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**WORK** — Construction on Gettysburg's Broadway is shown looking West on East Broadway at its intersection with Old Harrisburg Road.

## On Broadway

Gettysburg awards street construction contract

By Jim Hale  
Times Staff Writer

The Gettysburg Borough Council awarded a \$749,493 contract for reconstruction of East and West Broadway.

C.E. Williams and Sons Inc. of Gettysburg was the lowest among five bidders, borough engineer Chad Clabaugh told the council during Monday's regular meeting.

It was a "good bid," significantly under the estimate of \$800,000, he said.

Plans differ for the two halves of the

extra-wide street, said Clabaugh, of the C.S. Davidson firm in Gettysburg.

On the eastern half, pavement is to be narrowed by five feet on both sides of the street, existing sidewalks are to be rebuilt, on-street parking will remain on both sides, and two rain gardens will be installed, Clabaugh said. The latter are stone-filled depressions that accumulate stormwater and allow it to sink into the ground, and will aid the borough in meeting federally mandated storm runoff reduction efforts, Clabaugh said.

The west half's distinctive mid-street "islands" are to be narrowed and

the number of paved intervals between them is to be reduced, Clabaugh said. The west side's on-street parking is to be removed, but curbs and sidewalks are to remain the same, he said.

The project includes elevation changes to improve drainage, replacement of storm drains, and installation of traffic-slowing "speed tables," he said.

Williams will assign a supervisor as a "point of contact" because communication with affected property owners will be "one of the most important"

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## Gettysburg council OKs spending of surplus funds

By Hannah Pollock  
Times Intern

While motorists may just see parking meters, the Gettysburg Borough Council sees new benches, a gas furnace, tree removal, and more.

The Gettysburg Borough Council approved the spending of excess funds from its 2018 budget surplus during its meeting Monday night.

After discussing its plans for the surplus during a

workshop on May 28, the council decided to divide the \$135,715 surplus among multiple projects.

The surplus resulted primarily from increased parking revenue, Borough Manager Charles Gable said last month.

Before the 5-0 vote, Council President Susan Naugle said, "We're able to do this because we have sufficient fund balance to meet our needs."

Council members Jacob

Schindel and John Lawver were absent.

Approved were: \$8,000 for renovation of the borough's underground fuel tank; \$5,500 for six steel park benches with center armrests; and \$4,900 for removal of trees at the Racehorse Alley parking garage.

Council member Charles Strauss asked if new trees would be planted. Officials cited liability issues. Borough engineer Chad Clabaugh said utilities are

underneath the area where the trees were, making "not the best place for trees."

The trees were diseased and have already been removed, Finance Director Nicolette James said.

Spending also includes \$22,755 for computer-related updates and switching to offsite data storage.

Another \$15,000 will go toward the Borough of Gettysburg's sponsorship of

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MICHAEL COOPER-WHITE/GETTYSBURG TIMES

At its Monday evening meeting, the Fairfield Area School Board welcomed two newly-hired teachers. Emily Makar, left, will teach kindergarten and Justine Gibbon will be in one of the first grade classrooms this fall. Both are alumnae of the school, and both received their bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Shippensburg University.

## Fairfield School Board hikes taxes, OKs budget

By Michael Cooper-White  
For the Gettysburg Times

by 2.7 percent to a millage rate of 10.74.

The Fairfield Area School District board hiked taxes and adopted the 2019-20 budget Monday.

The budget shows projected revenues of \$18,578,267 with expenditures at \$18,621,998.

The deficit of \$43,731 will be covered by dipping into the general fund balance, which will still have over \$1.5 million available for emergencies and future expenses.

Meeting the district's increased expenses, including debt service for the \$10.4 million bond to address climate control overhauls, required raising the real estate tax rate

The vote to approve the budget was unanimous with Lonny Whitcomb Jr. and Rebecca Bequette absent.

The deficit may increase slightly as a result of a motion by Apryl Huster to explore reinstating a kindergarten aide position to full-time.

Huster said she had received multiple communications from parents concerned about maintaining a high-quality kindergarten program. The school expects higher kindergarten enrollment this coming year.

It proved to be Huster's final motion as a board member. In

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## Donation aids Tech Center



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**DONATION** — The Thomas L. Cline Foundation recently donated \$300,000 to the Colonial Career and Technology Center in the Conewago Valley School District (CVSD). From left to right, Dr. Russell Greenholt, CVSD superintendent, poses with board members from the Thomas L. Cline Foundation, which include Sharon Magraw, MarySue Cline, Clarence Asbury, and Gary French. Barry Cline was absent from the photo. There will be an open house for the public to see the new center on Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Greenholt said.



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### Deaths

### Fred Douglas Fidler

Fred Douglas Fidler, age 66, of Wrightsville, died peacefully, Saturday, June 8, 2019. Born in Gettysburg on Jan. 7, 1953, he was the son of the late Dale and Janet (LeGore) Fidler. Fred was the loving husband of the late Linda D. (Tome) Fidler, she died Nov. 2, 2008.



**Fidler**

Fred was a graduate of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. He was a machine operator, or as Fred would say "main button pusher," for ITT Engineered Valves in Centerville. Fred loved cars. He enjoyed fixing them and showing them. His most prized auto was his 1948 Ford with a Chevy engine. According to Fred, everything should have a Chevy Motor. He was a member of the Hanover Street Rod Association and the National Street Rod Association. Fred will be remembered for his story telling and joking around.

Fred is survived by his son Kevin Fidler, and his companion Molly Cook of Yorkana, his daughter Julie K. Grady, and her husband Michael of York, his sisters Rebecca Dawson of Winchester, VA, Rochelle Newman, and her husband Raymond of Orrtanna, and his grandchildren Cody, Makenzie, Collin, Colton, Cole, and Morgan. He is also survived by his father-in-law Roy Tome, husband of the late Doris (Grim) Tome of Yorkana, his brother-in-law Dennis Tome, and his wife Cindy Ann of Yorkana, his nephew Zachariah, and his niece Kaitlyn.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 from noon to 3 p.m. at the River Room of the John Wright Restaurant, 234 North Front Street, Wrightsville. There will be a prayer service for Fred led by Pastor Doug Miller at 1 p.m. In memory of Fred, please attend in your street rod or classic car if you own one.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Arrangements by the Etzweiler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 700 Hellam Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368. www.etzweilerfuneralhome.com.

# Pa. Democrats want communities to pay for state police coverage

**By Steve Bittenbender**  
*The Center Square*

Two Pennsylvania Democrats joined with Gov. Tom Wolf on Tuesday to tout bills they said would make sure all citizens pay for local law enforcement coverage.

About 22 percent of state residents live in communities that do not have local police protection, and that forces the Pennsylvania State Police to provide coverage to those communities. However, unlike cities and towns with local forces, those communities do not pay additional taxes or fees for the service, meaning state taxpayers foot the bill for those local calls.

Bills put forward by state Rep. Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster, and state Sen. Jay Costa, D-Pittsburgh, would require communities to pay on a sliding scale for law enforcement services. Communities with fewer than 2,000 residents would pay

\$8 per resident, while cities with 20,000 or more would pay \$166 per person.

Those fees would be adjusted annually, according to the bills. It's a far cry from the \$234 the state pays per person for the coverage, the lawmakers said at a news conference Tuesday. However, it's a step toward what they called tax fairness.

Costa mentioned one community that would be in line to pay for services was Hempfield Township, a Pittsburgh suburb with a population of more than 43,000, according to the last census. The median family annual income, according to the township's website, is \$81,181.

"Hempfield Township is a wonderful place to live," the Senate minority leader said. "They have a thriving, thriving business district. They have wonderful homes and alike, but yet they have no police protection. They rely upon the state police."

If passed, lawmakers expect the bills to generate \$100 mil-

lion initially in funding for law enforcement. Right now the state pays about \$700 million, with those funds coming from the state's coffers earmarked for covering road and bridge maintenance.

"It was not a good and wise use of our motor license fund dollars," he said.

At one time, the amount set aside was just \$200 million, but it reached about \$800 million three years ago. Lawmakers then agreed to start reducing the impact on the motor fund by \$30 million per year over a 10-year period. The state, though, takes general fund monies to make up for the shortfall.

Wolf, who included the \$100 million in his budget plan, said the current process creates a double hit for taxpayers. Not only are they paying the highest gas tax in the nation, but the \$3 billion generated to take care of the state's roadways gets cut by nearly a quarter to pay for state police coverage.

"We all want safe communities, and that means adequate police protection everywhere, but it also means structurally sound bridges and roads," said Wolf, who noted the state has about 2,800 structurally deficient bridges. "Right now, some municipalities are not paying their fair share."

Lt. Col. Robert Evanchick, acting commissioner for the state police, noted that since the start of 2018, his department has had to pick up coverage in six communities that decided to do away with their police departments.

Without finding a way to pay for at least a portion of the coverage, Evanchick said the force may have to look at budget reductions. That could include cutting cadet classes in future years.

Sturla said he has not received any commitment from Republican leaders in the House that the bill will get a hearing.

# Private schools bill starts budget season fight

**By Marc Levy**  
*Associated Press*

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Legislation to substantially expand taxpayer support for private and religious schools in Pennsylvania won passage Tuesday in the Republican-controlled Legislature, although Gov. Tom Wolf is signaling that he will block it.

The public dust-up ramps up a fight between supporters of public and private schools in the thick of negotiations between Republican lawmakers and the Democratic governor over a roughly \$34 billion budget package.

The bill passed the state Sen-

ate on a party-line basis Tuesday, a month after it passed the House on near-party lines.

A critical Wolf said he would look at the legislation but not whether he will veto it.

"What I've heard doesn't sound real good," Wolf told reporters after an unrelated news conference in his Capitol offices.

Republicans, Wolf said, haven't explained how they would finance the \$100 million cost of the bill, and he criticized tax-credit programs as lacking control or accountability.

Wolf, who campaigned for office on raising support for public schools, said he is still working to increase aid for a

public education system he called underfunded.

"It seems to me to be at odds with that need of a government in a democracy like ours to support broad-based, accessible public education," Wolf said.

The bill is sponsored by House Speaker Mike Turzai, R-Allentown.

The 18-year-old program to help finance private and religious schools is championed by school privatization advocates, who help find corporate donors to qualify for the tax credits.

The existing \$110 million Educational Improvement Tax Credit program effectively lets corporations direct tens of millions in tax dollars to favored

private and religious schools. The corporate donations are subsidized by a tax credit of up to 90%, meaning a donation of \$100,000 may cost the corporate donor \$10,000.

Some donations go directly to private or religious schools for scholarships. Some donations go to middleman organizations that can then withhold up to 20% in administrative costs before distributing the money to private or religious schools.

## What's Happening

### Adams County

TOPS 1076 meets each Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Abbottstown. Weigh-ins at 9:15 a.m. Meeting at 10 a.m. Call 717-637-9062 for information.

### Biglerville

Kids Fun Day at Trinity Christian Fellowship on June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of children's activities. Everything is free. For information, call 717-677-7765.

### Fairfield

The Fairfield group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets today at 8 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 13 Main St.

A dance will be held Wednesday, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, located on Main Street.

The Fairfield Fire and EMS holds Bingo every Thursday at the smoke-free dining hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:45 p.m., with three early-bird games.

### Gettysburg

The Gettysburg group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets to-

## Fairfield

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an emotional statement after all business items were concluded, she resigned from the board because of her family's upcoming move to Maryland.

"When I moved to this community 15 years ago, I had no idea how much it would come to mean to me," Huster said in her letter of resignation.

Expressing gratitude for her fellow board members' dedication and "extremely hard work," she urged them to continue striving for excellence.

"Fairfield can become the premier district in Adams County," she said.

Residents of the school district interested in filling the board position vacated by Huster's resignation may request an application from the administrative offices.

Adding her voice to the call for a full-time aide was Linda McMullen, a teacher who is retiring after 23 years teaching kindergarten at Fairfield.

Speaking during the public comments portion of the meeting, McMullen explained the challenges faced in welcoming youngsters to their first public

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day at noon at St. James Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Stratton and York streets.

The Gettysburg VFW Friday night special will be chicken parmesan over spaghetti with side salad, garlic bread and dessert.

### Hanover

A support meeting for families and friends affected by substance use disorders and addiction is held every second and fourth Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Enter by Willow Street, the red door entrance. Visit www.guidingheartswithhope.org, or call 717-968-3083.

### Elsewhere

Al-Anon, Adult Children of Alcoholics, meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Lutheran Church, Silver Run, Md.

school experience.

Some new enrollees "enter kindergarten already reading, some know only six letters; some can count to 15 and others to 50," she said.

"Aides are so essential in balancing the playing field so every child can reach their potential," she said.

A long-time Fairfield kindergarten aide's position was reduced to part-time a few years ago, resulting in her losing benefits. McMullen concluded that the affected employee works with "less compensation, near minimum wage, and has more responsibilities."

In additional budget-related discussion, Huster and other board members expressed the hope that a Spanish teaching position can be provided in the near future.

In other action, the board reappointed Marcy Van Metre as its treasurer.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m. Due to the closure of many school facilities during the climate control upgrade work, the meeting will take place at the Fairfield Borough Hall at 108 W. Main St.



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## Surplus

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the 120th annual Pennsylvania Municipal League Summit here in October.

The sponsorship will cost \$50,000 but fundraising has already netted \$43,200 in sponsorship, including the borough's contribution, Gable

said. Any unneeded portion of the \$15,000 will go into the debt service fund, the council decided.

The biggest expenditure is \$43,000 for a gas furnace in the municipal building. James said it will pay for itself in less than two years through energy sav-

## Broadway

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priorities during the project, Clabaugh said. For example, he said homeowners will not be able to use their driveways for three days as concrete sets after new aprons are poured.

As the project was being planned, borough officials worked closely with residents to determine their preferences

Council member Charles Strauss asked whether Broadway property owners plan to create a neighborhood investment district in order to pay for maintenance of raised islands on a portion of the street.

Borough attorney Harold Eastman said he has been in touch with an attorney who is working with residents toward creating such a district.

Funding sources include the

last of the proceeds of 2016's \$4-million multi-project bond issue, state fuel tax funds, and contributions from the borough's Storm Water Authority and the Gettysburg Municipal Authority, Clabaugh said. The latter is replacing water lines and Columbia Gas is lower service lines as required for the project at no cost to the borough, he said.

Materials excavated in the course of the Broadway project and from storm water improvements and pavement reconstruction King Street are being placed in the southeast corner of the Gettysburg Recreation Park off Long Lane, Clabaugh said. The Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority, which operates the borough-owned park, plans to reclaim about an acre that is too wet to be used, he

said. Grading and seeding are planned before winter, he said.

In other business Monday, the council awarded an \$88,395 contract for maintenance of six bridges to Fares Farhat General Construction Services.

The bid was below the estimate of \$95,000, Clabaugh said.

Little of the work will be visually prominent, consisting mostly of concrete repairs and recoating of girders, he said.

The award was contingent on receipt of references from the Halifax-based company, which is in its "infancy," Clabaugh said. Should a problem arise, he said, the next bid is about \$6,500 higher.

Council members voted 5-0 to award each of the two contracts, with John Lawver and Jake Schindel absent.

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Tuesday, June 11

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