The remainder are septic systems. Water is provided by Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County, with private wells in some portions of the Township.

West Leechburg Borough is part of Kiski-Valley Water Pollution Control Authority for sewer services, and Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County provides water.

Other Services

Both municipalities have cable TV/Internet providers, electric provided by West Penn Power, natural gas provided by Peoples's Natural Gas.

Public Services

	Allegheny Township	West Leechburg Borough	COMBINED
Cable TV	Xfinity/Consolidated	Xfinity/Armstrong	Status Quo
Fire & EMS	Allegheny Twp & Markle Volunteer Fire Departments	West Leechburg Volunteer Fire Company	TBD
Zoning	Zoning enforced	Zoning enforced	Zoning enforced
Zoning Hearing Board	Four-member Board & Alternate	Three-member Board	TBD
Planning Commission	Five-member Commission	None	TBD
Code Enforcement	1 Enforcement Officer	BIU Company	TBD
Police Protection	Chief, 1 Sergeant, 2 Corporals and 6 Patrolmen	Chief & 2 Patrolmen	TBD
Recreation Programs & Park Facilities	Inactive	5 Members	TBD
Library	People's Library	NA	NA
Refuse Collection & Disposal & Recycling	Residents select refuse collector on own without township involvement and pay to hauler directly. No recycling.	Bankosh Sanitation No recycling.	Status Quo
Sewage Collection & Treatment	Allegheny Township Sewer Authority 5-member Board. Township has public sewers in some areas. Residents use on-lot septic systems. SEO: Michael Corle ACT 537 Update: 7/4/1998	Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority Borough has public sewers. SEO: Westmoreland County ACT 537 Update: 5/4/1971	Status Quo
Water Treatment & Distribution	Water Authority 5-member Board. Township has public water systems in limited areas supplied by Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County. Remainder are private wells	Borough has public water supplied and managed by Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County	Status Quo

Municipal Officials (Year Beginning 2022)

*Re-elected

**Newly Elected

Allegheny Township

Position	Type	Name	Term Ends
Supervisor	Elected	J. Rennick Steele	2024
Supervisor	Elected	Michael Korn	2026
Supervisor	Elected	James Morabito	2028**
Tax Collector	Elected	Valerie Fuller Hassa	2026**
Auditor	Elected	Filled	2024
Auditor	Elected	Vacant	2026
Auditor	Elected	Melinda J. Fischer	2028*
Township Manager	Appointed	Greg Primm	
Solicitor	Appointed	Bernard Matthews	
Engineer	Appointed	Senate Engineering	
Roadmaster	Appointed	Roger Schwarz	
Police Chief	Appointed	Duane Fisher	
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Appointed	Lee Schumaker	
Fire Chief	Appointed	Mike Nichols	
Fire Chief	Appointed	Jim Rearick	
Zoning Officer	Appointed	Susan Teagarden	
UCC/Code Enforcement	Appointed	Clarence Lee Schumaker	
Independent Auditor	Appointed	DeBlasio & DeBlasio	

West Leechburg Borough

Position	Type	Name	Term Ends
Mayor	Elected	Stephen Yench	2026**
Council	Elected	Matthew T. Gantz	2024
Council	Elected	Timothy Grantz	2024
Council	Elected	Marguerite Kasanicky	2024
Council	Elected	Christina D. Hosler	2026**
Council	Elected	Randee McGee	2026**
Council	Elected	Marcia Cole	2026*
Tax Collector	Elected	H. Kevin Smith	2026*
Secretary/Treasurer/Open Records	Appointed	Kayla Visnovsky	
Solicitor	Appointed	James A. Favero, Esq.	
Engineer	Appointed	Bove Engineering Company	
Roadmaster	Appointed	None	
Police Chief	Appointed	Pete King	
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Appointed	Gary Elmer Cline	
Fire Chief	Appointed	Mike Aikins	
Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement	Appointed	BIU	
Planning Commission	Appointed	None	
Independent Auditor	Appointed	Estermyer & Associates	

Voting Precincts

West Leechburg Borough has one voting precinct, and Allegheny Township has five districts. All are listed below.

West Leechburg Borough	West Leechburg Fireman’s Recreation (New in 2021)	1116 Gosser St, Leechburg, PA 15656
Allegheny Township #1 Shearers	Allegheny Twp Comm Building Auditorium	136 Community Building Rd, Leechburg PA 15656
Allegheny Township #2 McKees	Allegheny Presbyterian Church	1900 Rte 356 Leechburg, PA 15656
Allegheny Township #3 Sobers	Allegheny Township Comm Building Conference Room	136 Community Building Rd, Leechburg PA 15656
Allegheny Township #4 Stewarts	Markle VFD	470 Joyce St Apollo, PA 15613
Allegheny Township #5 Bellvue	Kiski Area School District Admin Building	250 Hyde Park Road, Leechburg, PA 15656

Should the Governing Bodies of each municipality want to keep the existing voting precincts in place, the boundary change agreement (ordinance), among other provisions, must contain language to continue to have existing voting precincts in both municipalities remain physically intact in the event the boundary change referendum vote is approved in both municipalities, creating a newly merged municipality.

Concurrently, should the Governing Bodies of each municipality decide that a different configuration of voting precincts shall be formed, the new Township shall determine the voting precincts.

Taxation and Tax Structure

The current (2021) real estate tax millage rate is 16.5 mills in Allegheny Township and 29 mills in West Leechburg Borough.

Tax Structure

<u>2021</u>	<u>Allegheny Township</u>	<u>West Leechburg Borough</u>	<u>Collector</u>
Exemptions	LST \$12,000	None	
Real Estate General	13.35 mills	29 mills	Elected Tax Collector
Real Estate Debt Svc	2.00 mills	None	Elected Tax Collector
Real Estate Fire Eq	1.15 mills	None	Elected Tax Collector
Real Estate School	90.6 mills	134.03 mills	Elected Tax Collector
Per Capita	\$5.00	None	Berkheimer Tax Administrator
Local Service Tax	\$52.00	\$5.00	Berkheimer Tax Administrator
Realty Transfer	0.5%	0.5%	Westmoreland County
Wage Tax Residents	1/2% Residents	1/2% Residents	Berkheimer Tax Administrator
Wage Tax Non-Res	None	1%	Berkheimer Tax Administrator

Assessed Valuation of Real Estate (taxable)

Assessed Valuation	Allegheny Township		West Leechburg Borough	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	\$94,611,580	\$94,103,750	\$10,554,160	\$10,532,260
2022 Combined	\$105,165,740			

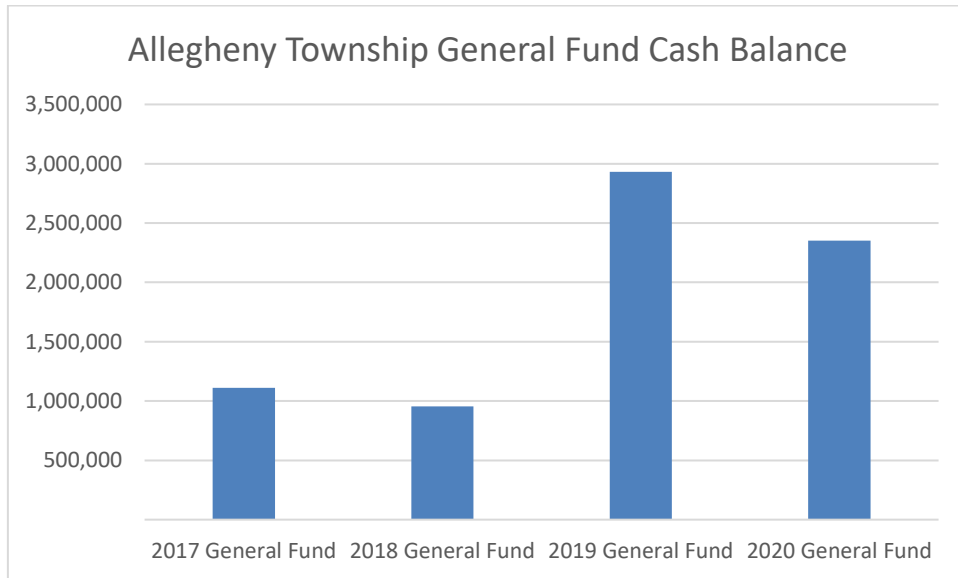
we had discussed finding a way to compare costs per resident or residence in each municipality and try to find a way to account for the different ways services are provided between the two municipalities

FINANCIAL REVIEW

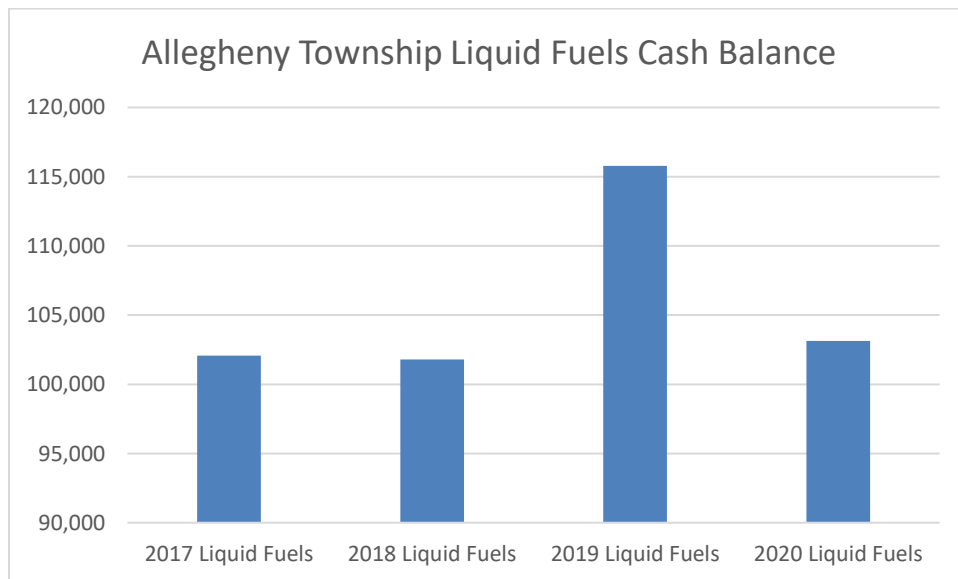
Financial Analysis

Allegheny Township Balance Sheets

The Township's audit is completed by an independent auditor. Audits are completed on a cash basis with no accrued liabilities. The cash balances in the General Fund have varied from \$1,111,929 to \$2,933,086, ending 2020 with \$2,352,114.

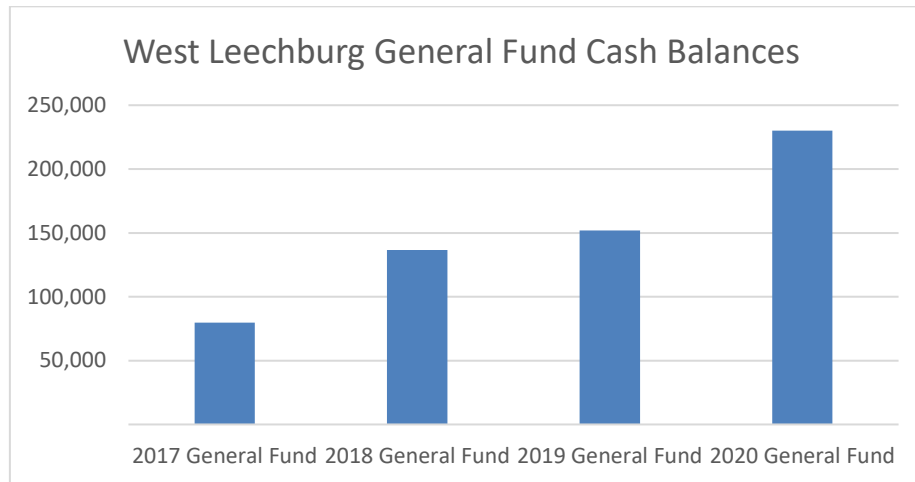


The cash balances in the Liquid Fuels Fund have varied from \$453,986 to \$209,614, ending 2020 with \$342,527.

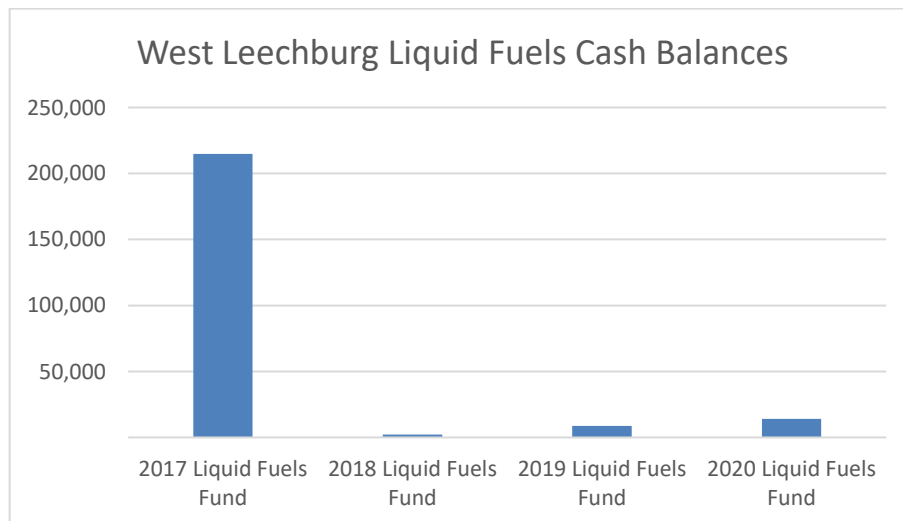


West Leechburg Borough Balance Sheets

West Leechburg Borough's annual audits are completed by an appointed CPA. Audits are completed on a cash basis with no accrued liabilities. As shown in the table below, the Borough ended the years 2017 - 2020 with a cash balance in the General Fund ranging between \$79,698 in 2017 and \$230,067 in 2020.



In addition, the Borough ended the years 2017-2020 with a fund balance in the Liquid Fuels Revenues Fund ranging between \$214,857 in 2017, and \$14,075 in 2020. It appears this fund was left to accumulate for a few years, and a large project was completed in 2018. Allocation for 2021 was \$56,813.15.



Allegheny Township Revenue and Expenses

General Fund

Revenues for the Township come mostly from Real Estate Taxes and Earned Income Taxes (EIT). This distribution of revenue is consistent over the 4 years reviewed.

2020 Revenue Distribution		Percentage of Total Revenue
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,247,752	35.22%
Earned Income Taxes/Wage Taxes	1,103,164	31.14%
Other Local Government Units	244,916	6.91%
Cable Television Franchise Fees	147,670	4.17%
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	108,223	3.05%
Local Services Tax	99,904	2.82%
Per Capita Taxes	28,162	0.79%
PA Pension Contribution*	157,563	4.45%
Other Sources combined	563,319	15.90%
	<u>\$3,543,110.00</u>	

Recently revenues have exceeded expenses in a given year, but with surpluses in prior years and a large cash balance, deficits should not be overly concerning.

Expenditures 2020 & Average	2020	Average 2017-2020
General Government	1,058,558	833,230
Public Safety	1,255,263	1,147,878
Public Works - Sanitation	5,717	4,576
Public Works - Highways and Streets	1,067,474	1,104,092
Culture and Recreation	14,315	97,854
Debt Service	0	52,675
Employer Paid Benefits*	587,975	539,859
Insurance	77,102	74,315
Unclassified and Other Uses	77,123	44,768
	<u>4,143,527</u>	<u>3,899,247</u>

*Includes PA Pension Contribution

Public Safety is the highest cost for the Township, with Highways and Streets close behind. General Government costs were higher than average during 2019 and 2020, mostly due to engineering and building costs.

Pension Trust was part of the Township financial report until 2015 when it was turned over to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

Liquid Fuels

Liquid Fuels revenue allocations have remained steady over the last four years, averaging \$358,788 but dropped to \$313,391.65 in 2021. Spending on Highways and Streets from the Liquid Fuels fund averaged \$389,585 annually over 2017 to 2020. Here, too, deficits are not of major concern because of the nature of this Fund. Money can be accumulated for planned large projects or purchases.

Real Estate Taxes for Fire

The Township assesses a separate real estate tax for fire equipment. This has provided an average of \$105,692 in revenue over the last four years, and an average of \$75,330 was spent for fire equipment annually over the last four years.

Debt Service

The Township assesses a separate real estate tax for debt service. This has provided an average of \$175,360 in revenue over the last four years, and an average of \$149,747 was spent for debt service over the same period. This Fund had a cash balance of \$127,236 at the end of 2020.

Fiduciary Fund

The Township maintains a pension fund for uniformed and non-uniformed employees. The revenue comes from the Commonwealth as well as contributions from the employees and the Township.

**ALLEGHENY TWP, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

2020

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Debt Service	Trust and Agency
Total Revenues	3,543,110	463,166	199,443	223,125
Total Expenditures	4,143,527	470,040	220,941	162,559
Excess/(Deficit)	(600,417)	(6,874)	(21,498)	60,566

**ALLEGHENY TWP, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

2019

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Debt Service	Trust and Agency
Total Revenues	6,247,573	484,522	199,920	222,711
Total Expenditures	4,263,978	344,736	55,065	149,200
Excess/(Deficit)	1,983,595	139,786	144,855	73,511

**ALLEGHENY TWP, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

2018

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Debt Service	Trust and Agency
Total Revenues	3,458,459	488,324	177,053	159,290
Total Expenditures	3,619,053	732,697	220,825	197,522
Excess/(Deficit)	(160,594)	(244,373)	(43,772)	(38,232)

**ALLEGHENY TWP, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

2017

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Fund
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Debt Service	Trust and Agency
Total Revenues	3,125,615	447,345	177,531	488,815
Total Expenditures	3,570,428	463,561	171,098	31,645
Excess/(Deficit)	(444,813)	(16,216)	6,433	457,170

West Leechburg Borough Revenue and Expenses

Revenues for the Borough come mostly from Real Estate Taxes and Earned Income Tax (EIT).

Using 2020 as a typical year, revenues were distributed as follows:

2020 Revenue Distribution		Percentage of Total Revenue
Real Estate Taxes	\$304,156	52.78%
Earned Income Taxes/Wage Taxes	143,498	24.90%
Cable Television Franchise Fees	23,996	4.16%
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	19,421	3.37%
State Operating Grant*	25,000	4.34%
Other Grants*	16,214	2.81%
Other Sources Combined	43,961	7.63%
	<u>\$576,246</u>	

*One time revenue

Total revenues have been relatively steady over the last four years. A loan for a plow truck in 2018 increased the revenues that year, as did the two grants received in 2020.

Expenditures 2020 & Average	2020	Average 2017-2020
General Government	\$98,267	\$100,778
Public Safety	47,632	60,357
Public Works - Sanitation	69,060	68,309
Public Works - Highways and Streets	214,469	225,982
Culture and Recreation	4,513	5,821
Debt Service	1,450	7,844
Employer Paid Benefits	27,759	28,556
Insurance	3,533	9,376
Unclassified and Other Uses	31,626	32,501
	<u>\$498,309</u>	<u>\$539,522</u>

Highway costs are consistently the largest expenditure for the borough, and consists of wages, storm drains, and road repairs. The ending cash balance in the general fund accounts at year end 2020 was \$230,067.

Liquid Fuels

Liquid Fuels revenue allocations have averaged \$59,441 over the last four years but decreased slightly to \$56,813.15 for 2021. Liquid fuels is used mainly for winter maintenance, street

lighting and loan payments. As noted above, the ending cash balance in the Liquid Fuels account for 2020 was \$14,075.

Capital Projects

This fund is used mostly as debt service account and has about as much cash as is owed on the loans. Balance of cash at year end 2020 was \$194,554, and loan balance was \$205,363.

WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES			
2020			
Governmental Funds			
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects
Total Revenues	576,246	58,081	32,177
Total Expenditures	498,309	52,712	18,559
Excess/(Deficit)	77,937	5,369	13,618
WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES			
2019			
Governmental Funds			
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects
Total Revenues	522,119	63,154	32,851
Total Expenditures	507,118	56,531	29,868
Excess/(Deficit)	15,001	6,623	2,983
WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES			
2018			
Governmental Funds			
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects
Total Revenues	656,743	65,018	67,048
Total Expenditures	655,715	70,450	79,295
Excess/(Deficit)	1,028	(5,432)	(12,247)
WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES			
2017			
Governmental Funds			
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects
Total Revenues	473,570	63,294	24,745
Total Expenditures	496,946	68,673	24,745
Excess/(Deficit)	(23,376)	(5,379)	-

Debt Analysis

As indicated in the table, Allegheny Township had debt in the amount of \$2,250,000 at year end 2020. This is related to the additions and alterations to the municipal building.

Allegheny Township Debt

STATEMENT OF DEBT - 2020	Type	Year Issued	Maturity	Issued Amt	Bal Begin of Yr.	Principal Paid	Bal End of Yr.
Series 2019 Bond	Bond	2019	2039	2,400,000	\$2,400,000	150,000	2,250,000

West Leechburg Borough Debt

As indicated in the table, West Leechburg Borough had debt in the amount of \$205,363 at year end 2020. This is related to the sewer separation. Debt paid off during 2021 is the bank note for a plow truck.

STATEMENT OF DEBT - 2020	Type	Year Issued	Maturity	Issued Amt	Bal Begin of Yr.	Principal Paid	Bal End of Yr.
PENNVEST	Note	2009	2029	380,100	219,846	14,483	205,363

Budget Analysis

**ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP AND WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
COMPARISON OF 2022 BUDGETS GENERAL FUND*
SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE CATEGORIES**

Revenues		Allegheny	W. Leechburg	Expenses		Allegheny	W. Leechburg
01.301	Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,260,012	299,899.49	01.400	GI Govt-Admin	601,783.00	89,827.18
01.310	Act 511 Taxes	\$ 1,352,700	114,150.00	01.410	Police Dept	1,188,201.00	50,452.50
01.321	License/Permits	\$ 151,000		01.411	Fire Dept	41,150.00	27,908.00
01.331	Fines/Forfeits	\$ 24,000		01.414	Code Enforcemt	80,444.00	4,750.00
01.341	Interest/Rents	\$ 5,250		01.415	Emg. Mngmnt.	16,180.00	-
01.355	Intergovernmental	\$ 729,901		01.427	Sanitation	-	72,840.00
01.362	Dept. Earnings	\$ 53,250		01.430	Public Works	1,178,770.00	241,176.04
01.389	Misc. Revenue	\$ 86,850	24,000.00	01.470	U.C/Fund BAL	454,959.00	
01.391	Other Sources	\$ 741,950		01.480	Emply Benefits	441,095.00	22,100.00
		4,404,913.00	438,049.49	01.492	Other Uses	402,331.00	8,565.00
						4,404,913.00	517,618.72

*W. Leechburg relies on their
Liquid Fuels money to cover the
excess costs.

**ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP AND WEST LEECHBURG BOROUGH, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
 COMPARISON OF 2022 BUDGETS
 EXPENSE CATEGORIES BROKEN DOWN BY AMOUNT SPENT PER POPULATION & OCCUPIED HOUSEHOLDS**

	Category	Allegheny Township			West Leechburg Borough		
		2022 Budget	Population 8,328	Occupied Households 3,272	2022 Budget	Population 1,269	Occupied Households 652
Extra Tax	01.400 GI Govt-Admin	601,783.00	\$ 72.26	\$ 183.92	89,827.18	\$ 70.79	\$ 137.77
	01.410 Police Dept	1,188,201.00	\$ 142.68	\$ 363.14	50,452.50	\$ 39.76	\$ 77.38
	01.411 Fire Dept	41,150.00			27,908.00		
	02.411 Fire Dept	266,624.00			-		
	Total Fire Dept	307,774.00	\$ 36.96	\$ 94.06	27,908.00	\$ 21.99	\$ 42.80
	01.413 Code Enforcemt	43,603.00	\$ 5.24	\$ 13.33	4,000.00	\$ 3.15	\$ 6.13
	01.414 Zoning	36,841.00	\$ 4.42	\$ 11.26	750.00	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.15
	01.415 Emg. Mngmnt.	16,180.00	\$ 1.94	\$ 4.94	-		
	01.427 Sanitation	6,000.00	\$ 0.72	\$ 1.83	72,840.00	\$ 57.40	\$ 111.72
	01.430 Public Works	1,172,770.00			241,176.04		
Liquid Fuels	35.439 Public Works	740,816.00			-		
	Total Public Works	1,913,586.00	\$ 229.78	\$ 584.84	241,176.04	\$ 190.05	\$ 369.90
	01.454 Parks	128,000.00	\$ 15.37	\$ 39.12	8,565.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 13.14
	01.470 U.C/Fund BAL	454,959.00	\$ 54.63	\$ 139.05			
	01.480 Empl Benefits	441,095.00	\$ 52.97	\$ 134.81	22,100.00	\$ 17.42	\$ 33.90
01.492 Other Uses	274,331.00	\$ 32.94	\$ 83.84		\$ -	\$ -	

Comparing costs between the two municipalities, for example Allegheny Township spends \$72.26 per person on General Government and Administration, while West Leechburg spends \$70.79 per person.

West Leechburg has a sanitation contract, and Allegheny Township’s residents contract privately with waste pick up haulers, so there is a large disparity between the two municipalities on this line. Allegheny Township has an extra tax specifically for fire protection, while West Leechburg does not, so those numbers have been added to the table for parity. Allegheny Township is using a grant for Treadway Trails Improvements, so the numbers are higher than usual for expenditures in Parks for 2022.

Assets List

List of Capital and Real Property Assets

Allegheny Township Owned Property Per Westmoreland County Assessment Office

Map Number	Owner Name	Description	Location	Land Use	Total Assessed Value
42-03-00-0-065	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP		RIVER LANDING RD	EXEMPT	5,120.00
42-03-00-0-067	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	PCL	RTE 356 W RIV BANK	EXEMPT	1,240.00
42-03-06-0-023	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	129.98 X 184.95 X IR	RIVER LANDING RD	EXEMPT	500
42-05-00-0-002	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	200 SX 239.4 X IR		EXEMPT	500
42-05-00-0-012	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP			EXEMPT	2,000.00
42-05-00-0-094	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP			EXEMPT	500
42-05-00-0-145	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	LOT	GARVERS FERRY RD	EXEMPT	500
42-06-00-0-201	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP		BAGDAD RD	EXEMPT	5,460.00
42-08-00-0-179	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP		RIVER FOREST	EXEMPT	13,850.00
42-10-13-0-084	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	2 LOTS		EXEMPT	3,360.00
42-10-15-0-002	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	BLDGS	380 PINE CAMP RD	EXEMPT	83,680.00
42-12-00-0-002	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	D 1968/0589		EXEMPT	20,000.00
42-12-00-0-210	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	PCL A PUBLIC PARK	OFF MONTCLAIR DR	EXEMPT	3,770.00
42-13-00-0-194	ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP	LOTS A & B & LOT 1-A		EXEMPT	42,210.00

West Leechburg Borough Properties Per Westmoreland County Assessment Office

Map Number	Description	Location	Land Use	Total Assessed Value	
38-01-16-0-024	LOTS 5 6		EXEMPT	3,400.00	Off Woodland Drive at bend
38-02-05-0-002		W	EXEMPT	4,750.00	Number 2 Parking Lot
38-02-05-0-003	BLDG	FIRST ST	EXEMPT	7,670.00	Entrance to dam
38-02-05-0-004	LOTS 105 106 BLK B	W	EXEMPT	850	1 st and Jantosik
38-02-05-0-007			EXEMPT	2,160.00	across from mill hillside
38-02-09-0-029	RECREATIONAL LAKE		EXEMPT	110,000.00	Dam
38-02-09-0-039	BLK B	LOTS 113 & 114	EXEMPT	3,100.00	3 rd and Jantosik
38-02-09-0-042	BLK B	LOTS 107 108 & 109	EXEMPT	2,220.00	2 nd and Jantosik
38-02-09-0-184	LOTS 152 158 INCL BLK D		EXEMPT	500	5th street extension front
38-02-09-0-213			EXEMPT	2,900.00	Parcel behind dam
38-02-10-0-002	LOTS 2-3 SEC A	W LEECHBURG PA	EXEMPT	1,400.00	1st ave near giron
38-02-13-0-002	FACTORY BLDG SHED &	JOY ST	EXEMPT	13,600.00	Borough Garage
38-02-13-0-009	BLDG		EXEMPT	15,530.00	Borough Building/Park
38-04-01-0-014	PARCEL STORM SEWER	EDGEWOOD DR	EXEMPT	500	Between Edgewood and Deerfield
38-04-01-0-053	LOTS 5 6	W	EXEMPT	3,990.00	Summit House
38-04-01-0-068	LOT WATER TOWER		EXEMPT	7,200.00	Water Tanks?
38-04-01-0-101	0000/0000		EXEMPT	1,820.00	Upper Park
38-04-01-0-163	PT LT 23 STORM SEWER	EDGEWOOD DR	EXEMPT	500	Between Edgewood and Gosser
38-04-02-0-027	LT	CARNAHAN ST	EXEMPT	500	Old Pump Station

Allegheny Township List of Assets

	Year/ Number	Item
1	2004	International 7000
2	2000	Mack 600
3	2009	Freightliner M2 112
4	2002	Eager Beaver Trailer
5	2004	Ford F550 Super Duty
6	2004	Dodge Durango
7	2005	Custom Trailer
8	2006	GMC Sierra
9	2008	Cargo Trailer
10	2009	Ford F150
11	2012	Ford F550
12	2010	Ford F250
13	1997	Freightliner Med Conv
14	2014	Freightliner SD
15	2014	Ford Explorer Police Inter.
16	2015	Ford Explorer
17	2010	Ford Crown Victoria
18	2016	Ford Explorer
19	2017	Ford Explorer
20	2017	Ford F550
21	2017	Ford Interceptor
22	2018	Chevrolet Silverado
23	2020	Peterbilt 367 Dump Truck
24	2020	Peterbilt 367 Dump Truck
25	2019	Ford F150
26	2020	Ford Explorer
	1	Paver
	4	Mowers
	11	Computers
		Office Furniture

West Leechburg Borough List of Assets

BUILDINGS

- BOROUGH BUILDING- VALUE \$719,108
- BOROUGH GARAGE- VALUE \$670,177
- SALT BOX- VALUE \$43,762

VEHICLES

POLICE

- 2017 FORD EXPLORER

BOROUGH WORKERS

- 2011 FORD F550 DUMP TRUCK
- 2009 MUSTANG TRAILER
- 2018 FORD F550 DUMP TRUCK
- 2004 ISUZU STREET SWEEPER

EQUIPMENT

- SEWER CLEANER YEAR: 1974 MFG: KOLLMAN RIDGE MODEL: 2502 ACTUAL CASH VALUE
- TRACTOR YEAR: 1993 MFG: MASSEY FERGUSON
- 170 GALLON TAR KETTLE MFG: CHAUSSE
- LINE LASER MODEL: IV3900
- SNOW BLOWER MFG: HUSQVARNA
- WACKER YEAR: 1987
- VIBRATOR TAMPER
- CHAINSAW YEAR: 1991 MFG: MCCULLOUGH
- 3 TON SERVICE JACK MFG: SEARS COMPANION
- 10000 WATT GENERATOR MFG: PPG
- REAR BOOM MOWER YEAR: 2008 MFG: TIGER
- LOADER MFG: CATERPILLAR
- 14 INCH CUT SAW MFG: STIHL MODEL: S-460
- BLOWER MFG: STIHL MODEL: B685
- 9 FT STEEL ULTRAMOUNT SNOW PLOW MFG: WESTERN MODEL: PRO PLUS
- STAINLESS STEEL TAILGATE SPREADER MFG: ELIKIN MODEL: 2100
- 5000 WATT GENERATOR MFG: EXCELL
- GRASS TRIMMER MFG: STIHL
- HEDGE TRIMMER MFG: STIHL
- POLE PRUNER MFG: STIHL MODEL: HT131
- WALK BEHIND ROLLER MFG: RAND MODEL: DX-70E SERIAL NUMBER: LD7014
- PALLET JACK YEAR: 2014 MFG: TOYOTA MODEL: H90-00 SERIAL NUMBER: 5118302-14
- RIDING MOWER MFG: SIMPLICITY MODEL: 2691141-00 SERIAL NUMBER: 2016535170
- 5 FOOT FINISH MOWER ATTACHMNT MFG: COUNTYLINE
- DIESEL 4X4 TRACTOR YEAR: 2015 MFG: KIOTTIMODEL: CK35 SERIAL NUMBER: PT9200021
- LOADER YEAR: 2015 MFG: KIOTI MODEL: KL130 SERIAL NUMBER: TB140324130
- HEAVY DUTY STEEL BUCKET FORKS SERIAL NUMBER: 29211769

- ROTARY HAMMER KIT M18 MILWALKEE MODEL 271522 S/N F99BD1633-00068
- 9FT WESTERN PRO PLUS SNOW PLOW
- TAILGATE SALT SPREADER MFG: MYERS SERIAL NUMBER: 0517-52310
- SPEED GREASE GUN MFG: MILWAUKEE MODEL: 2646-21CT SERIAL NUMBER: SHE98AD200100285
- CANDLE DECORATIONS
- 800M HZ HAND HELD RADIOS
- FANTASY TREES W/GARLAND
- GLOCK 45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC GUN MODEL 21 S/N BFL997
- SELF LEVELING ROTARY LASER W/DETECTOR
- PANASONIC VIDEO CAMERA
- HEART START DEFIBRILATOR
- ALCO BREATHALYZER
- INDICATOR INKLESS FINGERPRINTER MODEL 1DLE10
- NIKON VISION BINOCULARS
- TAZER X26E W/ HOLSTER & CARTRIDGES
- NIKON CODPIX DIGITAL CAMERA
- MOTOROLA 800 MHZ HAND HELD RADIO
- COLT RIFLE
- (4) POINSETTIA CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
- (3) KEVLAR VESTS
- 870 TACTICAL 12 GAUGE
- SEWER PUSH CAMERA
- (2) DESKTOP COMPUTERS
- 1 LAPTOP COMPUTER
- (3) PRINTERS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a municipal merger? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Definitions).

"**Merger.**" The combination of two or more municipalities which results in the termination of the existence of all but one of the municipalities to be merged with the surviving municipality absorbing and assuming jurisdiction over the municipalities which have been terminated.

Who/What municipalities can merge? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 733)

Two or more municipalities may be consolidated or merged into a single municipality, whether within the same or different counties, if each of the municipalities is contiguous to at least one of the other consolidating or merging municipalities and if together the municipalities would form a consolidated or merged municipality.

How does a merger commence? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 733)

By one of the following:

- (1) Joint agreement of the governing bodies of the municipalities proposed for consolidation or merger approved by ordinance, or
- (2) Initiative of electors.

What is a joint agreement? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 734)

The governing body of each municipality to be consolidated or merged shall enter into a joint agreement under the official seal of each municipality to consolidate or merge into one municipality.

What are the contents of a joint agreement? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 734)

A joint agreement shall contain the following elements:

- (1) The name of each municipality that is a party to the agreement.
- (2) The name and the territorial boundaries of the consolidated or merged municipality.
- (3) The type and class of the consolidated or merged municipality.
- (4) Governance:
 - a) Whether a consolidated or merged municipality shall be governed solely by the code and other general laws applicable to the kind and class of the consolidated or merged municipality;
 - b) whether it shall be governed by a home rule charter or optional plan of government previously adopted pursuant to the act of April 13, 1972 (P.L.184, No.62), known as the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, or Subpart E of Part III (relating to home rule and optional plan government), by one of the municipalities to be consolidated or merged; or
 - c) whether it shall be governed by a home rule charter or optional plan of government that has not been previously adopted in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law or Subpart E of Part III by any of the municipalities to be consolidated or merged, but which, in the case of an optional plan of government, has been selected and approved by the governing body of each of the municipalities to be consolidated or merged from among the options provided for in Subpart E of Part III or, in the case of a home rule charter, has been

formulated and approved by the governing body of each of the municipalities to be consolidated or merged; provided, however, that nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as authorizing a municipality adopting a home rule charter or optional plan of government pursuant to this subchapter to exercise powers not granted to a municipality adopting a home rule charter or an optional plan of government pursuant to Subpart E of Part III.

- (5) The number of districts or wards, if any, into which the consolidated or merged municipality will be divided for the purpose of electing all or some members of its governing body, and the boundaries of wards or districts shall be established to achieve substantially equal representation.
- ~~(6) In the case of a merger, where the surviving municipality is a city which had previously adopted an optional charter pursuant to the act of July 15, 1957 (P.L.901, No.399), known as the Optional Third Class City Charter Law, whether the resulting merged municipality will continue to operate under the optional charter.~~ Not applicable to Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough.
- (7) Terms for:
 - (i) The disposition of existing assets of each municipality.
 - (ii) The liquidation of existing indebtedness of each municipality.
 - (iii) The assumption, assignment or disposition of existing liabilities of each municipality, either jointly, separately or in certain defined proportions, by separate rates of taxation within each of the constituent municipalities until consolidation or merger becomes effective pursuant to section 738 (relating to effectuation of consolidation or merger).
 - (iv) The implementation of a legally consistent uniform tax system throughout the consolidated or merged municipality which provides the revenue necessary to fund required municipal services.
- (8) The governmental organization of the consolidated or merged municipality insofar as it concerns elected officers.
- (9) A transitional plan and schedule applicable to elected officers.
- (10) The common administration and enforcement of ordinances enforced uniformly within the consolidated or merged municipality.

What is the procedure for placing a referendum on the ballot? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 736)

Following initiation of proceedings for consolidation or merger, the question of consolidation or merger as set forth in the joint agreement or initiative petition shall be placed before the electors of each of the municipalities proposed to be consolidated or merged.

A referendum shall be held at the first primary, municipal or general election occurring at least 13 weeks after either:

- (1) the date of the general agreement entered into under the provisions of section 734; or
- ~~(2) the date of filing of the petition filed under the provisions of section 735.~~ Not applicable to Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough.

What if the referendum vote fails? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 736)

The same question described in the proposal for consolidation or merger shall not be voted on again for a period of five years.

What is the next step when a referendum vote passes? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Sections 736 & 737)

A consolidation or merger shall not be effective unless the referendum question is approved by a majority of the electors voting in each of the municipalities in which the referendum is held. If in any one of the municipalities in which the referendum is held a majority vote in favor of consolidation or merger does not result, the referendum shall fail and consolidation or merger shall not take place.

Upon favorable action by the electorate on consolidation or merger the governing bodies of the municipalities to be consolidated or merged shall meet within 60 days after the certification of the favorable vote and shall within a reasonable time after certification make a consolidation or merger agreement.

What is contained within a consolidation or merger agreement? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 737)

- (1) If the governing body, or part of the governing body, of the consolidated or merged municipality is to be elected on a district or ward basis, the agreement shall set forth the district or ward boundaries and the district or ward designation, by number, and the number of members of the municipal governing body to be elected from each district or ward. The boundaries of the districts or wards shall be established to achieve substantially equal representation.
- (2) The agreement shall set forth terms for:
 - (i) The disposition of the existing assets of each municipality.
 - (ii) The liquidation of the existing indebtedness of each municipality.
 - (iii) The assumption, assignment and disposition of the existing liabilities of each municipality, either jointly, separately or in certain defined proportions, by separate rates of taxation within each of the constituent municipalities until consolidation or merger becomes effective pursuant to section 738 (relating to effectuation of consolidation or merger).
- (3) The agreement shall set forth the governmental organization of the consolidated or merged municipality insofar as it concerns elected officers and shall contain a transitional plan and schedule applicable to elected officers.
- (4) The agreement shall provide for common administration and uniform enforcement of ordinances within the consolidated or merged municipality.
- (5) The agreement shall also provide, consistent with existing law, for the implementation of a uniform tax system throughout the consolidated or merged municipality which shall provide the revenue necessary to fund required municipal services.

Where is the consolidation or merger agreement filed? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 737)

A copy of the consolidation or merger agreement under this section or the joint agreement under section 734 (relating to joint agreement of governing bodies) after approval by the electorate shall be filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office of Policy Development or its successor, the Department of Education, the State Tax Equalization Board and the Legislative Data Processing Committee. A copy shall also be filed with the court of common pleas and the board of county commissioners of the county or counties in which municipalities affected are located.

When does a consolidation or merger take effect? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 738)

Municipalities consolidated or merged shall continue to be governed as before consolidation or merger until the date stipulated in the transitional plan and schedule provided for in sections 734 (relating to joint agreement of governing bodies) and 737 (relating to consolidation or merger agreement), or the transitional plan provided for by a study commission pursuant to section 735.1 (relating to initiative of electors seeking consolidation or merger with new home rule charter).

How are officials of consolidated or merged municipalities elected? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 738)

Subject to the provisions of section 735.1(q), new officials required to be elected shall take office on the first Monday of January following the municipal election designated in the transitional plan and schedule. At that municipal election, the necessary officers of the consolidated or merged municipality shall be elected in accordance with the terms of the general law affecting municipalities of the kind or class of the consolidated or merged municipality or, in case of a consolidated or merged municipality operating under a home rule charter or optional plan of government, in accordance with the charter or optional plan or with general law affecting home rule or optional plan municipalities, as applicable. The officers elected at that municipal election shall be elected for terms of office under the plan and schedule set forth in the consolidation or merger agreement authorized by section 734 or 737, or the transitional plan provided for by a commission pursuant to section 735.1, as the case may be. They shall take office as officers of the consolidated or merged municipality on the first Monday of January following the municipal election at which they were elected, and upon assumption of office, the consolidated or merged municipality shall begin to function and the former municipalities consolidated or merged into it shall be abolished.

What are the procedures to be followed for consolidating or merging personnel? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 738)

As of the date when a consolidated or merged municipality shall begin to function, except for those officers and employees which are protected by any tenure of office, civil service provisions or collective bargaining agreement, all appointive offices and positions then existing in all former municipalities involved in the consolidation or merger shall be subject to the terms of the consolidation or merger agreement or transitional plan as provided for in section 735.1 (relating to initiative of electors seeking consolidation or merger with new home rule charter). Provisions shall be made for instances in which there is duplication of positions, including, but not limited to, chief of police or manager, and for other matters such as varying length of employee contracts, different civil service regulations in the constituent municipalities and differing ranks and position classifications for similar positions.

Exception.--Provided one or more of the consolidating or merging municipalities has been declared distressed under the act of July 10, 1987 (P.L.246, No.47), known as the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act. In such case, the provisions of section 408 of that act shall control.

What are the procedures to be followed for consolidating or merging ordinance? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 738)

After consolidation becomes effective, a new ordinance book shall be used by the municipality, and, except for a municipality consolidated or merged under section 735.1 (relating to initiative of electors seeking consolidation or merger with new home rule charter), the first document to be recorded in it shall be the consolidation agreement.

Ordinance codification. --No later than two years after consolidation goes into effect, codification of all the ordinances of the municipality shall be completed. The codification shall include tabulation or indexing of those ordinances of the component municipalities that are of permanent effect in the consolidated municipality.

What are the procedures to be followed for consolidating or merging capital and real estate assets? (53 Pa. C.S. Chapter 7, Section 738)

All rights, privileges and franchises of each component municipality and all property belonging to each component municipality shall be vested in the consolidated or merged municipality. The title to real estate vested in any of those municipalities shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the consolidation or merger. All liens and rights of creditors shall be preserved. Agreements and contracts shall remain in force. Debts, liabilities and duties of each of the municipalities shall be attached to the consolidated or merged municipality and may be enforced against it.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTES

Allegheny Township and West Leechburg Borough

Public Hearing

(date)

Questions and Answers