

HYDRANT FUND

Interest

The Township invests its funds in interest-bearing instruments and accounts, in accordance with State Law and best management practices. Earnings fluctuate upon the interest rate received, a rate that is governed by many factors. **Interest** rates are presently at historic lows, and are projected to remain at this level throughout 2012.

Interest	code	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 Projected	2012 Budget
interest	341.00.0301	\$ 96.76	\$ 108.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
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Charges for Services

Fire hydrants have been installed in the Township as public water service has been extended throughout the community. AQUA Pennsylvania owns and maintains the hydrants, and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission authorizes a tariff for the maintenance and operation of each hydrant. AQUA bills this tariff to the Township, and the Second Class Township Code authorizes the Township to re-bill this expense to the owners of properties that benefit from the hydrant service... in specific, properties that are located within 780 feet of a hydrant.



The 2012 Budget increases the annual **fire hydrant assessment** to \$24 from \$22 per property. This increase is required to pay the actual tariff billed to the Township.

The fire hydrant assessment was last changed in January 2008, at which time the assessment was decreased from \$25. (Note: With the construction of additional homes the fire hydrant assessment may decrease depending on the number of homes built within 780 feet of a hydrant, the number of hydrants and the tariff rate.)

Charges for Services	code	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 Projected	2012 Budget
penalties	378.00.0315	\$ 1,264.20	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 1,200.00
fire hydrant asesments	378.00.0316	\$ 57,958.38	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 59,900.00	\$ 65,136.00
		\$ 59,222.58	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 61,170.00	\$ 66,336.00

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Public Safety

This Department provides for payment of **fire hydrant fees**, as billed by AQUA. Additional modest funds are provided for **general expenses** related to this Department.

Public Safety	code	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 Projected	2012 Budget
general expense	411.00.2100	\$ 9.47	\$ 240.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00
fire hydrant fees	411.00.3000	\$ 63,780.96	\$ 64,440.00	\$ 64,790.00	\$ 65,160.00
		\$ 63,790.43	\$ 64,680.00	\$ 64,870.00	\$ 65,260.00



Department Goals...

- Protect public safety through the installation of fire hydrants along all water mains.
- Provide fire hydrants that are readily accessible for use by the fire personnel.



Performance Objectives	2010 Actual	2011 Estimated	2012 Budget
operational hydrants	221	224	224

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