

WEST WYOMING BOROUGH NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

January 2013

January 14 @ 7:30pm
Council Meeting

February 2013

February 4 @ 7:30pm
Council Work Session

February 11 @ 7:30pm
Council Meeting

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****REMINDER-Sanitation Stickers****

Sanitation stickers are currently on sale at the Town Hall, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All residences in West Wyoming must purchase a sticker. The cost remains the same as last year, \$200. If purchased before January 31, 2013, senior citizens (65 and older) will receive a \$25 rebate (\$175), all others receive a \$15 rebate (\$185). If purchased from February 1-28, 2013, the full price will be charged, \$200. After February 28, 2013, the cost will be \$300 for the year and citations will be filed with the District Magistrate for noncompliance with the Ordinance. Stickers are also available through the mail: West Wyoming Borough Building, 464 West 8th Street, P.O. Box 4035, 464 West 8th Street, West Wyoming PA 18644. For the added convenience of residents, Visa, MasterCard and Mac are accepted

Payments for the borough sanitation stickers and sewer user fees can now be made through the website www.westwyoming.org. A convenience fee will be added to the sanitation sticker fee.



As West Wyoming Borough enters 2013 council has been reviewing borough financial trends both historic and going forward. The borough's revenue in regards to collections for services, garbage and sanitation, has improved greatly since 2009. Improved collection methods and accounting policies have accounted for this improvement. Since council has not raised property tax rates the collection of that revenue has remained consistent.

A source of concern for the borough's financial health is the collection of per capita tax and earned income tax. Per Capita tax is a \$10 tax on individuals between 18-65yrs. As the borough population ages this source of revenue has trended downward. Of a larger concern is the Earned Income Tax. This is the tax that is collected from working borough residents. The economic downturn that has spawned continued unemployment, coupled with people leaving the work force due to retirement and issues with Centex has caused a downward trend in this source of revenue.

On the expense side council has made great strides in controlling costs. With the exception of the Street Department salaries, expenses have declined. Council members, the treasurer and the Mayor have declined salaries in order to save money and the use of part time employees have saved the taxpayers significantly. After the completion of energy saving repairs to the borough hall, the town has seen a huge reduction in utility costs. Another bright spot is the overall borough debt reduction of 1.1 million dollars since 2009. The biggest expense side issues remain health and liability insurance costs, employee pensions and Street Department salaries.

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Revenue				
Line Item	2009	2010	2011	2012
Per Capita	\$4,007	\$3,654	\$4,152	\$3,605
Transfer Tax	\$16,154	\$15,185	\$19,261	\$14,571
Earned Income Tax	\$215,738	\$294,136	\$253,127	\$228,681
LST	\$17,466	\$23,480	\$25,454	\$13,668
Property current/delinqu	\$209,943	\$225,394	\$229,211	\$230,624
Trash Collection	\$201,675	\$230,739	\$204,269	\$253,300
Sewer Collection	\$412,369	\$521,029	\$555,352	\$560,883
Pension MMO	\$21,896	\$19,409	\$16,789	\$10,728
Expenses				
Line Item	2009	2010	2011	2012
Council and Mayor Salary	\$16,250	\$15,625	\$16,250	\$14,895
Solicitor	\$16,623	\$17,688	\$13,596	\$13,860
Adminsitrator	\$54,911.00	\$13,025	\$12,000	\$12,546
Tax Collector	\$9,521	\$10,566	\$10,343	\$10,800
Boro Treasurer	\$0	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875
Borough Building Utilities	\$46,384	\$7,221	\$7,393	\$4,565
Full Time Police	\$48,244	\$27,830	\$38,385	\$36,797
PT Police	\$70,060	\$105,082	\$97,482	\$94,170
Fuel	\$14,649	\$10,115	\$11,531	\$13,692
DPW Salaries	\$31,298	\$54,698	\$50,674	\$54,820
Liability/ Health Insurance	\$122,801	\$81,978	\$62,678	\$65,841
Trash Payment	\$145,848	\$169,488	\$172,518	\$172,923
Debt	\$4,210,000	\$3,954,012	\$3,546,774	\$3,548,000
Street Lights	\$22,241	\$40,154	\$28,099	\$25,576
Pension Payments	\$63,523	\$85,358	\$28,079	\$33,474