

No tax increase in Amity's 2013 budget

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AMITY — The township board of supervisors unanimously approved its 2013 budget on Dec. 19 with no tax increase and approved using \$5,700 from the \$1.8 million reserve to balance the budget.

The tax rate will remain at 1.8 mills with 0.4 mills funding the Amity and Monarch fire departments' equipment costs, and 0.1 mill funding fire hydrant service through the fire tax.

Annual township tax on a property assessed at \$100,000 will be \$180.

Board members approved to accept the \$19,376 bill from Southern Berks Ambulance toward acquiring the new emergency responder radios.

The township will enter into a 0-percent interest rate, five-year loan with the state Department of Community and Economic Development to acquire the radios at a cost of \$2,708 per year.

Township Manager Charles E. Lyon said he mistakenly stated on Dec. 5 that Southern Berks Ambulance had not submitted the grant application on time to achieve the cheaper rate.

The board also approved the \$5 per capita tax, the real estate transfer tax of 0.5 mills, and the earned-income tax of 0.5 mills.

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