

Polk Township

Monroe County
Pennsylvania

2026 Budget



Polk Township is located in the southwestern corner of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and has a rich history dating back to early Moravian settlements and its official formation in the mid-19th century.

Polk Township was officially established on September 26, 1846, formed from a portion of Chestnuthill Township. It was named in honor of James K. Polk, who was serving as the 11th President of the United States at the time.

Early Settlements and Development:

- Fort Norris was completed in February 1756 and was 6,400 sq. ft. in size. It was located roughly one mile southeast of present-day Kresgeville, and was named for Isaac Norris, a prominent Philadelphia Quaker who served as speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly and was later known as the man who commissioned the Liberty Bell.
- Native American and Moravian Presence: In 1760, the Moravian religious sect from Bethlehem established a mission settlement called "Wechquetank" in the area to convert native people to Christianity. Due to growing hostilities between settlers and Native Americans, the mission was abandoned just three years later in 1763.
- Infrastructure: The earliest major road through the area was the State Route, now known as Route 209. Kresgeville, the largest village in the township, was an early center of activity, with its first school built in 1825 and first post office established in 1845.
- Industry: In 1855, Edward Hawk discovered a deposit of slate, leading to a local quarry that supplied slate for writing tablets to area schools. The township also included various businesses in Kresgeville by 1880, such as stores, hotels, gristmills, and blacksmith shops.
- Education: The Gilbert Polytechnic Institute, a significant educational establishment, operated in the township and served over 1,700 students before closing in 1922 due to changes in state regulations for teaching certificates.

Modern Day:

Today, Polk Township spans approximately 31 square miles and has a population of around 7,473 residents as of the 2020 Census. The community is served by the Pleasant Valley School District.

Elected

Polk Township Supervisors:

Brian K. Ahner – Chairman

Michael D. Hurley – Vice-Chairman

Carl S. Heckman – Supervisor

Tax Collector: Polk Township, Monroe County, Pleasant Valley School District

Angela Schwartz

Appointed CPA:

Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC

Elected Auditors:

Ann Gravell

Dennis McMahon

Trenton Schaffer

Appointed Officials

Solicitor:

Attorney James V. Fareri

Engineer:

Russell Kresge Jr., PE, PLS

SEO:

Steve Hawk

Appointed Boards & Commissions

Planning Commission

Parks & Recreation

Veteran's Memorial

Zoning Hearing Board

Nuisance Hearing Board

AG Security

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

Historical Society

Departments

Township Secretary:

Rebecca Tippet

Zoning Officer:

Tracy Herman

Treasurer:

Pamela Thompson

DPW

Brian K. Ahner

Thomas Longyhore Jr.

Blaine Borger

Harold Touni Jr.

William C. Tippet

Derrick Burger

David Novajovsky

Troy Meckes

Joseph Randis III



W. D. Kunkle's General Store, Kresgeville, Pa.



Kresgeville Post Office
and General Store
Kresgeville, Pa.

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Polk Townships proposed 2026 Budget was made available to the public on November 25, 2025. The Polk Township Supervisors maintain the real estate millage rate at .62. A .37 millage rate took effect in 2025 for the sole purpose of supporting the important needs and services of the Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company. The total proposed millage rate for 2026 will be .99.

Example: For every \$200,000 of real estate tax assessment, the .62 mills will generate \$124 dollars in real estate taxes, and the .37 mills will generate \$74 dollars.

The 2026 Budget will include funding for various township projects such as improving and repairing the roads, buildings, and equipment. The budget is derived from historical data, obtained quotes for equipment and building repairs, and market rates. As always there are many challenges to preparing a budget, aging infrastructure, rising costs, and unforeseen expenses. To assist in providing for the community, Polk Township intensely seeks grants to help offset township costs.

The Polk Township Supervisors, Public Works Department, Zoning Officer, Township Secretary and the Treasurer work diligently to support and improve our community. Our hopes are to continue to better our services and the community for all who live in Polk Township.

ALL FUNDS (General Funds & State Funds)

	2026	Budget
REVENUES		
301 REAL PROPERTY TAXES		
301.10 - RE Taxes - CY		499,850
301.20 - RE Taxes - PY		4,600
301.40 - RE Taxes - Tax Claim		15,580
Total 301 - Real Property Taxes		520,030
310 TAXES - LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT		
310.10 - RE Transfer Taxes		205,000
310.20 - Earned Income Taxes		1,015,500
Total 310 - Local Tax		1,220,500
321 LICENSES & PERMITS		
322.30 - Driveway Permits		1,350
331 FINES & FORFEITS		
331.10 - Court - District Magistrate		1,150
341 INTEREST, RENTS & ROYALTIES		128,750
355 STATE SHARED REVENUE		
355.01 - PURTA		1,600
355.02 - Motor Vehicle Liquid Fuels		299,096
355.03 - State Road Turnback		24,040
355.04 - Liquor Licenses		800
355.05 - Mun. Pension State Aid		65,000
355.07 - Foreign Fire Insur. Premium		49,000
Total 355 - State Shared Revenue		439,536
361 CHARGES FOR SERVICES		
361.31 - Sub Land Dev Plans Fees		3,495
361.32 - Fees for Engineering Review & Insp		510
361.33 - Zoning Permit Fees		39,475
361.34 - Hearing Fees-Conditional Use		2,350
Total 361 - Charges for Services		45,830
362 PUBLIC SAFETY		
362.41 - UCC Building Permits		56,275
362.44 - SEO Fees/Sewage Permits		44,650
362.47 - Well Permits		2,000
Total 362 - Public Safety		102,925
364 SANITATION		
364.30 - Solid Waste Coll & Disp Permits		133,000
364.31 - Additional SW receipts		8,580
364.50 - Sale of Recyclables		15,620
Total 364 - Sanitation		157,200
TOTAL REVENUES		2,617,271
Carryover / Cash		2,925,500
TOTAL AVAILABLE REVENUES		5,542,771

EXPENDITURES

400	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
400.05	- Supervisors Wages	9,190
400.33	- Supervisors Mileage	350
400.46	- Meetings and Conferences	5,325
	Total 400 - General Government	<u>14,865</u>
402	FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	
402.20	- Supplies	380
402.31	- CPA / Auditing Services	6,950
	Total 402 - Financial Administration	<u>7,330</u>
403	TAX COLLECTION	
403.05	- Elected Tax Collector / RE	27,850
403.20	- Supplies	3,700
403.23	- Tax Collection Postage	1,695
	Total 403 - Tax Collection	<u>33,245</u>
404	LAW	
404.31	- Solicitor	19,100
405	SECRETARY / CLERK / TREASURER	
405.12	- Secretary / Treasurer Wages	135,200
405.14	- Wages - Clerk	14,250
405.33	- Sec/Trea. Mileage	55
405.35	- Treasurer Bond	1,475
405.46	- Conferences and Conventions	1,100
	Total 405 - Secretary/Clerk/Treasurer	<u>152,080</u>
406	GENERAL GOVT ADMINISTRATION	
406.21	- Office Supplies	3,560
406.23	- Postage	1,045
406.31	- Admin Professional Services	11,150
406.34	- Legal Advertising	3,710
406.39	- Bank Service Fees	100
406.42	- Dues, Subscriptions & Memberships	17,200
	Total 406 - General Govt Administration	<u>36,765</u>
407	IT NETWORKING SERVICES	
407.45	- IT Networking - Support & Maint	3,750
408	ENGINEER	
408.31	- Professional Services	48,530
409	GENERAL GOVT BLDG & PLANT	
409.24	- Operating supplies - Bldgs	3,960
409.26	- Building Small tools & Equip	16,550
409.36	- Public Utility Services	4,200
409.37	- Bldg Repair & Maint Services	199,100
409.44	- Other services - Cleaning	3,850
409.48	- Telephone / Internet	4,715
409.49	- Heating Oil	3,780
	Total 409 - General Govt Building & Plant	<u>236,155</u>

411	FIRE	
	411.26 - Fire Co. Tools & Equip.	200,000
	411.50 - Contribution of Volunteer Fire	50,000
	411.54 - Fire Relief Fund	51,000
	Total 411 - Fire	<u>301,000</u>
413	CODE ENFORCEMENT	
	413.23 - Postage	410
	413.31 - SEO	38,465
	413.37 - Building Inspector Services	63,720
	Total 413 - Code Enforcement	<u>102,595</u>
414	PLANNING AND ZONING	
	414.10 - Planning and Zoning Wages	84,750
	414.31 - Court Reporter	1,390
	414.33 - Planning & Zoning Mileage	145
	414.46 - Meeting and Contin Ed	1,000
	Total 414 - Planning and Zoning	<u>87,285</u>
415	EMERGENCY MGT & COMMUNICATIONS	
	415.10 - Monroe County Control Center	44,766
426	RECYCLING COLLECTION & DISPOSAL	
	426.21 - Supplies	3,390
	426.36 - Public Utility Services	2,195
	426.37 - Recycling Repairs & Maint Svcs	4,960
	Total 426 - Recycling Collection & Disposal	<u>10,545</u>
427	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL	
	427.10 - Wages	99,107
	427.21 - Supplies / Building	2,980
	427.45 - Disposal / Hauling	87,600
	Total 427 - Solid Waste Collection & Disposal	<u>189,687</u>
430	PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAYS & STREETS	
	430.10 - Wages - Road	529,860
	430.26 - Small Tools & Minor Equip	2,600
	430.31 - Lab Fees	300
	430.33 - Fuel - Public Works Equip	45,650
	430.37 - PA One Call Services	155
	430.44 - Uniforms & Clothing Allowance	4,820
	430.75 - Minor Machinery & Equip	405,000
	Total 430 - Public Works Highways & Streets	<u>988,385</u>
432	SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	
	432.24 - Snow Removal Oper. Supplies	68,550
433	TRAFFIC SIGNALS, SIGNS, ENG	
	433.24 - Street Signs & Signals	15,940

434	STREET LIGHTS	
	434.36 - Street Light Electric	3,590
437	REPAIRS OF TOOLS & MACHINERY	
	437.25 - Repair tools & mach - supplies	34,500
	437.37 - Repair of Mach - Services	76,500
	Total 437 - Repairs of Tools & Machinery	<u>111,000</u>
438	MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS OF ROADS	
	438.25 - Maint & Repair Rds & Brdg Supplies	235,900
	438.37 - Maint & Repair Rds - Services	530,000
	438.38 - Rent of Equip for Roads	8,000
	Total 438 - Maintenance & Repairs of Roads	<u>773,900</u>
450	CULTURE & RECREATION	
	453.54 - Spectator Recreation - Donation	8,500
	454.24 - Park Supplies	2,500
	454.37 - Parks - Services	7,000
	454.74 - Parks - Capital Purchase	6,000
	Total 450 - Culture & Recreation	<u>24,000</u>
459	VETERANS	5,000
481	EMPLOYER PD BENEFITS & W/H	
	481.00 - Employer Pd Benefits & Wthldg	6,210
	481.10 - Social Security Employer	54,086
	481.20 - Medicare - Employer	12,650
	Total 481 - Employer Paid Benefits & Withholding	<u>72,946</u>
483	NON-UNIFORM PENSION CONTRIBUTION	117,459
484	WORKERS COMP INSURANCE	78,980
486	INSURANCE	77,945
487	HEALTH INS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	233,900
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,859,293
	Net Revenue (Loss)	<u>1,683,478</u>
	Total Approp & Unapprop Funds	5,542,771