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Allegheny Township community building expansion included in next year's budget

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A 3,200-square-foot addition will be added to the front of the Allegheny Township community building.



Allegheny Township supervisors are adding the costs of a renovation to the township community building, estimated between \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million, to its preliminary 2019 budget.

Township supervisors will present the budget at their meeting Monday.

The renovation features a 3,200-square-foot addition to the front of the building, enlarging the facility by 30 percent, according to Township Manager Greg Primm.

The project costs are not expected to require a tax increase because the township is retiring debt at the end of this year, he said.

The township is considering the renovation now because it wants to move the township's sewage authority and tax office under one roof, which will be more convenient for residents, Primm said. Those offices currently are in the Kiski Plaza.

Additionally, there are needed repairs, mainly replacing the roof. The facade needed work because it was leaking terribly and moisture was getting behind the bricks, according to Primm. A skylight needs to be removed and insulation needs to be added.

A new meeting room will be built that will be in the front of the building toward the parking lot. The present meeting room will be turned into a storage area.

The senior citizens center and the rear meeting room will remain.

The renovations will be designed for the safety of the staff. The public will be unable to roam the building freely.

The township has approved an architect agreement with HHSDR of Pittsburgh, pending review by the township solicitor.

"At any point, if the board decides not to go forward, the agreement with the architect is null and void," Primm said. If the project goes through, they will be paid 7 percent of the construction costs.

The community building was constructed in 1979.

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