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## White Township supervisors approve \$10.2 million 2025 budget

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Stock photos of signs. White Township Municipal Building

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[White Township supervisors](#) unanimously approved the [township's 2025 budget](#) Wednesday.

The final budget came to \$9,154,460.03 in revenues and \$10,186,816.17 in expenses, leaving a roughly \$1,032,356.14 deficit.

Although the 2025 budget technically has a deficit, township Manager Chris Anderson said it's a balanced budget when accounting for carryover funds and the roughly \$600,000 in American Rescue Plan funds the township must commit by the end of the year.

“The majority of that deficit is made up of the ARP funds that will be exhausted this year,” Anderson explained, “and then, the (remaining deficit) will come out of investments and carryover (funds).”

Anderson added the majority of ARP funds will go toward roadway projects along Waterworks and Heritage Run roads.

Anderson said the budget is “project-heavy” and includes a variety of infrastructure, park, road network, traffic signal and sanitary sewer projects going into the new calendar year.

“To mention a couple — we have our 2025 paving project (and) the amphitheater to kick off this year,” Anderson said. “We’re looking at some garage expansion here at the White Township building as well as a media room expansion.

“(We have) some technology upgrades, a Chevy Chase stormwater (project) ... the Wayne Avenue traffic signal improvement project. We have other various traffic signal projects, an emergency generator for the Recreation Complex. So, we’re definitely project-heavy. We’re in a good place.”

Other highlights from the budget include a 3.5% increase to health insurance costs, which [supervisors approved in June for their annual UPMC renewal](#), and a 3.5% increase to township staff wages, according to Anderson.

He said the budget also accounts for [the prospective county-wide emergency authority](#) county commissioners have discussed with White Township and other local municipalities for months.

In other news Wednesday, supervisors unanimously approved sending [the township Stewardship Committee’s draft stewardship plan for White’s Woods](#) to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for review and comment.

Around a dozen residents attended Wednesday’s supervisors meeting, with many praising the committee’s more-than-two-years of effort collecting public input and data to draft the stewardship plan.

“Basically, what we heard (at Wednesday’s meeting) is this (plan) is kind of the beginning,” Anderson said, “and it sets forth a procedure of answering some of these (stewardship) questions and opening dialogue on how we want to see White’s Woods managed.”

Also Wednesday, supervisors passed a number of motions, including:

- Accepting a roughly \$140,000 bid for [the township’s property at 1710 High St.](#) following a public auction Saturday. Anderson said the township received more than what it paid for the property and that the money will go into the township’s general fund.
- Approving the township’s annual \$207,000 donation to the Indiana Fire Association for fire protection services within the township.
- Approving a \$38,875 proposal from GPD Group, of Pittsburgh, for Wayne Avenue/Indian Springs Road traffic signal consultant work. The township is looking to install a new traffic signal at the intersection because the current traffic signal aging, according to Anderson.

“It’s an aging traffic signal,” Anderson said. “At one point, it was actually shot with a bullet in the traffic cabinet. The hangers for some of the lights are aging and are of concern. And you have the brewery there, the fitness center ... the Hoodlebug Trail crossing.

“There’s some different things happening at that intersection, so it’s a good time to look at that (traffic signal), improve it and make it safer.”

Anderson said GPD Group will spend the majority of 2025 designing the new signal and obtaining the necessary permits and approvals to begin construction by the end of that year.

- Advertising a 25-mph speed limit ordinance for Getty Avenue, Pine Street, Willis Drive and Laurel Street. Anderson said those roadways do not currently have speed limits and that the township has received numerous complaints about speeding traffic.
- Approving the time and date for the township’s reorganization meeting, which will take place 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. The township’s first regular supervisors meeting of the month will immediately follow the reorganization meeting. The township’s second supervisors meeting that month will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.
- Approving the township’s 2025 Municipal Authority budget of \$891,000 in revenues and expenses.