

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

EAST BUFFALO



TOWNSHIP

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The information contained in the following pages is a summary of municipal activity occurring in East Buffalo Township in the year 2025, with historical information provided as needed. The purpose of this report is to highlight the noteworthy events during the year. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive report. The details of the monthly business of the Board of Supervisors, its appointed boards, commissions and committees and the daily activities of Township staff can be examined through their respective meeting minutes, annual budgets, financial statements, and other reports.

The Annual Report is presented by Jolene Helwig, Township Manager, to the Township Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2026.

Executive Summary

East Buffalo Township – 2025 Annual Report

In 2025, East Buffalo Township continued its commitment to providing reliable services, maintaining infrastructure, and enhancing the quality of life for residents. Guided by the Board of Supervisors and supported by dedicated Township staff, the Township made meaningful investments in roads, parks, public safety, and long-term planning while maintaining responsible financial stewardship.

Serving Our Community

East Buffalo Township serves more than 7,400 residents across 15 square miles in Union County. Township offices remained open and accessible throughout the year, providing services such as permitting, public information, recycling coordination, and support for residents' everyday needs. Township operations were managed by Township Manager Jolene Helwig, with oversight from Chairman James Knight, Vice Chairman Thomas Zorn, and Supervisor Katie Evans.

Roads, Snow Removal, and Infrastructure

Maintaining safe and reliable roads remained a top priority in 2025. Township crews maintained more than 51 miles of local roads and responded to 27 snow and ice events during the winter season. The Public Works Crew used 450 tons of salt and 450 tons of aggregate to keep roads passable and safe.

More than 17 miles of Township roads received improvements, including paving, base repairs, seal coating, and new road markings. These projects were completed under budget, stretching taxpayer dollars and improving driving conditions across the Township. The Township also continued major work on the Turtle Creek Road Bridge replacement, an important step toward restoring long-term roadway safety after storm damage.

Public Safety and Emergency Services

East Buffalo Township continued to work closely with regional partners to provide police, fire, and emergency services. The Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department upgraded equipment, vehicles, and communications while adding personnel to support effective community policing.

Fire and ambulance services were provided through William Cameron Engine Company and Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services. The Township also strengthened emergency preparedness by adopting updated emergency and hazard mitigation plans to better protect residents during severe weather and other emergencies.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Life

Parks and recreation saw major progress in 2025. Spruce Hills Park officially opened, offering new walking trails, playground equipment, and ADA-accessible features for families and residents of all ages.

At Turtle Creek Park, the Township partnered with Bucknell University students, volunteers, and conservation groups to plant dozens of trees and advance long-term land and forest management plans. Fairground Road Park and the municipal complex also benefited from new trees through grant funding during 2025.

Community events continued to grow, including the Township's first-ever "Halloween in the Park," which brought families together for a fun and successful event that will return in future years.

Recycling and Environmental Services

Recycling and waste reduction services remained strong. The Township continued monthly curbside recycling and operated a staffed recycling drop-off center. A new Brush and Yard Waste Drop-Off Site opened on Pheasant Ridge Road, offering residents additional convenience during the spring through fall months. The Township received a new brush grinder (ordered in 2024) for processing brush and yard waste into compost. A grant from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will reimburse 90% of the purchase price.

Seasonal leaf, brush, and Christmas tree collections helped keep neighborhoods clean while supporting environmentally responsible disposal practices.

Planning, Zoning, and Growth

East Buffalo Township experienced an increase in building permits by 23.02% in 2025, reflecting continued residential construction and community investment. Updated zoning regulations were adopted to address modern land uses, protect neighborhood character, and guide responsible growth.

Eight subdivision and land development plans were approved, and additional farmland was preserved through the Agricultural Security Area program, supporting the Township's rural heritage.

Financial Stewardship

The Township maintained a balanced budget in 2025 while continuing a long-term reduction in the General Fund real estate millage rate from 4.5% mills 2019 to 3.7% mills in 2025. The Earned Income Tax milage rate of 0.5% remained the same from 2024, for 2025. Careful use of reserve funds allowed the Township to invest in roads, parks, equipment, and facilities without placing undue burden on taxpayers.

The General Fund Income budget figure was \$6,632,874.36 and the Expense budget figure was \$6,446,387.96 which left an ending balance of \$186,486.40. Pension and retiree benefit funds remained stable and well-managed, helping ensure long-term financial sustainability.

Looking Ahead

In 2025, East Buffalo Township focused on what matters most to residents: safe roads, reliable services, strong public safety, vibrant parks, and responsible use of tax dollars. While challenges remain such as aging infrastructure and competitive grant funding the Township is well-positioned to continue improving services and planning thoughtfully for the future.

The Board of Supervisors and Township staff thank residents for their continued support and engagement in making East Buffalo Township a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

ORGANIZATION

Address:

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Lewisburg PA 17837

Phone:

570-523-6320

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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TOWNSHIP STATISTICS

Total Area:

15.273 square miles (9,774.6 acres)

Located in Union County, Pennsylvania.

East Buffalo Township is bordered by Buffalo Township to the west and north; Borough of Lewisburg to the northeast; West Branch Susquehanna River to the east; Union Township to the south.

Land by Percentage:

Agricultural Preservation (31.21%)

Agricultural Residential (11.32%)

General Commercial (1.37%)

Highway Commercial (0.5%)

Industrial (1.31%)

Low Density Residential (27.14%)

Medium Density Residential (1.78%)

Urban Residential (1.4%)

Woodland Preservation (19.74 %)

Bucknell University (4.23%)

Demographics (2020 Census):

Population: 7,405

Population Density: 414 per square mile

Housing Units: 2,529

Average Household Income: \$96,296

Roads:

51.72 miles of Township roads*

16.55 miles of state roads

*Include: 4.13 miles of Act 32 Turnback Roads and 1.56 miles of Dirt & Gravel Road. Does not include private streets.

2025 Municipal Taxes:

Real Estate: 3.7 mills

Fire Protection: 0.75 mills.

Fire Hydrant: 0.06 mills.

Streetlights: 0.05 mills

Earned Income: 0.5%

Local Service: \$52 per person

(\$12,000 low-income exemption)

Other Taxes:

Lewisburg Area School RE: 20.07mills

Lewisburg Area School EIT: 1.5%

Union County: 4.56 mills

Union County Library: 0.16 mills

Tax Collection:

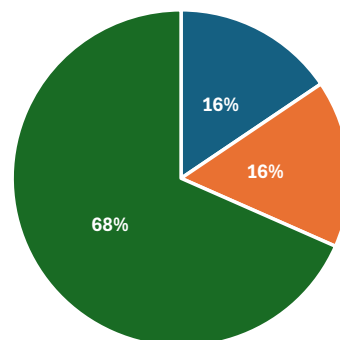
- EBT Tax Collector, Daniel Greene
- Berkheimer Tax Administrators

Number of Parcels:

Taxable: 2717

Tax Exempts: 74

2025 REAL ESTATE TAXES



■ East Buffalo Township ■ Union County ■ Lewisburg Area School District

ADMINISTRATION

The following individuals represented the Township in 2025:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Knight

Mr. Knight served as Chairman. His supervisor term expires on January 1, 2026.

Katie Evans

Ms. Evans served as Supervisor. Her supervisor term expires on January 3, 2028.

Thomas Zorn

Mr. Zorn served as Vice Chairman. His supervisor term expires on January 1, 2030.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/SECRETARY/TREASURER

Jolene D. Helwig

Ms. Helwig served as Township Manager. She is responsible for the day-to-day operations and business of the Township, including public works, financial management, grant management, human resources, and public information. She also serves as the Township's Open Records Officer. Ms. Helwig has been employed with the Township since January 2018.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY/TREASURER

Gayle Boudman

Ms. Boudman reported directly to the Township Manager and was responsible for day-to-day financial operations and office duties. Ms. Boudman was employed with the Township from September 2021 to June 2025.

TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

Aleigh Heckman

Ms. Heckman reported directly to the Township Manager and was responsible for day-to-day financial operations and office duties. Ms. Heckman has been employed with the Township since November 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Stephen Mohr

Mr. Mohr reported directly to the Township Manager and was responsible for Public Works operations, the recycling program and direct supervision of the Public Works Crew, currently supervising nine (9) employees. Mr. Mohr has been employed with the Township since October 1995; serving as Assistant Public Works Director until promotion in April 2019.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/SECRETARY/TREASURER

Jeffrey Oberdorf

Mr. Oberdorf reported directly to the Public Works Director and helps with the management of Public Works operations and crew supervision. Mr. Oberdorf has been employed with the Township since April 2021. In July Mr. Oberdorf was appointed to Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

SOLICITOR

Peter Matson

Mr. Matson, a resident and long-term legal counsel for the Township, was re-appointed for 2025.

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

East Buffalo Township is fortunate to have knowledgeable, talented, and enthusiastic residents willing to give time to serve their community. The following residents or Township representatives held positions in service to the community for 2025. Individuals serve until the Board of Supervisors January organization meeting following the year noted. Those newly appointed (*) or re-appointed(^) for 2025 have been noted.

BOARD OF AUDITORS

These three positions have been vacated since January of 2022.

BUFFALO VALLEY RECREATION AUTHORITY

- **Mike Glazer**; 2025
- **Char Gray**; 2026
- **Tim Hutchings**; 2027
- **Stacy Gasteiger**; 2028*

BUFFALO VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

- **Justin Madaus**, Commissioner, 2025
- **Katie Evans**, Commissioner; 2026
- **Thomas Zorn**, Alternate Commissioner; 2026
- **Dr. John Malloy**, Commissioner; 2027^

CENTRAL KEYSTONE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

- **Katie Evans**, Board Member; 2025

CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **James Knight**, Board Member; 2025^
- **Thomas Zorn**, Alternate Board Member; 2025^

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

- **Klacik & Associates, P.C.**; 2025*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- **Matthew Exley, Coordinator; 2025***

LEWISBURG AREA JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

- **Lawson Fetterman; 2025**
- **Philip Tharp; 2026**
- **C. William Pursel; 2027**
- **Greg Beauseigneur; 2028**
- **David R. Goodhart; 2029^**

PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **James Knight, Ex officer 2025^**
- **David Lytle and John Vargo, Conrad Siegel, Plan Consultant; 2025^**
- **Stephen Mohr, Employee Representative; 2025^**
- **Char Gray, Citizen Representative; 2025^.**

PLANNING COMMISSION

- **Christine Buffington, Secretary; 2025**
- **Mary Beth Griffith; 2025**
- **Ryan Maxwell; 2025**
- **Angelo Vieceli; 2026**
- **Katie Evans; 2026**
- **Curtis Barrick; Chairman; 2028^**
- **Leslie Hosterman; 2028***

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- **Paul Rapp; 2025^**

VACANCY BOARD

- **Jack Malloy; 2025^**

ZONING HEARING BOARD

- **Dominic Silvers; 2025**
- **David Hall; 2026**
- **Justin Duckworth; 2027***

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2025:

- 01-2025 East Buffalo Township named Klacik & Associates, PC as the 2024 CPA to audit the Township financial. (January 06, 2025)
- 02-2025 Authorize the Fees for the Issuance of Zoning Permits, Certificates of Occupancy, Ordinance Amendments, Conditional Use, Vacancies and Other Zonin Actions. (January 06, 2025)
- 03-2025 Authorize the annual salary for Jolene D. Helwig, as Manager of East Buffalo Township, shall be Sixty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-one dollars and ninety cents (\$69,761.90) for the year 2025. (January 06, 2025)
- 04-2025 Authorize the fees and costs to be paid by the person or entity offering a street or road for dedication shall be determined by the following schedule: Review of Deed and preparation of Resolution and Certification - \$350; Filing Fee and recording fee – actual cost; Inspection by Township Engineer – actual cost; Administration Cost - \$150. (January 06, 2025)
- 05-2025 Authorizing the acceptance of a deed of dedication of streets in the Countryside Subdivision in East Buffalo Township subject to compliance with the ordinances and regulations. (January 06, 2025)
- 06-2025 Authorize the compensation of the elected Tax Collector for East Buffalo Township, for the collection of real estate taxes shall be three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) for each tax bill. (January 06, 2025)
- 07-2025 Recognizing the month of April 2025 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.” (February 10, 2025)
- 08-2025 Authorize a thirty (30) day extension to record the Final Subdivision/Land Development Plan for the Laughner Patel Developer, LLC entitled Lewisburg Professional Office Building that was approved on August 7, 2024. (February 10, 2025)
- 09-2025 Authorize to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (IGA) between East Buffalo Township and the Borough of Lewisburg for use of a Model 1680XP-Beast Recycler Grinder. (February 10, 2025)
- 10-2025 Authorize to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (IGA) between East Buffalo Township and Union Township for use of a Model 1680XP-Beast Recycler Grinder. (February 10, 2025)

- 11-2025 Authorize the Union County 2025 hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan for East Buffalo Township. (March 10, 2025)
- 12-2025 Resolution not issued Voided. (April 14, 2025)
- 13-2025 Authorize a new private road named Songstone Hill Trail in East Buffalo Township. (April 14, 2025)
- 14-2025 Authorize East Buffalo Township to enter into a loan agreement with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank and appointing James Knight, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute any documents. (May 13, 2025)
- 15-2025 Authorize request for a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$1,170,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the West Market Street Safety Improvements (July 14, 2025)
- 16-2025 Authorize to declare its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, as amended on March 28, 2019 (July 14, 2025)
- 17-2025 Authorize to adopt the Five-County Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (July 28, 2025)
- 18-2025 Authorize the East Buffalo Township Non-Uniform Employee’s Pension Plan 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for \$34,406 (August 11, 2025)
- 19-2025 Authorize adopting the proposal of Ralph H. Starkey and Peggy S. Starkey, to add 78.8 acres of farmland, Union County Tax Identification Number 0002-042-013.00000 and 002-042-024.300000, to the East Buffalo Township Agricultural Security Area Modification (August 11, 2025)
- 20-2025 Authorize adopting the Union County Comprehensive Plan as the Official Comprehensive Plan of Record for East Buffalo Township (September 8, 2025)
- 21-2025 Authorize to amend and restate the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (IGA) between East Buffalo Township, Kelly Township and the Lewisburg Borough forming the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services (CSFES) (September 8, 2025)
- 22-2025 Authorize to withdraw from the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Buffalo Township, East Buffalo Township, Kelly Township, and the Borough of Lewisburg forming the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services dated March 15, 2018 (September 22, 2025)

- 23-2025 Authorize to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between East Buffalo Township, Kelly Township and Borough of Lewisburg forming the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services (September 22, 2025)
- 24-2025 Authorize to Waive the Regulatory Well Minimum Horizontal Isolation Distance for the property located at 176 Maplewood Drive, Winfield PA 17889 (October 13, 2025)
- 25-2025 Authorize East Buffalo Township Manager to write an Investment Policy which defines the parameters within which funds are to be managed. (November 10, 2025)
- 26-2025 2026 Budget approved. General Fund Revenues are \$6,971,768.65; General Fund Expenses are \$6,971,768.65. General Fund tax rate is 3.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Streetlight tax increased from 0.05 mills to 0.08 mills for all non-exempt properties, resulting in a \$0.08 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value. Fire Protection tax rate is 0.75 mills for all non-exempt properties, resulting in a \$0.75 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value. Fire Hydrants tax increased from 0.06 to 0.08 mills for all non-exempt properties within 780 feet of a hydrant, resulting in a \$0.08 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value. (December 8, 2025)
- 27-2025 Authorize adopting the East Buffalo Township Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). (December 8, 2025)
- 28-2025 Authorize to amend Chapter 21 the street excavation within East Buffalo Township. (December 22, 2025)

ORDINANCES

Utilizing a public hearing process, the Board of Supervisors approved the following ordinances:

- Ordinance 421 Vacating Moser Lane in East Buffalo Township. (February 10, 2025)
- Ordinance 422 Amending Chapter 13, Part 2 defining Transient Retail Merchants and Establishing Regulations for Transient Retail Merchants. (April 14, 2025)
- Ordinance 423 Issue a General Obligation Note in the Amount of \$765,000 for construction of Turtle Creek Bridge fixing the form, number, date, interest and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the Notes; providing for the filing of the required documents providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery. (April 28, 2025)

Ordinance 424	Amending Chapter 27, Part 4, Section 408.1 regarding adding health Care Facility as a permitted use in the Highway-Commercial Zoning District. (May 27, 2025)
Ordinance 425	Amending Chapter 2 Part 1 and Part 3 regarding cats in East Buffalo Township (July 14, 2025)
Ordinance 426	Void
Ordinance 427	Amending Chapter 2, regarding prohibitions against animals running at large. (November 24, 2025)
Ordinance 428	Amending Chapter 27 to provide zoning regulation regarding Cryptocurrency and Data mining Operations. (November 24, 2025)
Ordinance 429	Comprehensively Amending Chapter 27 regarding Zoning. (November 24, 2025)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETINGS

The Board of Supervisors held their Annual Organization and their monthly business meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025. All other public business meetings were held on the second Monday of each month except for the May meeting that was held on the second Tuesday, and a special meeting was held on August 20, 2025. Public Work Sessions were held on the fourth Monday of each month except for the May meeting that was held on Tuesday. The Public Work Sessions scheduled for February and June were not needed and therefore were cancelled by the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department, which is currently made up of nine (9) employees, provides a wide variety of services including maintenance of over 51 miles of roadway and right-of-way, which requires paving & patching, shoulder maintenance & grading, snow removal & de-icing, storm sewer & ditch maintenance, street sweeping, sign installation & maintenance, clearing of trees, tree limbs and other vegetation, and recycling. It is important to note that most equipment repairs and maintenance are performed in-house, which assists in the Township's ability to control these expenses. Other major activities are described in detail in this section.

Snow Removal and De-Icing

Snow removal and de-icing of Township Roads, including plowing and the application of a mixture of road salt and AS2 aggregate, was performed as needed.

During the months of January through March 2025 winter season, the Public Works Crew managed eighteen (18) snow/ice events requiring plowing and/or winter road treatment. In December, the Crew responded to nine (9) more events. The Crew used 450 tons of salt and 450 tons of aggregate.

The Township continued contracting for the purchase of Sodium Chloride through the Pennsylvania Department of General Services COSTARS program. This statewide purchasing contract is effective August 1st to July 31st, requiring a minimum purchase (60% of the volume requested) and locking in pricing for a limited overage (40% of the volume requested). The sodium chloride tonnage purchased within the first four months of the contract typically meets or exceeds the required minimum purchase. The early and late winter sodium chloride tonnage purchased fell within the allowable parameters provided under the annual purchase contracts.

Street Sweeping

The Public Works Crew did their Spring Street sweeping cleanup which includes sweeping, stormwater inlet cleanouts, and pothole patching in March and April.

Weed and Brush Removal

The main goals of roadside vegetation control include keeping signs visible to drivers; improving visibility for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians; improving winter road maintenance in snow and ice areas; helping drainage systems function; and preserving pavements through daylighting and root system control. Rural mowing activities are typically completed three times each growing season on Township roads and two rural State Routes.

The Crew performs tree and brush trimming along roads to maintain clear visibility and to provide for clear passage under the tree canopy for buses and trucks. At times, complete removal of a tree is necessary to eliminate a roadside hazard. Vegetation removal from signs, guardrails, and other roadside obstructions, is also part of this program. The Township uses a process which identifies four sectors of the Township and rotates the yearly focus for tree and brush trimming.

Problems such as broken limbs and fallen trees are common throughout the year. Weather events such as windstorms or heavy rain can cause extensive damage to roadside vegetation and at times require emergency response to allow for clearing of the public roadway. The number of incidents requiring the Township to remove fallen trees in or on the Township right-of-way are rising as a growing number of ash trees succumb to the damage of the Emerald Ash Borer. Weather forecasts predicting high winds, significant snowfall and/or icing put the Public Works Crew on high alert for the need to respond to trees dropped on roadways.

Stormwater Maintenance

Stormwater facilities maintenance includes cleaning and reshaping drainage ditches, culvert and inlet cleaning, headwall maintenance, pipe installation and replacement and roadside grading. Annual maintenance is essential to roadway safety and extending the life of the pavement.

Replacement of failing pipes and inlets required projects on the following roads: Lan Avon. Relying on the skills and labor of the Township Public Works Crew allows the Township to keep most projects in-house, instead of relying on more expensive contracted services.

Traffic Signals and Markings

Traffic control maintenance includes sign installation and maintenance, traffic signal maintenance and repairs, safety marker placement, guardrail repair and replacement, and other maintenance. The Public Works Director continued to replace and install signage as outlined in the Township Sign Management Program.

Signalized intersection design and permitting is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The Township is the primary permitted for three traffic signals on State roads (intersections: State Route 45 & 15th Street; State Route 45 & State Route 2007; and U.S. Route 15 & Moore /Smoketown). Electrical service, routine maintenance, and emergency services are the responsibility of the Township. The Township is the secondary permittee for two traffic signals on State roads (intersections: U.S. Route 15 & Saint Mary Street; U.S. Route 15 & State Route 45). The Borough of Lewisburg is the primary permittee on these signals. Through an agreement between the two municipalities, East Buffalo Township is responsible for the electrical supply, internet connection, and maintenance of the traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Route 15 & State Route 45. The Township has a maintenance agreement with TRA Electric for each traffic signal to provide routine maintenance and emergency response for malfunctions.

Bridge & Culvert Maintenance

Since 2023, the Township has been working with HRG on the replacement of the Turtle Creek Bridge located on Turtle Creek Road that was severely damaged due to a severe thunderstorm event that occurred on August 7th. In June, the Public Works Department started to dismantle the Turtle Creek Road Bridge; by the end of July the bridge was demolished, and the new foundation was started. On March 24, the Board of Supervisors approved U.S. Bridge for the fabrication and delivery of the prefabricated steel superstructure for the East Buffalo Township's Turtle Creek Road Bridge replacement project in the initial anticipated cost of \$163,985.00. On September 8th, the Board of Supervisors approved Redrock Construction, Inc., the Turtle Creek Road Bridge Reinforced Concrete Deck System & Barrier Curb in the amount of \$92,175.

Equipment

In 2025, there were three major equipment purchases.

- A 2025 Cronkhite Diamond Tilt Trailer - \$18,539.50

- Bandit 1680 Beast Horizontal Grinder - \$371,381.40.
- 2025 Case 621G XT Wheel Loader - \$161,165.23.

The Township utilized the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's COSTARS cooperative purchasing program for purchases. The Township was approved for a \$200,000 PA DEP grant for the purchase of the grinder. Other purchases were funded from the Equipment Capital Reserve.

No equipment was sold through Municibid.com in 2025, but the 2025 Case 621G XT Wheel Loader was purchased to replace a 2019 621G XT Wheel Loader, which was traded in on the 2025 Case 621G XT Wheel Loader.

Road Dedications

There were no new streets dedicated to the township in 2025. The Township has 51.72 miles of roads on the official Township inventory with the State Department of Transportation which are eligible for State Liquid Fuels funding. This does not include 1.01 miles of alleys, for which the Township is responsible for maintaining.

CONTRACTED ROAD PROJECTS

In 2025, 17.22 miles of Township streets were included in contracted road construction and/or maintenance projects. Contracted road construction projects included approximately 3,236 Tons Flexible Base Replacement; 518 Tons Widening 2' Into Existing Roadway 2' Widening; and 434 Tons Binder Cours 2 ½" Depth. Contracted road maintenance projects included 103,172 SY of double seal coat and 103,172 SY fog seal. It is important to note that the total road construction miles and total road maintenances miles add up to more than the reported mileage of treatment because some roadways received sections of needed base repairs (construction) and then the entire roadway received a seal coat and fog seal treatment.

East Buffalo Township utilized services provided through PennDOT District 3-0 Municipal Services for preparation of road project bid documents. Bids were publicly advertised and Township staff ensured that known potential bidders were aware of the competitive road project availability. Awards were given to the lowest responsible bidding contractor during a public Board of Supervisors meeting.

Once road projects were awarded, notifications were also posted on the Township website and Facebook page.

Construction Projects

Seven (7) proposals were received for the road construction project. New Enterprise Stone, based in Winfield, PA, was awarded the contract for construction paving projects. The original bid cost was accepted at \$427,306.00. The final construction cost was \$400,517.94,

which was 6.69% under the original bid amount. The Township utilized General Funds for this expense.

This year the areas considered were as following: **Riverside Heights** to include Cardinal Street (E-W), Fisher Avenue (E-W), Sterling Drive (E-W), Skyline Avenue(N-S), Pine Ridge (S-N); **Greenfield** to include Gundy Lane (E-W), Schoolhouse Lane (S-N); **Spruce Hills Development** to include Wedgewood Gardens (S-N), Hawthorne Drive (N-S), Andrews Court (S-N), Spencer Place (W-E); **Fox Hollow** to include Montcalm Place (N-S), Beagle Club Road (W-E); **Morgan Estates** to include Equestrian Lanel; **Glendale** to include Waterford Place (E-N), **Windsor** to include Hardscrabble Lane (S-N); **Golf View** to include Jonathan Road (W-E); **Armory Development** to include South Armory Drive (W-E), Armory Boulevard.

Maintenance Projects

Two proposals were received for the road maintenance sealcoating and fog sealing project. Russel Standard, based in Fayetteville, PA, was awarded the contract. The original bid cost was accepted at \$386,885.24. The final maintenance cost was \$378,641.24, which was 2.17% decrease over the original bid amount. The Township utilized State Aid (Liquid Fuels) Funds for this expense.

Bituminous Fiber Reinforced Seal Coat w CRS-2PM Oil SRL-L and asphalt Fog seal was performed in the following developments: Gulf View Development; Glendale Development; Fox Hollow Development; Morgan Estates Development; Spruce Hills Development; Riverside Heights Development; Greenfield Development; South Armory Drive; Armory Boulevard; East College Park Development.

Street Markings

D.E. Gemmill performed the painting of street markings, which included double yellow center lines, white road fog lines, and crosswalks.

WEST MARKET STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

In January, the Supervisors had a meeting with the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) planning grant committee. The grant application was reviewed along with revised changes. Chairman Knight attended the Planning Commission meeting in February and gave an overview of the Market Street Streetscape Project. In March, the township received notice from Senator Fetterman's office that the \$1,800,000 earmark for Phase 1 of the Market Street Streetscape Project was removed from the Federal Budget. The Township resubmitted the Phase 1 appropriations request to both Representative Thompson and Senator Fetterman in April. By July, the township received additional revisions for the SS4A federal grant contract but is still waiting for final approval. On July 30, the Township submitted a \$1,181,600 application for a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant for Phase 3 of the project. A meeting was held virtually with HRG to discuss the West Market Street Phase 4 grant application. August the township received noticed that they were awarded the SS4A federal grant. On September 2nd,

the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) grant application was submitted to PennDOT; they confirmed that they had received; a meeting was scheduled on Monday, September 29th with PennDOT and SEDA-COG to discuss the TASA grant application; this application was due by the end of October. Chairman Knight reached out to HRG about getting a proposal for the SS4A plan since we were awarded the funding. In October HRG scheduled a conference call to discuss the SS4A grant proposal. In November Chairman Knight did a Power Point presentation to SEDA-COG for the TASA grant application. The Township also had their first informational SS4A safety plan kickoff meeting with HRG and Kittelson & Associates. Towards the end of December, PennDOT had announced the recipients of the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant, for which the Township had applied in November 2024. PennDOT received 171 applications for financial assistance from the MTF during an open application window between September and November. The MTF evaluation team reviewed and evaluated the applications. This was an extremely competitive process as numerous important transportation projects were proposed that would positively impact the citizens of Pennsylvania. However, East Buffalo Township was not awarded the funding.

RECYCLING

Act 101, Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of July 1988, mandates recycling in all municipalities with a population of 5,000 or more. Under the Act, East Buffalo Township is required to implement a once per month curbside program to collect at least three (3) recyclable materials. The Township collects clear glass, colored glass, and aluminum cans. Residents must also separate leaf waste from other municipal waste. Commercial, municipal, and/or institutional establishments must separate high grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper and leaf waste and other materials deemed appropriate by the municipality generated at commercial, municipal, or institutional establishments and from community activities.

Although not required under Act 101, East Buffalo Township serves as a drop-off recycling facility for the County.

The Public Works Crew is responsible for all curbside and drop-off center recycling activities.

Brush, Yard Waste & Christmas Trees

Christmas tree collection was completed in January 2025. The Crew collected 228 trees throughout the Township. This is a decrease in collection from 2024.

The Township provided brush and yard waste collection in April, May, September, and October. Since COVID-19, the Township has not been able to utilize the U.S. Penitentiary Public Works and Community Service Program to aid staffing during collection cycles. The program would typically provide three to four participants, which allowed Township Public Works Crew members to remain available to perform other maintenance projects and/or provide sufficient man-hours to cover for Crew vacation days.

Brush and yard waste was performed in April, May, September, and October. Brush collection in 2025 resulted in processing of approximately 2,979.35 cubic yards. This is a decrease of -0.49 % from 2024, but that is because we did not collect in the month of June like we had in past years. Collection of yard waste in 2025 netted 929.06, this is an increase of 20.73% from 2024, because again we did not collect in the month of June last year.

Brush & Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

In 2025, the Township opened a Brush and Yard Waste Drop-Off Site located on Pheasant Ridge Road. The Township Brush and Yard Waste Drop-Off Site is open in the months of April through November every Monday of each week, except for Township holidays which shifted the opening day to Tuesday and the second Saturday of each month. The facility is staffed by one member of the Public Works Crew during hours of operation to assist users and to ensure that materials are source separated. This year the office issued a total of 210 permits to East Buffalo Township residents to use the drop-off site. A total of 850 loads were dropped off at the drop-off site, taking approximately 1,735 cubic yards of material that the township had to grind on top of what was collected during the curbside collection period.

Collection of Leaves

Curbside leaves collection, performed using a driver-controlled vacuum, began in October and the last round of collection throughout the Township was completed by the middle of December, afterwhich, vacuuming of leaves continued with the clearing of ditches and inlets. Collection in 2025 was approximately 2,050.29, this is a decrease of -10.10% from 2024.

Curbside & Drop-Off Center Recycling

Curbside collection was completed once per month. Collection included clear glass, brown glass, green glass, and aluminum cans.

The Township Drop-Off Center is open Monday of each week, except for Township holiday which shifted the opening day to Tuesday and the second Saturday of each month. The facility is staffed by one member of the Public Works Crew during hours of operation to assist users and to ensure that materials are source separated. Individual bins for separate materials are provided for clear glass, green glass, brown glass, PETE plastic, HDPE plastic, aluminum, bi-metal, paperboard, magazines, corrugated cardboard, office paper, and newspaper.

Lycoming County Resource Management Services (LCRMS) provides transport and processing services for the bins filled with materials from drop-off and curbside collections. LCRMS provides tracking of quantities collected directly though East Buffalo Township recycling collection, as well as private hauler single-stream recyclers.

The recyclables collected by the Township, either curbside or at the drop-off center, must be source-separated, prohibiting the Township from providing on-site Single Stream Recycling. However, since 2012 private haulers have been providing Single Stream Recycling service for Township residents and businesses. This has proven to be a popular option for residents, due to the high convenience factor and low service cost.

East Buffalo Township recycling collection and private residential single-stream tonnage amounts for 2025 indicate a decrease in overall collection volume from 2024.

	2024	2025	Percentage of Change
Municipal Collection Tonnage	203.97	141.12	-44.54%
Private Hauler Residential Single-Stream Tonnage	113.68	99.14	-14.67%
Total	317.65	240.26	-32.21%

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Building Construction

No construction was completed in 2025.

Building Maintenance

March 24, 2025, Siemen’s installed a new fire system in Township Office Building and Public Works Garage.

Lawn Care

The Township continues to utilize a contracted lawncare services for the services for the municipal complex. This is a five-year contract with the lawncare services.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Animal Control

Cherished Cats are overseeing cat issues, the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department are overseeing dog issues or complaints, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission is overseeing any wildlife issues or complaints.

Emergency Management

Matthew Exley, EBT resident, who was appointed on January 6, 2025, to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator after Lawson Fetterman resigned December 31, 2024. The Township relied on his work along with the Union County Emergency Management Director, Julianne Erway. The Emergency Operations Center, located at the Union County Government Center, located in the Township consists of computers, communications and other equipment used in the event of an emergency that may affect the residents of the township.

Fire Companies and Ambulance Services

The Township is served by William Cameron Engine Company (WCEC), a combined career staff and volunteer department. WCEC oversight is provided by the volunteer board. Additional financial oversight is provided by the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services Board (CSFES), which has municipal representatives from East Buffalo Township, Kelly Township, and Lewisburg Borough.

WCEC is Funded By:

Source	2024	2025	Change in Years	Percent of Change
Municipal Contribution	\$721,329.91	\$736,178.05	\$14,848.14	2%
Fire/EMS Billing	\$1,261,860.62	\$1,512,311.78	\$250,451.16	17%
Grants	\$29,554.44	\$42,957.59	\$13,403.15	31%
Fund Raising	\$176,753.88	\$148,244.50	-\$28,509.38	-19%
Miscellaneous Income	\$71,457.07	\$71,812.64	\$355.57	0%
Refund/Payments	\$52,936.09	\$10,373.35	-\$42,562.74	-410%
ALS Income	\$60,897.19	-\$1,249.03	-\$62,146.22	4976%
Interest	\$3,128.10	\$3,730.78	\$602.68	16%
Unprocessed EMS Billing	\$14,853.48	\$0.00	-\$14,853.48	
Total	\$2,394,794.78	\$2,526,384.66	\$131,589.88	5%

Source	2024	2025	Change in Years	Percent of Change
Administrative	\$94,332.18	\$119,040.01	\$24,707.83	21%
Personnel	\$1,798,331.55	\$1,831,178.00	\$32,846.45	2%
Vehicles	\$91,981.21	\$108,969.16	\$16,987.95	16%
Fire/EMS Supplies	\$116,273.33	\$41,616.85	-\$74,656.48	-179%
Building	\$116,006.27	\$105,470.55	-\$10,535.72	-10%
Capital Budget/Expenses	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	-\$40,000.00	
Total	\$2,256,924.54	\$2,206,274.57	-\$50,649.97	-2%

East Buffalo Total Incident Calls			
2024	2025	Change	Percent of Change
987	This information is not available at this time. Will update when available.		

POLICE

The Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department was formed March 2011, through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Township and the Borough of Lewisburg. On August 9, 2021, East Buffalo Township and the Borough of Lewisburg signed a revised Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. This agreement completely supersedes and replaces the certain agreement entered by the Municipalities on March 15, 2011, dealing with regional police services. The initial term of this Agreement shall be for five (5) years, commencing on January 1, 2022. This Agreement may be renewed for successive two (2) year terms, but not without a mutual review of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Renewal must be by mutual written agreement of the Municipalities hereto, executed not less than one (1) year prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term, as applicable. Renewal shall be on the same

terms and conditions contained herein unless modified and agreed to in writing by the Municipalities, and this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, with any collateral written amendments, without the necessity to execute a new document. A Municipality intending to not renew agrees to notify the other Municipality in writing at least one (1) year prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term, as applicable, of its intent and such non-renewal shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement.

The Department operates under the general supervision of the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission (BVRPC). The Chief of Police reports directly to the BVRPC. The Commission shall be comprised of eight (8) representatives, four (4) being appointed by each Municipality. Representatives are hereinafter collectively referred to as Members. Each Municipality shall designate three (3) Primary Members and one (1) Alternate Member. Member composition is made at the discretion of the appointing Municipality, but at a minimum must include one (1) official of the governing body of the respective Municipality as a Primary Member and one (1) civilian citizen as a Primary Member. Officials of the governing body may hold an elected office either by election or appointment. Civilian citizens are not required to be residents of the appointing Municipality but must always be permanent residents of the BVRPD jurisdiction. In the event a Municipality is unable to appoint a civilian citizen to at least one Primary Member seat, an official of the governing body may be appointed. If the appointing Municipality fails to appoint at least one civilian citizen to a Primary Member seat within six months of a vacancy, the Citizen Member seat shall become vacant until the Municipality appoints a civilian citizen. The Municipality's Alternate Member may not fill the vacancy. Alternat Members from each Municipality shall attend meetings and participate in the discussions. Voting by Alternate Members is outlined in 3.E.(2)(b) of the agreement. No sworn police officer or civilian employee of the Department or employee of either Municipality shall be eligible for appointment to the Commission. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. January 1, 2024, the amended agreement states that the Municipalities shall pay the Commission a monthly sum equal to one-twelfth of the approved annual budget. Municipalities shall make payment on or before the 10th calendar day of each calendar month upon receipt of an acceptable invoice. At the end of each calendar year, the Commission will review the cash balance in the General Fund. If deemed more than required operating needs for the next calendar year, excess funds will be distributed to the Municipalities in the ratio/proportion originally paid. The Commission and Municipalities are authorized to approve other arrangements for payments by the Municipalities, provided the financial security of the Department is not impaired and that both Municipalities are provided with the same arrangement.

In January 2025, Chief Embeck stated all seven (7) cruisers have had some type of service work done to them; they were having camera system issues but were working with the Director of the Housing Authority; stated radios were a big concern and was seeing if there were any grants available; mentioned concerns with the handguns the Officers were carrying, was doing additional research. February, the Commission approved the request to sell the old handguns and purchase the new handguns; and they approved the purchase of the new radios. Officer Heckman was promoted to full-time Detective, and the Commission approved the hire of an additional part-time officer. March a motion was made to accept changes to the Civil Service

Rules and Regulation; Pete Bergonia was appointed to the Civil Service Commission; David Christensen was appointed as an Alternate to the Civil Service Commission; and a motion made to start the hiring process. April the Commission approved the request to put the Special Unit on Municibid. Chief Embeck stated the Co-Responder has been hired by CMSU; his name is Shaun Gatewood; he would be starting in the next 4-6 weeks. May Officer Baumwoll and Corporal Burns were promoted to Sargeant; Officer Dreisbach and Officer Faulkner were promoted to Corporal; and the Commission approved ending the contract with Airiam and choosing CSR as the new tech provider starting July 1. The new Co-Responder was introduced to the Commission and would be starting with the department on May 19, 2025. June, the Commission approved the Chief to put miscellaneous items on Municibid, and sign documents related to the transfers of property and equipment. July, the Commission approved a purchase for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe pursuit model for a total of \$57,225 and an upfitting for between \$12,000 and \$14,000. They also approved the purchase of a 12-foot single axle trailer that will be used mostly for range days. Commission members also approved to extend a conditional offer of employment to Kevin Rushton. August, a motion was made to sell the unnecessary .40 caliber and the 12-gauge ammunition; to sell the .308 bolt action rifle; and to purchase seven (7) Cradle Point Routers and antennas. September, Chief Embeck was given the approval to post the 2014 Ford Interceptor on Municibid for sale; and Policy 414 – Immigrations Violations was passed. October, the police department was given the approval to purchase an E-Bike from Link Cyclery for the bike patrol. Link Cyclery will upfit it and it to the department at a cost of \$1,900. The Commission approved the department to sell three (3) Cannondale bikes on Municibid. November, the police department was given the approval to switch health insurance from Capital Blue to Geisinger PPO \$250 Gold Insurance Plan and cover the difference in the Maximum Out of Pocket Expense. The 2026 Budget was discussed with an increase of 6.40% and Chief Embeck was given approval to hire a new officer in March of 2026. December the commissioners approve the 2026 Budget.

BUDGET

Description	2024	2025	Change in Years	Percentage of Change
Municipal Contributions	\$2,241,704.00	\$2,345,250.00	\$103,546.00	4%
Operational Carry over	\$134,186.76	\$120,000.00	(\$14,186.76)	-12%
Other Income	\$426,803.14	\$438,700.00	\$11,896.86	3%
Total Revenue	\$2,802,693.90	\$2,345,250.00	(\$457,443.90)	-20%
Total Expenses	\$2,631,350.55	\$2,783,950.00	\$152,599.45	5%
Net Operations	\$64,652.46	\$171,343.35	\$106,690.89	62%
BVRPD County Incident Reporting (Call for Service)				
Month	2024	2025	Change in Years	Percentage of Change
January	427	346	(81)	-23%
February	430	318	(112)	-35%
March	427	501	74	15%
April	510	309	(201)	-65%
May	490	376	(114)	-30%
June	436	365	(71)	-19%
July	482	343	(139)	-41%
August	480	431	(49)	-11%
September	533	532	(1)	0%
October	515	437	(78)	-18%
November	475	446	(29)	-7%
December	336	313	(23)	-7%
Total	5541	4717	(824)	-17%

PARKS & RECREATION

Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority

East Buffalo Township is served by the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (BVRA), which was formed through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Township and the Lewisburg Borough. The organization organizes year-round programs and services to help sustain better health and wellness. The administrative offices of the BVRA are located at the old Lewisburg Area High School 815 Market Street, Suite #182, Lewisburg PA, 17837. The Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority Board is made up of eight (8) board members, four (4) members from the Lewisburg Borough and four (4) members from East Buffalo Township, all members hold a five (5) year term.

In 2025 the topics the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority focused on were as follows:

Gymnastics Center

Gymnastic programs are over budget for income – includes rec programs, private lessons, open gyms, and birthday parties. Gymnastics equipment expenses include new mats and springboard which were partially covered by the candle fundraiser money received last year. The Energy Gymnastics Men’s Team had an exciting conclusion to this

year. Every boy that went to states placed 3rd or higher on the team. We had four (4) out of the top five (5) all-around champion spots. And two (2) of the boys represented the State of Pennsylvania in the Regional Championships held in New Haven, CT. Hagan Sprenkel won vault and Phoenix Rowe placed first in the all-around. The girls started strong with one of our Level 3s placing first all around.

The Pool

The Pool is strictly a summer activity for BVRA. We hire and prepare in the spring, but the operations are strictly June – August. We have about twenty-five (25) staff keeping the pool operational. We hire maintenance, front desk, Concessions, custodian, and lifeguard positions. Hiring went all right this year, the average rate for hourly staff is about \$18.00. The pool stays busy; we offer open swim from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM daily. We host private pool parties and cabana rentals. Our guards coach group lessons and private lessons. Finally, this year we have The Lewisburg Gators holding their practices at the pool this year, while Bucknell is renovating their natatorium. So, the Gators will be renting the pool for practices June -July as well as a few meets. Our working relationship with the Gators has been great over the last few years and we want to keep it going. Additionally, we have been able to get a professional company to service our diving board and replace it for next year. “The Fulcrum Guy” is a company out of New Jersey that will inspect, service, and repair our current board before and after the swim season, for less than \$1,000. Finally, another highlight is that our current maintenance man, Curtis, is getting the certifications necessary to inspect the pool and facilities. However, the pool is an aging facility. Almost every day we face challenges with pumps, pipes, or fixtures that cost an outrageous amount to keep repaired. Over the summer, the pool requires about 90% of our own maintenance time. We contact a plumber about once a week to deal with problems beyond the scope of our own staff. In order for the pool to be sustainable, a major overhaul of the pool complex is on the BVRA horizon.

Camps

Some of the local SACC programs are not running. This seems to be a boon for us with higher than usual comp registrations. We will also be investing in this program by spending a bit of money on more outdoor activities. The BVRA summer Adventure Camp niche is a focus on outdoor activities. We are all from a time when summer activities ONLY happened outside, emphasizing getting kids outside, visiting the pool every day, and still making time for field trips. BVRA has a lot of competition with summer camps. It has consistently lost enrollment for three (3) years. This year should still end up in the black, but next year, we may implement some alternative plans to stay operational.

The Park

The Lewisburg Area Park is bustling with pavilion rentals and special events. We plan to host a yearly triathlon with Rise Up Racing. We have an arrangement with the newly formed Lewisburg Soccer Club to make regular use of the West Field. Our tennis courts

are busy with tennis and pickleball. We will also have National Night Out at the park again on the first Tuesday in August.

Fairground Road Park

Chairman Knight submitted the 2025 Healing the Planet Grant application through Giant Foods for trees to plant around the municipal complex and Fairground Road Park. The Township received notice in August that we were awarded the 2025 Healing the Planet "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" grant funded through Giant. This grant allowed us to purchase about forty (40) new trees, twenty (20) for planting around the municipal complex and Fairground Road Park. The remaining twenty (20) will be planted at Turtle Creek Park in the spring of 2026. On October 25th, seven (7) scouts and three (3) adults plus Brian Auman, and three (3) East Buffalo Township representatives volunteered to plant trees around the Township Complex and in the Fairground Road Park. Thanks to the Public Works Department for digging the holes ahead of time for the tree planting. In December Chairman Knight also, submitted the final report for the Healing the Planet grant.

In September, the Board of Supervisors approved to hold their first "Halloween in Park." The supervisors set the date for Saturday, October 25th, from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The Township estimated that almost seventy-five (75) kids attended, in a variety of costumes and a variety of ages. Ages ranging from one (1) dressed as a skunk in a stroller to fifteen (15) dressed as Eeyore the Donkey; custom awards were handed out for the cutest as a scarecrow; scariest were clowns; and most unusual was dressed as a fox. Supervisors plan to do it again next year.

Spruce Hills Park

The construction resumed in late March and reached final completion in June. The notice was posted around June 12th that the park was now open to the public. The first phase of this completed project consists of parking with ADA compliant spaces, an ADA compliant looped walking trail, and playground area geared to young children as well as an area for older children's recreation activities. The completed project totaled \$533,650.96, a -1.34% decrease in the estimated project cost. A DCNR Park Development grant funded 50% of the project cost.

Turtle Creek Park

In January Chairman Knight met with an environmental studies class at Bucknell University to discuss a project at Turtle Creek Park, transplanting the trees from the nursery habitat to the stream bank on the north edge of the park. The students researched and planned which trees should go in which locations. The Team then organized a community tree planting event for April 13, including hands-on work to transplant the trees. The Bucknell Environmental Studies Class re-planted 18-20 trees from the tree nursery. A second group of community volunteers and high school students re-planted another 18 trees in the upper part of the Turtle Creek Park on the same day.

A few meetings were held in May to discuss the DEP Growing Greener Wetland Restoration Grant. The project would improve stormwater management and restore wetland habitat in the park. Brian Auman prepared and submitted the application in June.

Chairman Knight met with two foresters at Turtle Cree Park regarding a Land Management Plan. Philip Hackenberg was selected to prepare the plan. The final copy of the plan was submitted on September 15th; the plan provides good guidance on managing invasive plants and restoring native vegetation in the park.

The Township had their annual review meeting with the Merrill Linn Conservancy regarding the Turtle Creek Park easement in May. No issues were noted in the review.

In April, the Township met with HRG to discuss the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 Project Design. In July, a few meetings were held with HRG to discuss the Phase 1 Turtle Creek Project schedule and scope of work.

DCNR awarded a grant for fifteen (15) oak trees to be delivered and planted at Turtle Creek Park in November. October Chairman Knight attended a webinar for our tree grant for Turtle Creek Park. It went through all the information about the delivery plans and all of that was passed onto Steve and Jeff. Brian Auman, Steve, Jeff, and Chairman Knight walked the park site to sort out the plans for our planting the trees in November. On Saturday, November 15th, thirty (30) volunteers from Scout Troop 538 and the community planted fifteen (15) oak trees from DCNR and fifteen (15) more from the tree nurse in an hour and a half.

In November, Chairman Knight and Brian Auman met with an Environmental Studies Professor from Bucknell, to discuss potential projects for the spring semester.

Then in December Brian Auman and Chairman Knight met with an apprentice company called R.E.S. They are a company that collaborates with other clients who need to get credit for wetlands. This would be part of an arrangement where they would be paid by another entity for the work. They are going to put together a proposal for us on different ideas of what things they might be able to do in the park. A proposal had not been submitted as of the end of December.

BUILDING CODES ENFORCEMENT

Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) was utilized by the Township for Uniform Construction Code Enforcement Plan Review and Permitting, Residential & Commercial UCC Building Inspections and International Property Maintenance Code Enforcement.

PLANNING & ZONING

Beginning October 1, 2017, the Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) became the Township’s administrator for all zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances. For 2025, surprisingly there was a 23.02 increase in the number of permits issued compared to the number issued in 2024. Although the number of permits increased, the significant increase in revenue highlights the shift in the type of project but also an increase in the permit fee cost. The number of new homes increased; however, there was a decrease in the number of new businesses and subdivision and land developments. The change can be seen in the number of projects and their applicable permit fees for projects commissioned by Bucknell University.

	2024		2025		CHANGES			
	Number of Permits	Sum of Fee	Number of Permits	Sum of Fee	Change in Number of Permits	% Change Number of Permits	Sum of Fee	% Change Number of Fees
Bucknell University Permits	2	\$ 22,678.00	4	\$ 556.00	2	50.00%	(\$22,122.00)	-3979%
All other Permits	95	\$ 30,260.00	122	\$ 145,927.00	27	22.13%	\$115,667.00	79%
Annual Total	97	\$ 52,938.00	126	\$ 146,483.00	29	23.02%	\$93,545.00	64%

The following subdivision and land developments were approved: Friesen’s Welding & Manufacturing Land Development Plan, Miller-Riggs Farm Land Development Plan, Dwyer Minor Subdivision, Rheam Consolidation Plan, St. Paul’s at the Farm, Robert and Carole Hamm Minor Subdivision, John Federico Charles-Funk and Lara E. Funk Minor Land Development, and Edwin C. Miller, Jr. Lot Addition for Lands.

The Planning Commission recommended adopting the 2024 Union County Comprehensive Plan as the East Buffalo Township Comprehensive Plan, the Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Operations Ordinance, and the Township Zoning Ordinance.

UTILITIES

The Township works closely with utility companies providing services within its boundaries.

Public Water: For those areas with access to public water, Pennsylvania American Water serves East Buffalo Township.

Public Sewer: For those areas with access to public sewer, Lewisburg Area Joint Sewer Authority (LAJSA) serves East Buffalo Township.

Electric Utilities: The Township is served by Citizen’s Electric, which is based within the Township.

Natural Gas: For those areas with connection to natural gas in East Buffalo Township, service is provided by UGI Utilities. Service in the Township has expanded in recent years, with additional lines expected in the coming year.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In 2024, the Union County Emergency Management worked with the municipalities to update the county-wide Hazard Mitigation Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan. Following FEMA and PEMA approval of the Union County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update, the East Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors adopted it on March 10, 2025.

2024 AUDITING

The Board of Supervisor appointed Klacik & Associates, P.C. to perform the 2024 Annual Audit during 2025. This firm performed a comprehensive audit of all township accounts and prepared the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report, filed with the state. The 2024 Audit of the Township Financials used the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The final audit was publicized in the Standard Journal and copies of the Financial Statement and the DCED report are on file for public inspection at the Township building and posted on the website on the Newsletter & Reports page.

2025 BUDGET

The East Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors approved the 2025 budget during a December 9, 2024, public meeting. The following information is intended to provide an overview of the budget and noteworthy events during the 2025 calendar year. An analysis of the Township's financial health will be included with the annual Financial Statement presented following the completion of the 2025 annual audit.

General Fund

The General Fund represents the principal operating fund for the Township, including general government administration, facilities maintenance, public works, public safety, professional services, planning & zoning, health, and welfare, cultural and recreation, and debt services.

For the fiscal years 2022 through 2025, the real estate millage rate decreased 7.5% to 3.7 mills.

Streetlights Fund

The millage rate of 0.05 mills will remain the same for 2025. This funding covers the cost of service, installation, and maintenance of streetlights by Citizens' Electric Company.

Fire Protection Fund

For fiscal year 2025 the millage rate of 0.75 was approved, the contribution rate to WCEC per capita method was \$47.37 and used the U.S Decennial Census total from the 2020 Census of 7,405. Total contribution was \$341,972.28.

Fire Hydrant Fund

Any property within 780 feet of a hydrant was assessed as 0.06, this remains unchanged as of 2025. This fund is utilized for the maintenance and rental of fire hydrants from Pennsylvania American Water.

State Liquid Fuels

Funds are provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from gas taxes disbursed annually to all municipalities in the state. The receipts are based upon Township Road miles and population. Use of the fund is limited to road maintenance/construction and related equipment purchases. In 2025, State Liquid Fuels funds were utilized for contracted road maintenance projects, street paving markings, and winter road maintenance materials. The township received a total of \$378,641.24.

Capital Reserves/PLGIT Reserve Fund

In 2025, transfers from the PLGIT Operating Reserve Funds to the PLGIT – Equipment Fund total \$400,000; from the PLGIT Operating Reserve Funds to the PLGIT – Street/Road Major Projects total \$699,012.53; from the PLGIT Operating Reserve Funds to the PLGIT – Parks & Recreation total \$200,000; from the PLGIT Operating Reserve Funds to the PLGIT – Municipal Complex Reserve total \$900,000. In addition to the monthly transfers that total \$8,606.40 for the year from BVRA were deposited into the park and recreation account in the Contingency Reserve Fund – Park & Recreation. Funds from the PLGIT - Equipment Fund totaling \$750,000 were transferred to the General Fund; funds from the PLGIT – Street/Road Major Projects were transferred to the General Fund; and funds from the PLGIT – Park & Recreation totaling \$190,000 were transferred to the General Fund.

Pension Fund

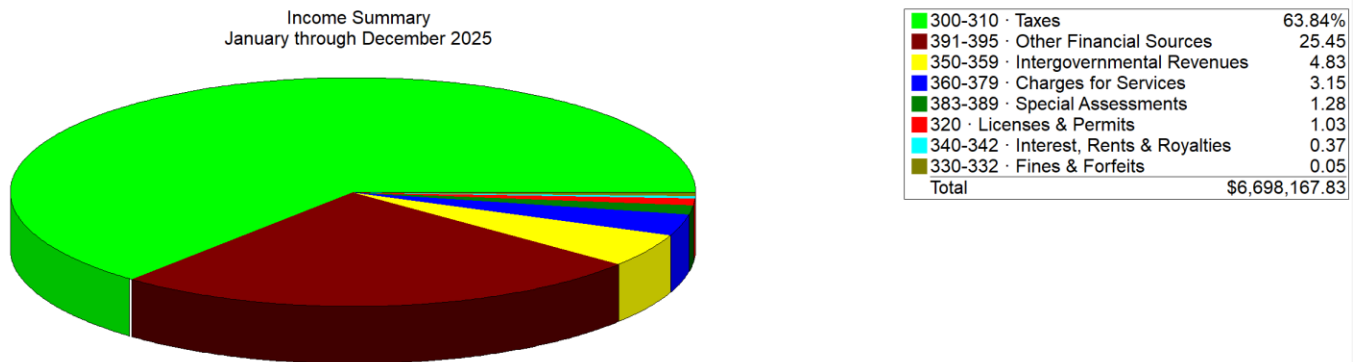
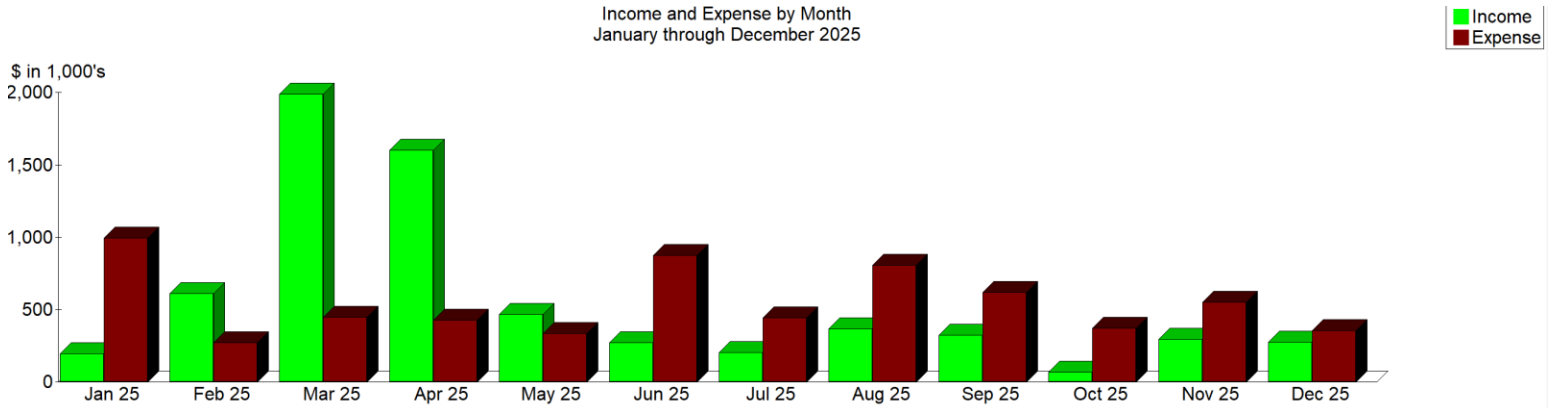
The fund required \$45,199 of municipal contribution in 2025. The annual Pension Advisory Committee meeting was held in-person on March 25th. Based on the Committee’s review of the funds, recommendations to replace the DFA Intermediate Government Fixed Income Fund with Vanguard Intermediate -Term Treasury Fund, the Vanguard Intermediate-Term Investment Grade Fund with the Vanguard Global Credit Bond Fund and moving from mutual funds to ETFs for some strategies that will improve performance due to lower expense levels. At the of 2025, the Pension fund balance was \$2,113,531.67.

OPEB

Qualifying Township non-employees, and their spouses, are eligible for OPEB medical, dental, and vision coverage. In addition, the Township is financially responsible for OPEB medical, dental, and vision coverage for qualified Buffalo Valley Regional Police Officers who were employed by the Township prior to department regionalization. The Township has been providing this OPEB since the 1980’s. As of December 31, 2025, there is a total of

six (6) non-uniform employees, and a total of seven (7) uniform employees who receive this coverage plus their spouses. The fund's total value as of December 31, 2025, was \$2,243,416.84.

GENERAL FUND INCOME CHARTS FOR 2025



By Account

March Income:

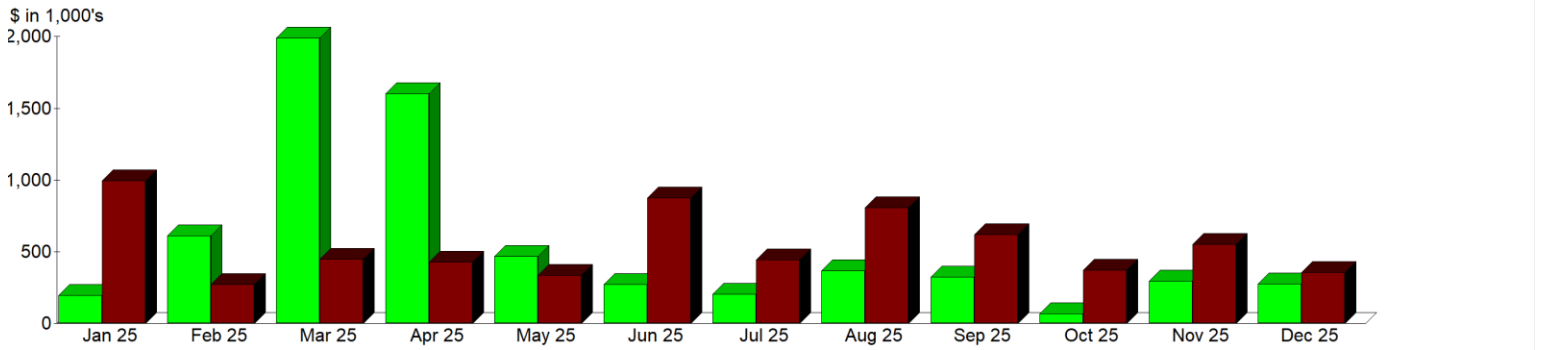
Real Estate Taxes - \$140,918.75
 Berkheimer Taxes - \$130,335.54
 Zoning, Subdivision & Land Development - \$10,326.00
 Transfer from Reserves - \$1,705,000.00 (\$750,000 – Equipment; \$765,000 – Street/Road Major Project – Turtle Creek Bridge;
 Park & Recreation - \$190,000)

April Income:

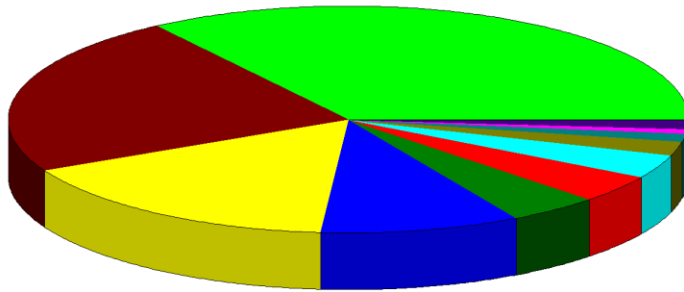
Real Estate Taxes - \$1,357,777.91
 Berkheimer Taxes - \$87,908.84
 Intergovernmental Revenues - \$100,000 (DCED Grant Reimbursement – Fairground Road Park)

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE CHARTS FOR 2025

Income and Expense by Month
January through December 2025



Expense Summary
January through December 2025



430-439 · PW - Highways, Roads, Streets	34.65%
410-419 · Public Safety	22.99
492 · Interfund Operating Transfers	16.35
400-409 · General Government	9.60
493 · ETC	4.32
487-489 · Health Insurance Benefits	4.03
450.459 · Culture - Recreation	3.41
481-484 · Employer Paid Benefits	2.15
486 · Insurance, Casualty & Surety	1.26
470-474 · Debt Services	0.69
Other	0.55
Total	\$6,521,422.50

By Account