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Forks keeps property tax stable

Township has collected 4.6 mills for 10 straight years. Two officers to be hired.

Forks supervisors approved a 2007 budget Thursday that keeps the township property tax steady for the 11th straight year.

Next year's spending plan of just over \$7 million retains the 4.6-mill tax rate and adds two police officers.

The township will enter next year without dealing with construction of its municipal complex, which was completed early this year.

The \$10 million project includes a municipal building, fire station and expanded police station.

Under the tax rate, a resident with property assessed at \$50,000 will continue to pay \$230 in township tax.

According to the Northampton County assessment office, the median residential assessment in Forks is \$65,800, a figure that would bring a local tax bill of \$302.68.

Forks will go into the new year without a township manager, but is nearing the end of a search and has conducted interviews with eight candidates.

The township has been without a manager since July, when the supervisors fired Cathy Kichline.

The reason for her dismissal was not disclosed, but township officials said she was not let go for any willful misconduct.

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