

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
IN-PERSON / GOTOMEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA at 7:30 PM
Kirby Hall, Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, New Jersey
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this February 8, 2021 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was sent to the Observer Tribune on January 4, 2021 and published in the Observer Tribune on January 7, 2021.

Mayor Jones announced adequate notice of the February 8, 2021 meeting of the Harding Township Committee was published in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll. Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows: Ms. Chipperson (in-person), Ms. DiTosto (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Platt (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Yates (in-person) and Mr. Jones (in-person).

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates and seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting recessed into Executive Session at 6:01 pm.

Resolution TC 21-069– Resolution to Recess into Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Harding Township Committee that it shall adjourn into executive session to discuss the following subject matter(s) without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the matter(s) discussed will be made known to the public at such time as appropriate action is taken on said matter(s), and when disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Township of Harding provided such disclosures will not violate Federal, State or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney-client privilege. The Township Committee will return to public session after this Executive Session.

Contracts:

1. Joint Court – Platt / Jones
2. Property Acquisitions – M. Roselli
3. Tunis Ellicks Architectural Contract – T. Jones

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION – Mayor Jones

The Township Committee reconvened into public session at 7:35 pm

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

Ms. Chipperson, Ms. DiTosto, Mr. Platt, Mr. Yates, Mr. Jones

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll. Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows: Ms. Chipperson (in-person), Ms. DiTosto (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Platt (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Yates (in-person) and Mr. Jones (in-person). There were about

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Jones

Mayor Jones led members of the Township Committee and members of the Public and members on the GoToMeeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADEQUATE NOTICE of this meeting of the Harding Township Committee was given as follows: Notice was sent to the *DAILY RECORD* and the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 4, 2021, and published in the *OBSERVER TRIBUNE* on January 7, 2021; Notice was posted on the Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road in Harding, NJ on January 7, 2021, and Notice was filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 7, 2021.

Mayor Jones announced that adequate notice of the February 8, 2021 Township Committee meeting was called in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLUTION TC 21-070 -- RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following meetings are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **January 18, 2021; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that the minutes from the following Executive Session meeting(s) are approved as prepared and shall be filed as a permanent record in the Municipal Clerk's office: **January 18, 2021.**

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to accept the Township Committee meeting minutes. *Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to accept the January 18, 2021 Township Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson.*

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Jones read Resolution TC 21-071 in full.

Resolution TC 21-071 – Resolution to Promote Michael Gromek to the Position of Lieutenant with the Harding Township Police Department

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek graduated from the Union County Police Academy in December 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek was hired by the Township of Harding as a Probationary Police Officer on February 15, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek has served as an Administrative Sergeant, Internal Affairs Supervisor, Evidence Custodian, Deputy OEM Coordinator, and Department Officer-In-Charge in the absence of the Chief for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in March 2018 with the Harding Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek is a Certified Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Certified Drug Recognition Expert, graduate of FBI-LEEDA Supervisor, Command, and Executive Institutes, graduate of FBI-LEEDA Media and Public Relations; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gromek received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kean University and a Master of Arts Degree from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Harding Township Police Promotional Policy & Procedures, Chief Erik Heller recommends that Sergeant Michael Gromek be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the Township of Harding Chapter 7-31, Police Department, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 et seq., all members of the Harding Township Police Department shall be appointed by the Township Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that they hereby approve the promotion of Michael Gromek to the rank of Lieutenant in the Harding Township Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is authorized to execute the Lieutenant's employment agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Harding Township Committee hereby congratulate and extend their best wishes to Lieutenant Michael Gromek.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked **Committee Member Yates** to proceed with Resolution TC 21-071 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Committee Member Yates made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mrs. Sharp conducted the oath of office for Lieutenant Michael Gromek. *Mrs. Sharp congratulated Lieutenant Gromek.*

Lieutenant Gromek thanked his parents, wife, family, and all the Police Officers in the room. *As he mentioned when he was promoted to Sergeant, there is not a person in this room that he did not learn something from. Lieutenant Gromek thanked everyone.*

Chief Heller – *commented on behalf of the Harding Township Police Department we would like to congratulate Lieutenant Gromek. Lieutenant Gromek has been working hard for the last several years learning the job and doing somewhat of the job for the last few years. Chief Heller explained there was a testing process, an evaluation process, and Lieutenant Gromek came out as the person to be recommended. The Department has not had a Lieutenant since 2012 and it has been something the Department has been striving for. Chief Heller commented on behalf of the Harding Township Police Department, we thank the Township Committee for helping us get to this and helping the Department get us where we need to be. We thank Mr. Falzarano,*

Township Administrator for helping the Police Department as well. Chief Heller said thank you for seeing what the Department needs, thank you for supporting us, we really appreciate it. Mayor Jones commented thank you and provided Lieutenant Gromek with a signed copy of Resolution TC 21-01.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Hesna Pfeiffer Award – G. Claytor

Mayor Jones introduced Gwen Claytor who will present the Hesna Pfeiffer Award.

Gwen Claytor explained that each year the Civic Association gives the Hesna Pfeiffer award for Civic Engagement to an individual or group that demonstrated significant civic engagement and volunteerism.

The Hesna Pfeiffer award is named after the editor of the Thumbnail for over 15 years and, of course, a key person not only to the Civic Association but to all who read the Thumbnail. Hesna always made time for the Harding Community.

Tonight the Hesna Pfeiffer Award is being presented to “Help For Harding” a volunteer group started by Elizabeth Sovolos at the onset of the pandemic, to organize volunteer efforts to help Harding’s neighbors who could not run errands or fill medications and food orders. Elizabeth’s pro-active efforts have been so well received and Mrs. Claytor believes now there are about 80 plus volunteers. Such a wonderful ray of light in a gray time. Thank you “Help For Harding”.

Mrs. Claytor presented the award to Elizabeth Sovolos who was attending the Township Committee meeting with her family in person.

Mayor Jones commented on behalf of the Township Committee we would like to thank Elizabeth Sovolos who last spring sent an email mentioning Help For Harding. The Township Committee had no input, it all came from Elizabeth Sovolos, came from her heart, and was so well received. Mayor Jones commented he does not think there is anyone that does not recognize what this really meant to the Harding Community. Thank you and this is a well-deserved award.

Mrs. Sovolos thanked everyone and mentioned that everyone on the Township Committee has done an outstanding job leading Harding through the dark times we all experienced last year. Mrs. Sovolos also thanked the volunteers who are the life line to Harding and was amazed at a drop of a dime had dozens of people to help with whatever was asked. The feeling of love when being driven to a doctor’s appointment showed the spirit of our Town. It is very moving and captures the spirit of Harding that we should never let go. Mrs. Sovolos explained it is really special, thank you.

Township Committee Member Yates – commented over the course of last year, he spoke with Mayors and elected officials in other towns, you have no idea how many copied Help For Harding. They called to ask how that was organized, what are you doing, etc. Mr. Yates explained it was a trail blazing idea that has been replicated in a couple dozen other Morris County towns. Mrs. Sovolos commented the cool thing is that Help For Harding is still going strong and will stay in place for as long as we can keep it going.

Township Committee Member Chipperson – commented thank you Elizabeth. Mrs. Chipperson explained we always touch on community and volunteerism and what makes Harding special. It is nice to connect with people in your town to drive them to a Dr.’s appointment where you would not have connected with them unless you met them at the Post Office. Help For Harding is great for COVID but

it is great for our Community. Mrs. Chipperson commented she is thankful to Mrs. Sovolos and all the volunteers.

2. Historic House of the Year – G. Claytor

Mrs. Gwen Claytor explained that she is representing the Historic Preservation Commission in commending the Falduto's for their fantastic renovation of their property located at 210 Lee's Hill Road.

The Falduto's came to the Historic Preservation Commission prior to their purchase and intended to move the home further back on the property. It turned out, the house had to remain in its original spot so the Falduto's lifted the home up and built a new foundation.

This renovation maintained the modest integrity of the house, garages, and small barn on the property. They used period correct details and properly scaled materials in their addition which complement the original farmhouse. The obvious sensitivity to all of the design decisions allows this home to remain a meaningful contribution to Harding's rural streetscape. Mrs. Claytor commented the Faldutos will receive the Historic Preservation House of the Year award.

Mayor Jones – commented thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Falduto for restoring your house. It was fun to watch the project.

RESOLUTIONS – (NON-CONSENT – REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION)

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to proceed with Resolution TC 21-072. Township Committee Member Chipperson read Resolution TC 21-072 in its entirety.

Resolution TC 21-072 – Historic House of the Year

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of Harding Township would like to present a historic home that adds aesthetic value and interest to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission is proud of the homes that contribute to the historical character of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Historic Districts recognize the architectural importance of commercial and residential buildings all across the nation that preserve the character and identity of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Historic House Award will be an opportunity for the Historic Preservation Commission to highlight a property that enhances the historical character in Harding Township; and

WHEREAS, the home that the Historic Preservation Commission wishes to highlight should be viewed from the road, enhance the streetscape, display proper use of scale, rhythm, massing and materials and have an architectural style that compliments the rural character of Harding Township; and

WHEREAS, 210 Lee's Hill Road is an historic structure dating back to around 1780; and

WHEREAS, it is a traditional two-story, farmhouse with modest architectural details, simple masses, porches and supporting outbuildings; and

WHEREAS, the present owners, Doug and Meghan Falduto have done a fantastic job of maintaining the modest integrity of the house, garage and small barn on the property with the use period correct details, use of properly scales materials and windows and modest additions that supplement the original scale, massing and architectural details of the farmhouse; and

WHEREAS, the sensitivity to the design decisions allows this home to remain a meaningful contribution to streetscape in the Logansville Historic District; and

WHEREAS, 210 Lee's Hill Road is noted as a contributing property in the Logansville District in the Harding Township's Historic District Inventory.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the property at 210 Lee's Hill Road is hereby chosen to receive the Historic House Award.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked **Committee Member Chipperson** to proceed with Resolution TC 21-072 listed on the Non-Consent agenda.

Committee Member Chipperson made a motion to approve the resolution placed on this evening's Non-Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Yates.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mayor Jones congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Falduto and commented that we have a framed signed copy of Resolution TC 21-072 that will be provided to them. The Faldutos responded with thank you.

Township Committee Member Yates – commented he drives by this property a few times a week and it has been a great pleasure watching the project unfold. Mr. Yates commented the Faldutos did a great job.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED:

1. 2021 Budget – A. Fiore

Mr. Fiore, Finance Department, conducted a slide presentation of the 2021 Preliminary Budget. A copy of the 2021 Preliminary Budget is appended to these minutes. The presentation was shared on the screen for all members of the public attending in person and via GoToMeeting.

Mr. Shah, CFO -- commented with regard to the slide showing capital improvement fund, it is important to recognize that Harding has adopted pay as you go rather than borrowing. The debt service analysis will be paid off in 2028. When Mr. Shah came to Harding in 2006, prior to that, there was borrowing, bonding for small items; like vehicles, small computers, etc. Everything was placed in capital and borrowing. At that time the Township Committee was looking for a way to switch to pay as you go and the Township started plan. The only borrowing the Township Committee has conducted is for large acquisition of land, affordable housing obligations. It is important to recognize this is entirely cash funded and is not putting future in debt. This is an important decision that is made every year in the Finance Committee meetings.

Mr. Shah commented in terms of the fund balance, it has always been the policy to be very conservative in projecting revenues in balancing the budget and ensuring that the Township has a good fund balance. This is a very important factor in the Township's AAA bond rating. As Mr. Fiore indicated, the Township has made a strategic decision to use more fund balance because the Township had one time expenses. Next year, those expenses will not come back and the surplus can be lowered. Mr. Shah commented that New Jersey Law requires that a Municipality have a balanced budget, that revenues and expenses are equal, unlike the Federal Government that can borrow money to balance the budget, the Township does not have that authority. Another important statute is projecting revenue. The Township must project revenue; project what the maximum revenue was collected for last year and not over projecting.

Mr. Fiore asked if there were any questions or comments with regard to the 2021 preliminary budget.

Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented regarding the increase in the Joint Court and the 6.2 miles on Route 287 covered by the State Police. Mr. Balog commented other towns are using the court less because there is less violations due to COVID. Township Committee Member Yates – commented that the State Police is one aspect of the Joint Court. Overall, the way the allocation formula worked this year, other towns had lower levels of enforcement across the board, they had lower parking fines, they have weights and measures division, zoning violations, etc. As the other towns went down, it shifted the cost of running the court toward Harding. Mayor Jones commented that the way the agreement was written, you have five towns and each town pay a percentage. Typically, they would have 24,000 cases, (we are still trying to determine what exactly is a case) last year the court handle 8,000+ cases. Of the 8,000, Harding was a larger percentage than the Township normally is. Chief Heller has what violations Harding Township did and our volumes went down but the State Police did not get reduced in a corresponding way. A discussion ensued.

Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented regarding the employees opting into the Health care. Is this a trend? Mr. Shah explained this is not a trend and mentioned sometimes a family member might have lost their benefit plan and due to COVID the employee opted into the Township's plan.

Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented regarding the assessed value. Waiting to see the assess value to rise as there is some building going on in the Township but overall the reassessment took it down. A brief discussion ensued.

Steve Balog, Civic Association – commented regarding the Police. Three years ago there was part time, they were made full time, and with higher pension and health care, there will be a net positive, is that still the case. Mr. Falzarano, Township Administrator respond yes. The Township would be running higher than we are. The reason it is 3.3% is due to the in-grade raises (the steps for the officers). The percentage overall is down, overtime is down dramatically. A discussion ensued.

Mary Prendergast, Van Beuren Road – *commented why Building/Road/Park/Maintenance is lumped together and adds up to \$229,000. Is there a break down on what is being spent in each. Mr. Fiore explained when you review the actual budget, which is on the website, there is an actual breakdown.*

Mr. Fiore *presented the Capital Budget for 2021. A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.*

Mayor Jones *commented regarding the introduction and adoption of the capital budget and asked if this is a goal, is this achievable, or does the Township need to wait for the State to certify. Mr. Shah explained it is the goal for right now. Mr. Shah explained that the adoption may not occur unless the State approves the budget. A discussion ensued.*

Mary Prendergast, Van Beuren Road – *commented why so much on the Centennial celebration signs. Township Committee Member Yates explained it is for more than just the signs.*

Larry Weppler, Lee's Hill Road – *commented he does not see anything in the budget regarding the maintenance of the tennis courts. Mayor Jones explained the tennis courts will be in the 2022 capital budget. Mr. Falzarano explained if there was a concern with the tennis courts, there is 10,000 under the line item Municipal facilities. This is where it will be in the capital budget.*

Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Fiore for the presentation.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

Mayor Jones *opened the meeting for public comment at 8:56 pm.*

Larry Weppler, Lee's Hill Road – *commented when is it appropriate to make a comment regarding the change in the Hurstmont age from 62 ½ to 55. Mr. Roselli commented at the time of the public hearing. Township Committee Member Yates explained that it is a typo, it has been 55 since the Township adopted the redevelopment plan. When the Plan was memorialized, the 62 ½ was a typo that was not caught.*

Township Committee Member Chipperson – *commented that a notice has been sent through the Civic Association and the Thumbnail that February 16, 2021 at 7:30 pm is the initial public meeting for the Centennial celebration. Mrs. Chipperson mentioned that the volunteer link is on the Harding Township website. If you would like to attend the February 16, 2021 meeting, please email Lisa Sharp and the GoToMeeting information will be sent.*

Larry Weppler, Lee's Hill Road – *commented that February 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm is Meet the Mayor and the Township Committee. The link for the ZOOM call has been published in the Thumbnail.*

With no further public comments, Mayor Jones closed the public comment session at 8:59 pm.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Chipperson to read Ordinance TC #01-2021.

Township Committee Member Chipperson read Ordinance TC #01-2021 by title as follows

ORDINANCE #01-2021– AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 4 (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING TO MEET NJDEP STANDARDS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Which said Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular Township Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2021.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk to give a summary of the legal notice.

Mrs. Sharp explained that a legal notice was sent for publication on January 18, 2021 to the Observer Tribune indicating that Ordinance #01-2021 was introduced and passed on first reading at the January 18, 2021 meeting and indicated that the second reading and public hearing were to be held on February 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm on or at any time thereafter for consideration of final adoption. Copies of this Ordinance were made available to the general public, posted on the Township website, and posted in accordance with the law. Pursuant to Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15B) copies were sent to the surrounding towns and to the Morris County Planning Board.

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney explained if you look at the agenda there were proposed amendments to the ordinance. The amendments should be voted upon first to determine if the Township Committee wanted to adopt the amendments, then have the public hearing on the ordinance as amended. The amendments do not change the substance of the ordinance. The proposed amendments are highlighted in red, pages 1, 2, 3, and 16. On page 3, the change is from Freeholders to Commissioners.

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to accept the changes identified on pages 3 and 16, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the amended changes on pages 3 and 16 of Ordinance #01-21 were accepted.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 9:04 pm on the amended Ordinance and any member of the public may be heard.

Larry Weppler, Lee's Hill Road – commented how this will impact Hurstmont. Are the changes here such that they will minimize the requirements for Hurstmont. Mr. Paul Fox, Township Engineer responded no, the amendments will not change the requirements related to Hurstmont.

Richard Clew, Blue Mill Road – commented the new stormwater ordinance is equally applicable to Hurstmont as it would be to the rest of the Town. Hurstmont is not exempt from this ordinance. Mr. Paul Fox, Township Engineer responded that is correct.

With no further comments, Mayor Jones closed the public hearing at 9:07 pm.

Township Committee Member Chipperson offered Ordinance #01-2021 as amended and moved its adoption.

Township Committee Member Yates seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Adoption:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS: NONE

**RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE:
NONE**

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered to be routine by the Harding Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Township Committee Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS TC 21-073 THROUGH RESOLUTION TC 21-076 HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE
CONSENT AGENDA**

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE:

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to proceed with the Resolutions listed on the Consent agenda. Resolutions TC 21-073 through TC 21-076.

Township Committee Member Yates made a motion to approve the resolutions placed on this evening's Consent Agenda by consent of the Township Committee, seconded by Township Committee Member Platt.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Resolution:

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Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Yates	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FINANCE:

Resolution TC 21-073 – Bill List

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Township Committee by various municipal departments.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that all vouchers approved by the Finance Chairman be paid subject to the certification of the availability of funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution TC 21-074 Amending the Fees of the Township of Harding for 2021 in Accordance with §171-1 and §171-4 of the Code of the Township of Harding

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey sets the fees of the Township by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the fees (Appendix A attached) have been reviewed and increased in accordance with §§171-1 and 171-4 of the Code of the Township of Harding.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding that it does hereby approve of the amended fees for the Township for 2021 as reflected on Appendix A attached hereto shall become effective on March 1, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said fees shall become effective as of March 1, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Resolution TC 21-075 – Resolution Authorizing the Township of Harding to Submit a Letter of Intent to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust For Restoration Repairs to the Tunis Ellicks House

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, HMRA Architects submitted a proposal for a conditions assessment, primarily of the exterior of the Tunis Ellicks building with the exception of the brick fireplace at the interior; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2020, the Township Committee discussed the proposal with the Harding Township Historical Society's President; and

WHEREAS, the Township received notice from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust that grant applications for Historic Restorations must be submitted by March 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township must submit a Declaration of Intent by February 26, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is authorized to submit the Declaration of Intent to the Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation, P.O. Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Township employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

PERSONNEL:

Resolution TC 21-076 – Resolution to Appoint a Part-Time Finance/Tax Clerk

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that effective February 16, 2021, David de Oliveira, is hereby appointed as a part-time Finance/Tax Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the three month probationary hourly rate will be \$17.00 not to exceed 29 hours per week.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #02-2021– ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FURTHER AMENDING THE GLEN ALPIN/HURSTMONT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #02-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates introduces Ordinance #02-2021 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #02 – 2021**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FURTHER AMENDING THE GLEN ALPIN/HURSTMONT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Township Committee Member Yates explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading. *Township Committee Member Yates explained that there was a missed correction when the ordinance was adopted and this cures that error. It is a typo, it has been 55 since the Township adopted the redevelopment plan. When the Plan was memorialized, the 62 ½ was a typo that was not caught.*

Township Committee Member Yates reads:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on February 8, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on March 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #02-2021 and move its introduction, seconded by Township Committee Member Chipperson.

Mayor Jones asks the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #03-2021– ORDINANCE #03-2021 – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 3 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY 225-5 ENTITLED “DEFINITION” IN ARTICLE II AND CHAPTER 225-145 ENTITLED “USE REGULATIONS” IN ARTICLE XXX B-2 BUSINESS ZONE TO AMEND THE PERMITTED USES”

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #03-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced Ordinance #03-2021 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #03 – 2021**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 3 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY 225-5 ENTITLED “DEFINITION” IN ARTICLE II AND CHAPTER 225-145 ENTITLED “USE REGULATIONS” IN ARTICLE XXX B-2 BUSINESS ZONE TO AMEND THE PERMITTED USES”

Township Committee Member Yates explained the purpose of the Ordinance and moved for introduction on first reading.

Township Committee Member Yates read:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on February 8, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on March 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #03-2021 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member Chipperson seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. DiTosto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #04-2021– “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 3 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY 225-116 ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS” IN ARTICLE XXII GENERAL ZONING PROVISIONS TO MODIFY SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL PLAY STRUCTURES”

Mayor Jones asks Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #04-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates introduces Ordinance TC 04-2021 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #04 – 2021**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 3 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY 225-116 ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS” IN ARTICLE XXII GENERAL ZONING PROVISIONS TO MODIFY SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL PLAY STRUCTURES”

Township Committee Member Yates explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moves for introduction on first reading. *Township Committee Member Yates explained this amendment reflects an identified issue in the Board of Adjustments annual report for the last several years, reviewed and recommended by the Planning Board to allow the installation of play sets that are not permanent in nature and that are small in nature to be placed closer to the setback line than currently permitted without requiring a resident to go before the Board of Adjustment for a variance.*

Township Committee Member Yates read:

WHEREAS, the above ordinance was introduced and read by title at this Township Committee meeting held on February 8, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on March 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #04-2021 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member DiTosto seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows:*

Vote on Introduction:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE #05-2021– “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 3 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY 225-116 ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS” IN ARTICLE XXII GENERAL ZONING PROVISIONS TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT PRIMARY DWELLING WHILE OCCUPYING AN EXISTING PRIMARY DWELLING”

Mayor Jones asked Township Committee Member Yates to introduce Ordinance #05-2021.

Township Committee Member Yates introduced Ordinance #05-2021 by title as follows:

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #05-2021**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 225 PART 3 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY 225-116 ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS” IN ARTICLE XXII GENERAL ZONING PROVISIONS TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT PRIMARY DWELLING WHILE OCCUPYING AN EXISTING PRIMARY DWELLING”

Township Committee Member Yates explains the purpose of the Ordinance and moves for introduction on first reading. *Township Committee Member Yates explains that this is also the work of the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board, reflecting concerns that residents who are going to construct a new home on a property with an existing home require to go to a great deal of trouble and expense to get a variance to allow them to live in the original home while the new home is being constructed and this changes that to allow an applicant to do so without getting a variance.*

Township Committee Member Yates read:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Township Committee meeting to be held on March 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Township Committee will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby requested to publish the proper notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Township Committee Member Yates offered Ordinance #05-2021 and moved its introduction.

Township Committee Member Platt seconded the motion.

Mayor Jones asked the Municipal Clerk for a Roll Call: *Mrs. Sharp called the roll as follows.*

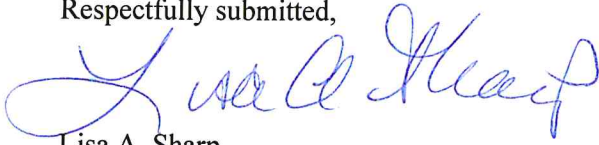
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Mr. Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Jones

With no further business, Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion made by Township Committee Member Yates and seconded by Township Committee Member DiTosto, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Municipal Clerk



Harding Township

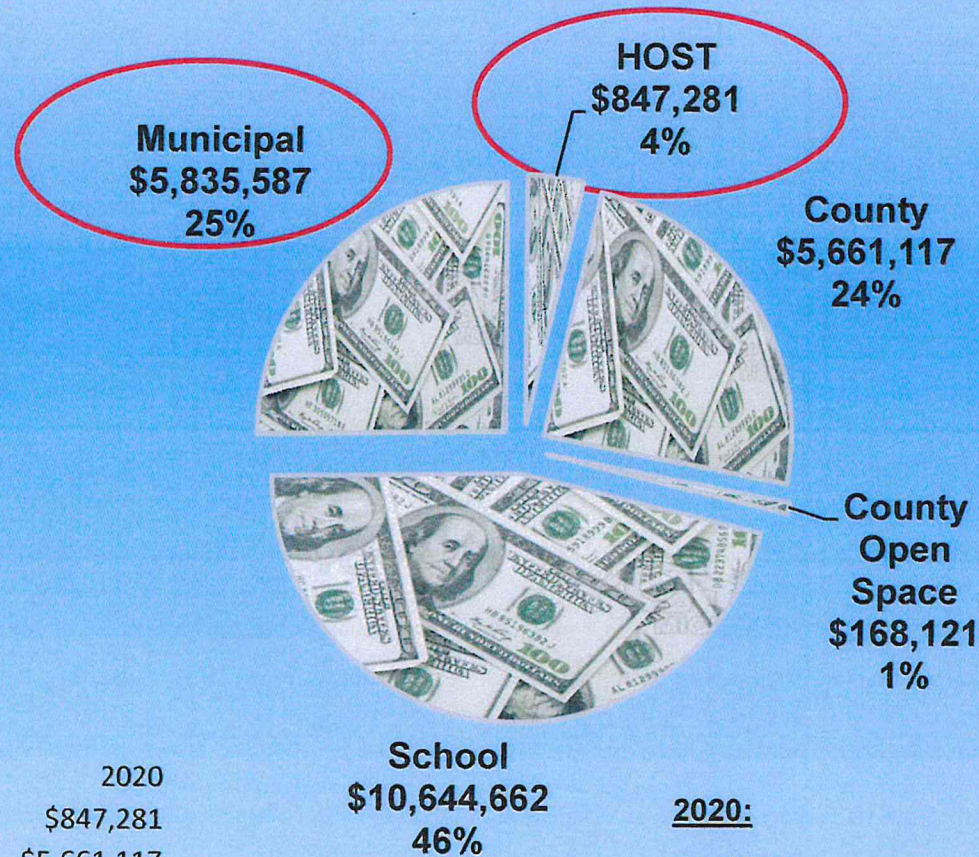
Harding Township, NJ 2021 Preliminary Budget

February 8th, 2021

Presentation

1. 2020 Taxes & Timeline
2. Township Debt Status – 2021
3. Open Space Tax
4. 2021 Budget
 1. Expenditure (Appropriation) Summary
 2. Other Expenses Details
 3. Expenditure (Appropriation) Drivers
 4. Revenue Summary
 5. Revenue Drivers
5. Assessed Value and Tax Rate

2020 Tax Revenue Allocation



	2020
HOST	\$847,281
County	\$5,661,117
County Open Space	\$168,121
School	\$10,644,662
Municipal	\$5,835,587
Total Taxes	\$23,156,768

2020:

Total Taxes	\$23,156,768
Net Taxable Valuation	\$2,118,202,974
Ave. Residential Property Value	\$1,096,946
Average Residential Tax	\$12,001

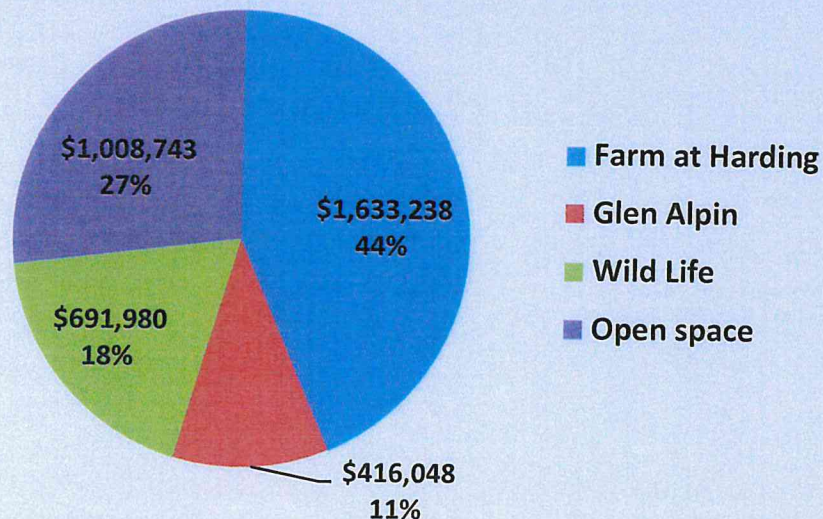
Budget Time Line

- Preliminary Budget Presentation – February 8th
- Preliminary Capital Budget Presentation – February 8th
- Introduction of Budget – March 8th
- Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget – April 12th
- Introduction of Capital Budget – March 8th
- Adoption of Capital Budget – April 12th
- Cap Bank Ordinance Introduction – March 8th
- Cap Bank Ordinance Adoption – April 12th

Township Debt

- Township policy is to pay down outstanding debt
- Harding debt rating: AAA
- Township's outstanding debt refinanced in 2017
- Savings from refinancing began being realized in 2019
- Outstanding BAN debt: \$1,677,850
- 2021 funding sources:
 - Farm at Harding : \$246,423
 - Open Space: \$214,971
 - General Budget: \$104,406

Bonded Debt Funding Purpose



Year	Bonded Debt O/S	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Servicing Payments
2008	\$11,252,068	\$333,836	\$283,592	\$617,428
2009	\$13,798,232	\$774,293	\$431,715	\$1,206,008
2010	\$13,023,939	\$779,489	\$406,546	\$1,186,035
2011	\$10,804,450	\$813,730	\$380,455	\$1,194,185
2012	\$9,990,720	\$762,720	\$353,354	\$1,116,074
2013	\$8,758,000	\$695,000	\$326,997	\$1,021,997
2014	\$8,063,000	\$705,000	\$300,457	\$1,005,457
2015	\$7,358,000	\$715,000	\$273,567	\$988,567
2016	\$6,643,000	\$723,000	\$246,327	\$969,327
2017	\$5,920,000	\$400,000	\$218,731	\$618,731
2018	\$4,950,000	\$415,000	\$190,813	\$605,813
2019	\$4,535,000	\$390,000	\$178,675	\$568,675
2020	\$4,145,000	\$395,000	\$167,875	\$562,875
2021	\$3,750,000	\$410,000	\$155,800	\$565,800
2022	\$3,340,000	\$425,000	\$143,275	\$568,275
2023	\$2,915,000	\$435,000	\$128,200	\$563,200
2024	\$2,480,000	\$450,000	\$110,500	\$560,500
2025	\$2,030,000	\$470,000	\$89,750	\$559,750
2026	\$1,560,000	\$495,000	\$65,625	\$560,625
2027	\$1,065,000	\$520,000	\$40,250	\$560,250
2028	\$545,000	\$545,000	\$13,625	\$558,625

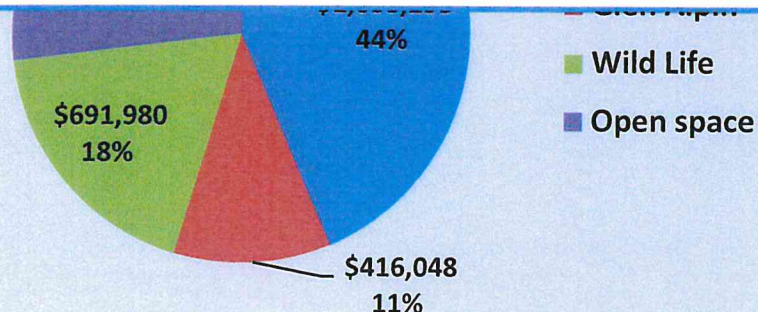
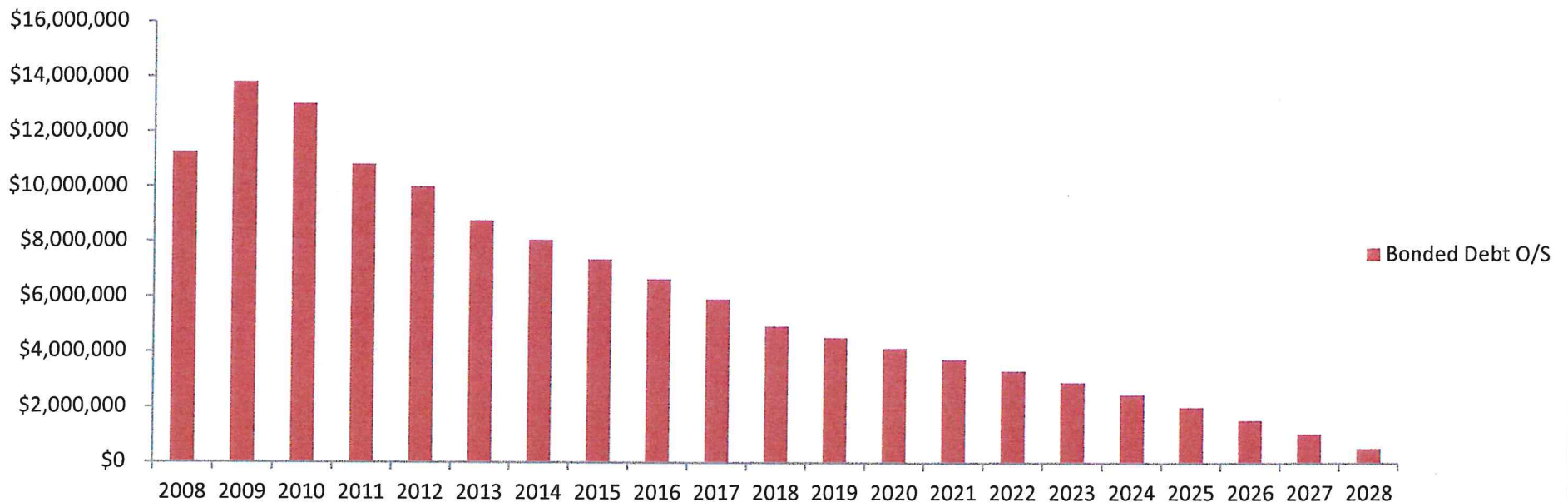
Township Debt

- Township policy is to pay down outstanding debt

Harding debt rating: AAA

	Bonded Debt	Principal	Interest	Servicing
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Harding Outstanding Debt by Year



2026	\$1,560,000	\$495,000	\$65,625	\$560,625
2027	\$1,065,000	\$520,000	\$40,250	\$560,250
2028	\$545,000	\$545,000	\$13,625	\$558,625

Open Space Finances

Background

- Township Referendum: Open Space tax rate (“OS Rate”) can be set by Township Committee on yearly basis from 0¢ to 5¢ per \$100 assessed valuation.
- Rate History

OS Rates: Cents per \$100				
Year	Harding	Amount	County	Amount
2013	3.50	\$ 715,023	1.90	\$ 266,809
2014	3.50	\$ 709,761	1.40	\$ 222,745
2015	4.00	\$ 808,458	1.10	\$ 220,515
2016	4.00	\$ 802,856	1.10	\$ 194,490
2017	4.00	\$ 802,620	1.00	\$ 193,528
2018	4.00	\$ 799,809	1.00	\$ 193,500
2019	4.00	\$ 802,018	0.90	\$ 170,433
2020	4.00	\$847,281	0.80	\$ 168,121
2021	4.00	\$842,778	-	-

* 2021 County Rate has not been finalized

2020 Year End Balance	
\$	2,346,811

Expenditure (Appropriation) Summary

2021 vs 2020

Current Fund Appropriation	2021 Recommended	2020 Adopted	Chg. Over 2020	% Chg.	% of Total
Salaries & Wages	\$3,528,700	\$3,417,600	\$111,100	3.3%	36.6%
Health Insurance	\$1,357,600	\$1,299,773	\$57,827	4.4%	14.1%
Social Security	\$265,200	\$260,000	\$5,200	2.0%	2.8%
Pension-PFRS	\$413,000	\$338,500	\$74,500	22.0%	4.3%
Pension-PERS	\$172,000	\$155,900	\$16,100	10.3%	1.8%
Pension-DCRP	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Total Employee Comp	\$5,740,500	\$5,475,773	\$264,727	4.8%	60%
Other Expenses	\$1,661,160	\$1,644,378	\$16,782	1.0%	17.2%
Interlocal Services	\$174,000	\$175,000	(\$1,000)	-0.6%	1.8%
Joint Court	\$178,000	\$100,000	\$78,000	78.0%	1.8%
Capital Improvements	\$587,100	\$585,000	\$2,100	0.4%	6.1%
Debt Service & Def. Charg.	\$372,700	\$383,600	(\$10,900)	-2.8%	3.9%
Emergency Approp.	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%
Resrv. For Uncoll. Taxes	\$918,708	\$914,741	\$3,967	0.4%	9.5%
Total Non-Employee Comp	\$3,891,668	\$3,802,719	\$88,949	2.3%	40%
Total Appropriations	\$9,632,168	\$9,278,492	\$353,676	3.8%	100%
Public & Private Grants	\$151,161	\$287,086	(\$135,925)	-47.3%	
Total Appropriations+Grant	\$9,783,329	\$9,565,578	\$217,751	2.3%	

2021 Other Expenses Breakdown

Other Expenses	Amount
Building/Road/Park Maintenance	\$229,000
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	\$643,060
Utilities	\$151,500
Joint Insurance Fund	\$150,000
Legal	\$140,000
Technology (MIS)	\$69,100
Engineering	\$50,000
Legal – Tax Appeal	\$30,000
Library	\$40,000
Private Community Reimbursement	\$50,000
Audit	\$31,000
Snow Removal	\$77,500
Total	\$1,661,160

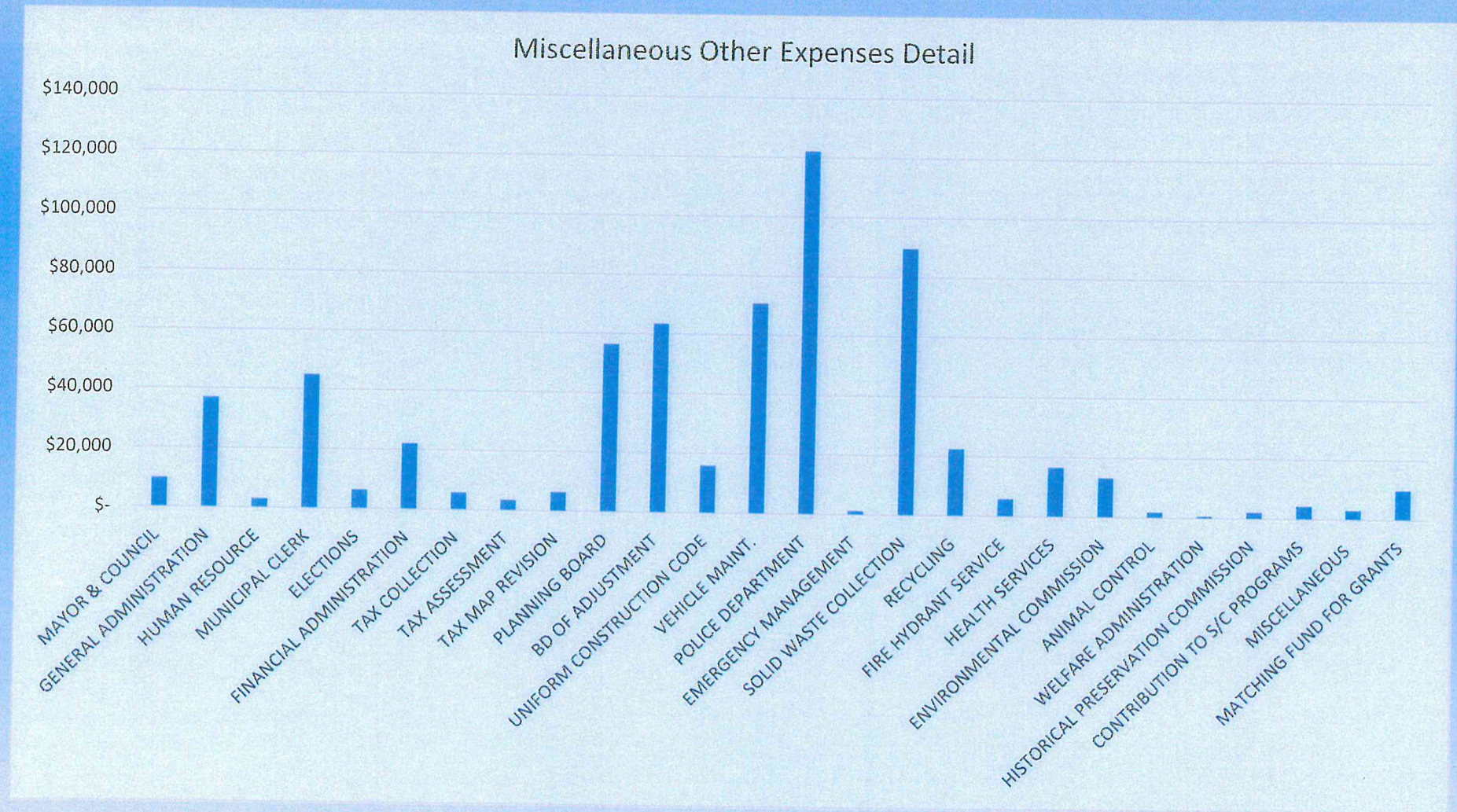
2021 Other Expenses Breakdown

Miscellaneous Other Expenses Detail		2021
MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$	9,900
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	37,100
HUMAN RESOURCE	\$	3,100
MUNICIPAL CLERK	\$	45,150
ELECTIONS	\$	6,500
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	22,250
TAX COLLECTION	\$	5,900
TAX ASSESSMENT	\$	3,650
TAX MAP REVISION	\$	6,500
PLANNING BOARD	\$	56,700
BD OF ADJUSTMENT	\$	63,700
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE	\$	16,145
VEHICLE MAINT.	\$	71,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$	122,465
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$	1,500
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$	90,000

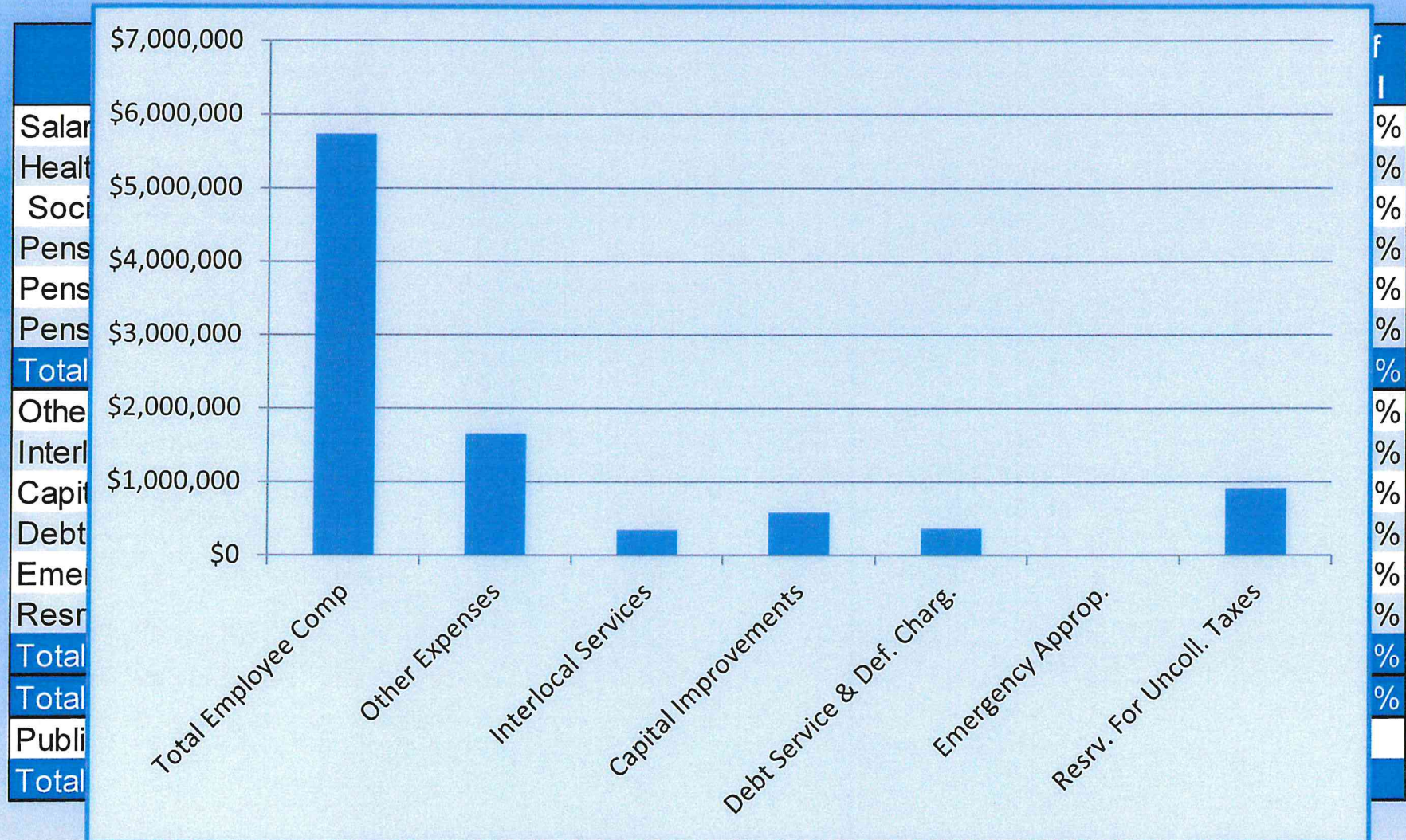
2021 Other Expenses Breakdown

Miscellaneous Other Expenses Detail	2021
RECYCLING	\$ 22,650
FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE	\$ 6,000
HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 16,700
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	\$ 13,400
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 2,000
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 750
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 2,300
CONTRIBUTION TO S/C PROGRAMS	\$ 4,500
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,200
MATCHING FUND FOR GRANTS	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 643,060

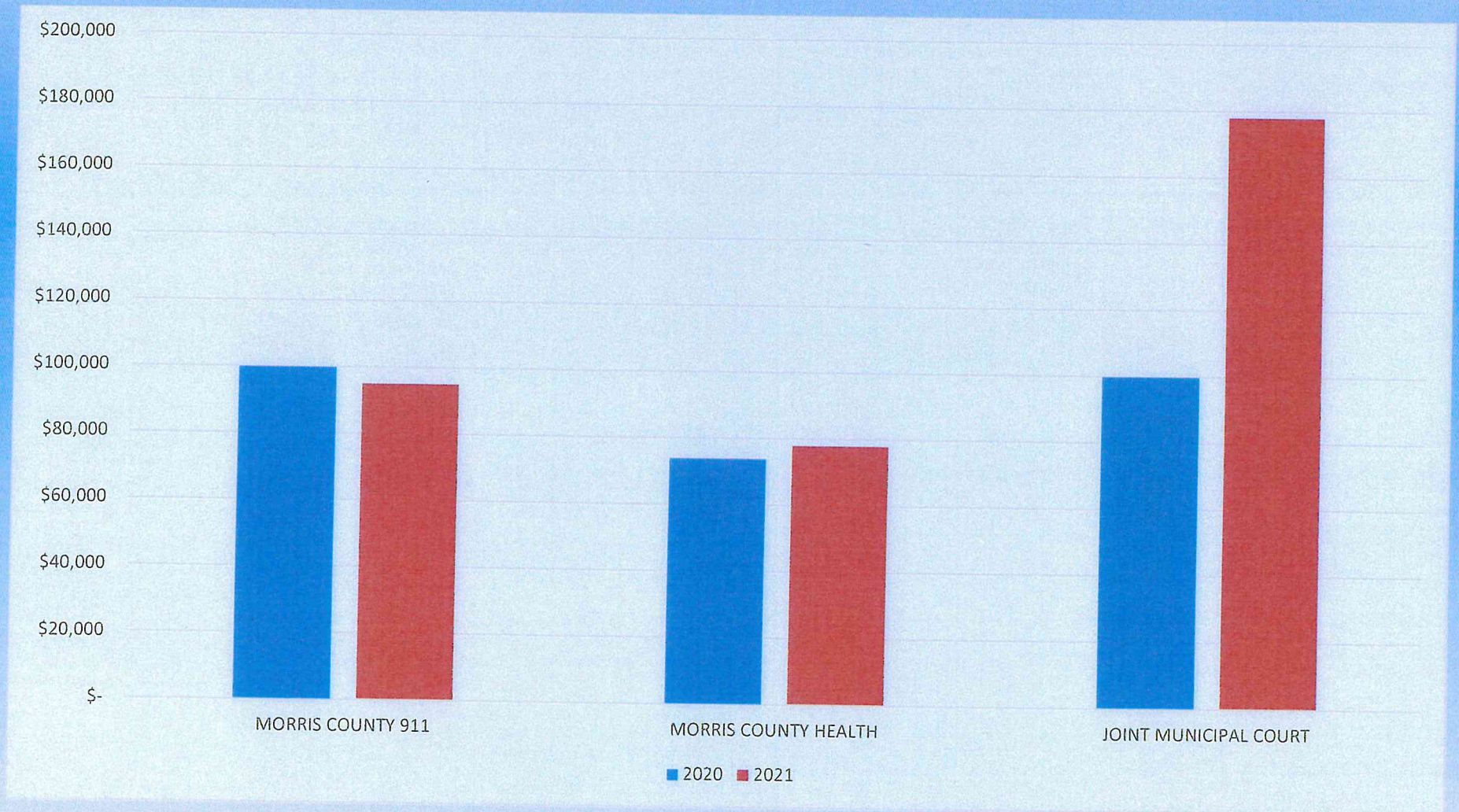
2021 Other Expenses Breakdown



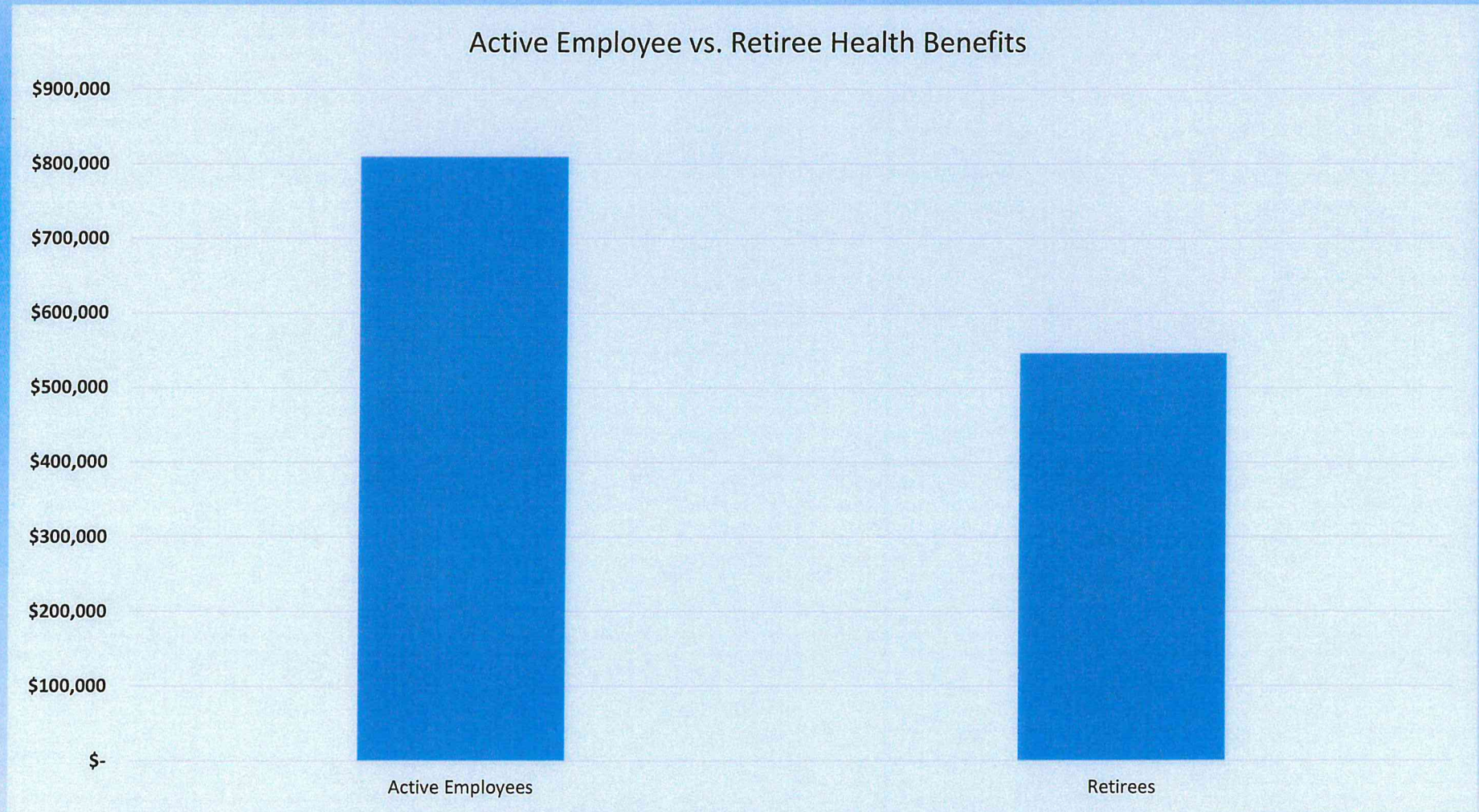
2021 Expenditure (Appropriation) Summary



Interlocal Services



Health Benefits



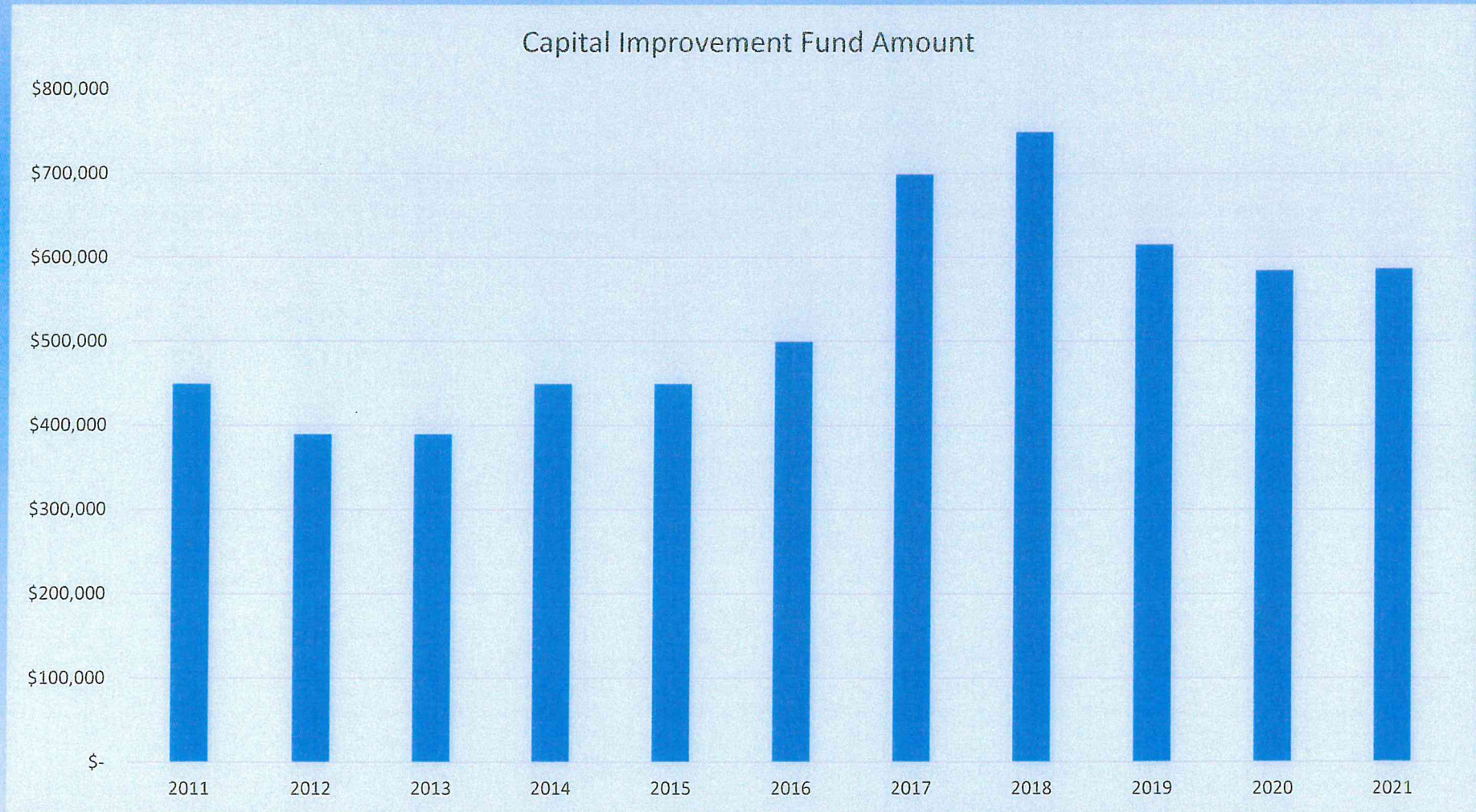
Appropriation Drivers

- **No change in total number of employees**
- Pension increase of \$95,800
- Joint Court increase of \$78,000; Total annual billing of \$177,143
- Health Insurance Costs increase of \$57,827
 - 2% increase in premiums
 - Decrease in number of employees opting to waive coverage
- Legal services increase in Admin, BoA, & PB of \$40,000
- PBA contract to be determined
- Funding of annual capital expenses through Capital Improvement Fund (\$587,100)

Capital Improvement Fund

Capital Improvement Fund	
Year	Amount
2011	\$ 450,000
2012	\$ 390,000
2013	\$ 390,000
2014	\$ 450,000
2015	\$ 450,000
2016	\$ 500,000
2017	\$ 700,000
2018	\$ 750,000
2019	\$ 616,000
2020	\$ 585,000
2021	\$ 587,100

Capital Improvement Fund

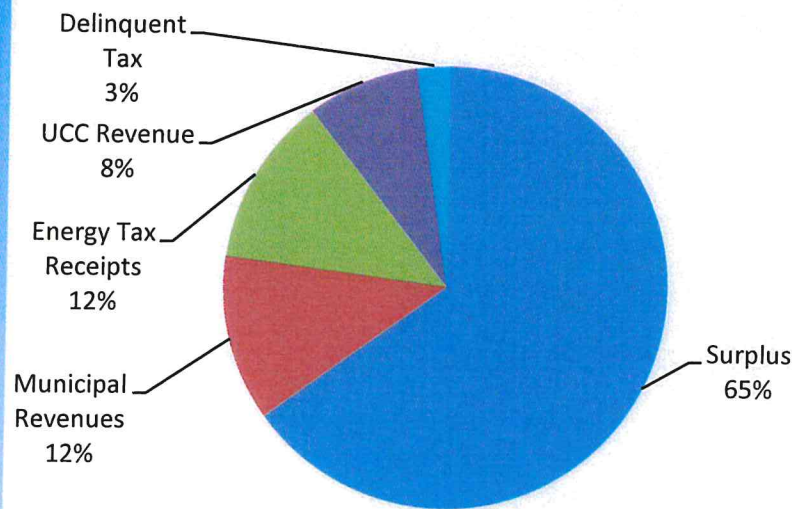


Budget Revenue - 2021

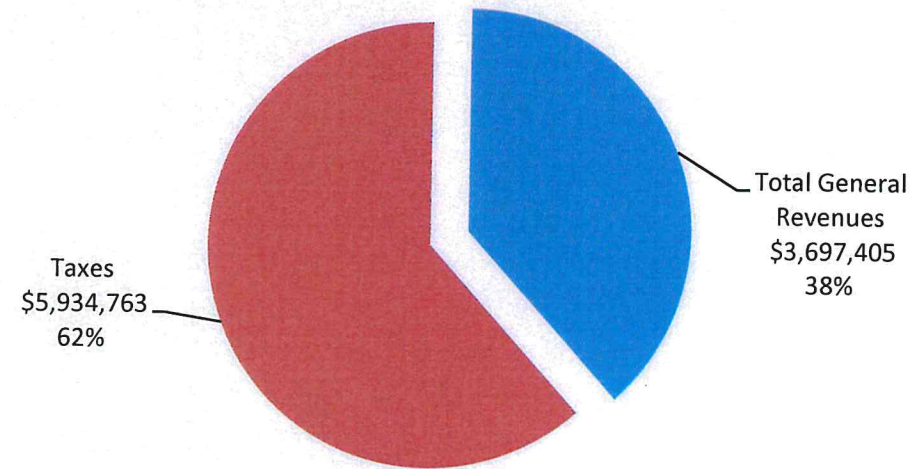
General & Tax Revenues	2021	2020	2021 - 2020	% Chg	% of Total
Surplus	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 300,000	14.3%	25%
Municipal Revenues	\$ 449,500	\$ 495,000	\$ (45,500)	-9.2%	5%
Energy Tax Receipts	\$ 457,905	\$ 457,905	\$ -	0.0%	5%
UCC Revenue	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	0.0%	3%
Delinquent Tax	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	0.0%	1%
Total General Revenues	\$ 3,697,405	\$ 3,442,905	\$ 254,500	7.4%	38%
Taxes	\$ 5,934,763	\$ 5,835,587	\$ 99,176	1.7%	62%
Total Revenues+Tax	\$ 9,632,168	\$ 9,278,492	\$ 353,676	3.8%	100%
Public & Private Grants	\$ 151,161	\$ 287,086	\$ (135,925)	-47.3%	2%
Total Revenues + Grant	\$ 9,783,329	\$ 9,565,578	\$ 217,751	2.3%	102%

Budget Revenue – 2021

Total General Revenues



General & Tax Revenues



Revenue Drivers

- Energy Tax Receipts – State has not released the amount (\$457,905; unchanged from 2020)
- Increase in surplus anticipated (\$300,000)
- Decrease in anticipated revenue (\$45,500)

Assessed Value & Tax Rate

	# of units	Assessed Value
2021 Residential/Commercial	1930	\$2,105,609,600
2021 Utility	1	\$1,336,339
2021 Total	1931	\$2,106,945,939
Average Assessed Value 2021		\$1,091,116
Average Assessed Value 2020		\$1,096,946
2021 Tax Rate / AA Valuation	0.282	\$3,075
2020 Tax Rate / AA Valuation	0.276	\$3,028
Increase (2021 vs. 2020)	0.006	\$47
% Increase	2.20%	1.60%

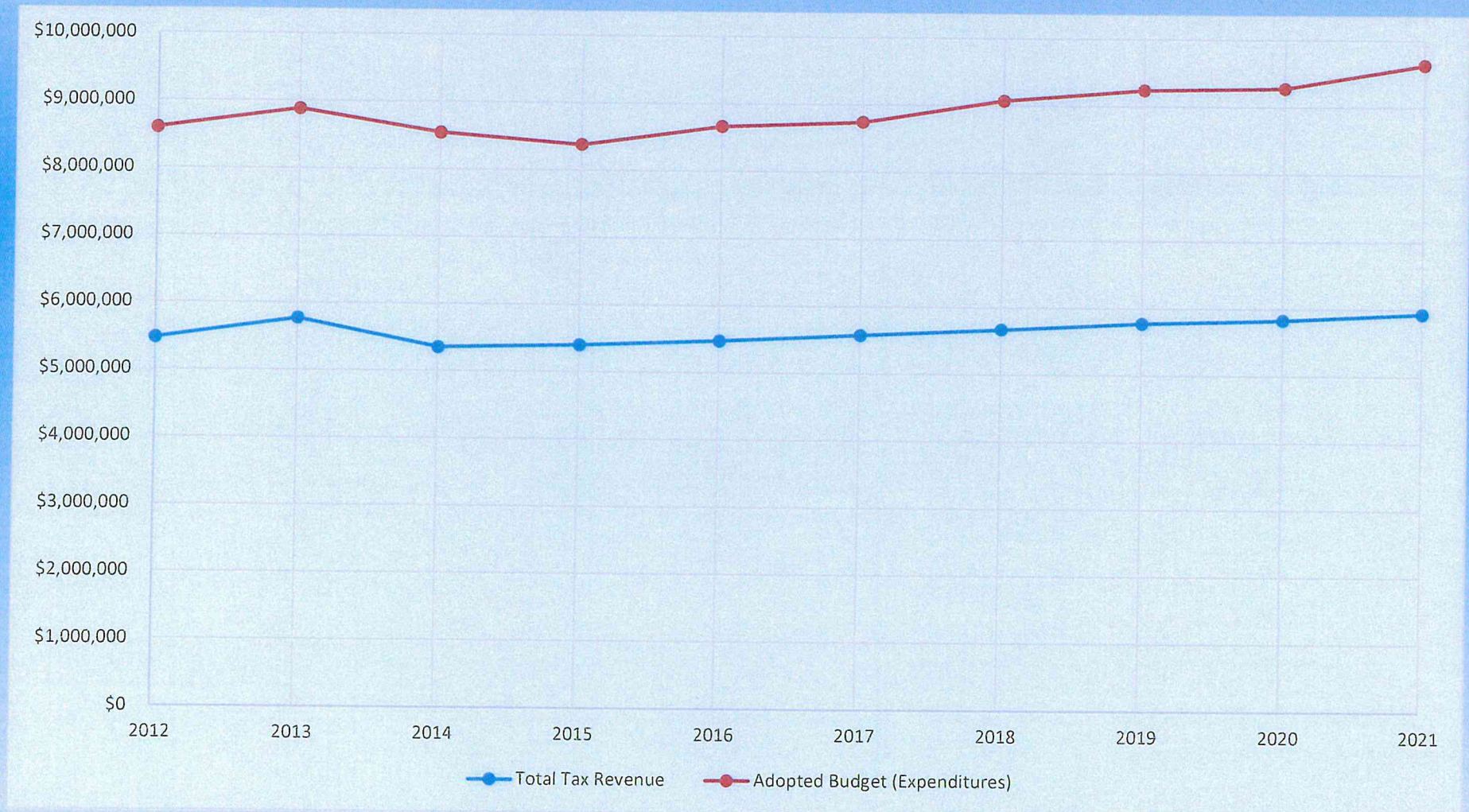
Year	Municipal Tax	All Agency Tax	%
2016	\$ 5,481,529	\$ 22,180,486	24.71%
2017	\$ 5,578,016	\$ 22,537,450	24.75%
2018	\$ 5,675,195	\$ 22,592,449	25.12%
2019	\$ 5,777,133	\$ 23,093,703	25.02%
2020	\$ 5,835,587	\$ 23,156,767	25.20%
2021	\$ 5,934,763	-	-

	Assessed Value
2021	\$2,106,945,939
2020	\$2,118,202,974
Change	-\$11,257,035.00
Change %	-0.53%

Tax vs Expenditure

Year	Total Tax Revenue	Adopted Budget (Expenditures)	%
2012	\$5,482,498	\$8,596,921	63.77%
2013	\$5,775,218	\$8,881,140	65.03%
2014	\$5,357,091	\$8,540,273	62.73%
2015	\$5,405,442	\$8,377,044	64.53%
2016	\$5,481,529	\$8,661,656	63.29%
2017	\$5,578,016	\$8,741,889	63.81%
2018	\$5,675,195	\$9,073,978	62.54%
2019	\$5,777,133	\$9,239,014	62.53%
2020	\$5,835,587	\$9,278,492	62.89%
2021	\$5,934,763	\$9,632,168	61.61%

Tax vs Expenditure



Tax Rate History

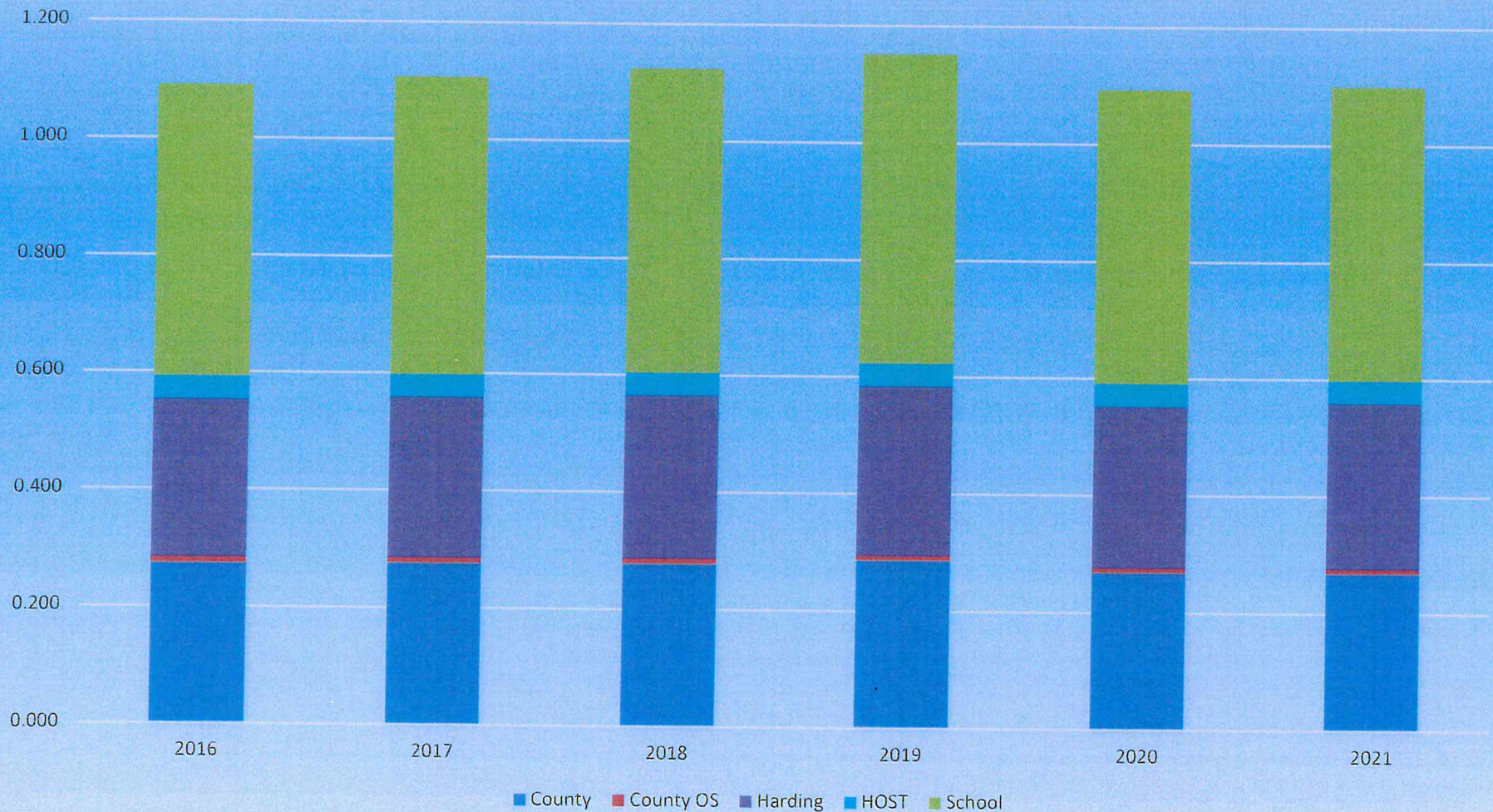
Rates

Year	Net valuation	County	County OS	School	Harding	HOST	Total
2016	\$2,007,139,768	0.273	0.011	0.499	0.268	0.040	1.091
2017	\$2,006,548,979	0.275	0.010	0.509	0.273	0.040	1.107
2018	\$1,999,521,290	0.277	0.010	0.521	0.277	0.040	1.125
2019	\$2,005,044,756	0.286	0.009	0.529	0.288	0.040	1.152
2020	\$2,118,202,974	0.268	0.008	0.503	0.275	0.040	1.094
2021	\$2,106,945,939				0.282	0.040	

Taxes

Year	Sample Value	County	County OS	School	Harding	HOST	Total
2016	\$1,000,000	\$2,730	\$110	\$4,990	\$2,680	\$400	\$10,910
2017	\$1,000,000	\$2,750	\$100	\$5,090	\$2,730	\$400	\$11,070
2018	\$1,000,000	\$2,770	\$100	\$5,210	\$2,770	\$400	\$11,250
2019	\$1,000,000	\$2,860	\$90	\$5,290	\$2,880	\$400	\$11,520
2020	\$1,000,000	\$2,680	\$80	\$5,030	\$2,750	\$400	\$10,940
2021	\$1,000,000				\$2,822	\$400	

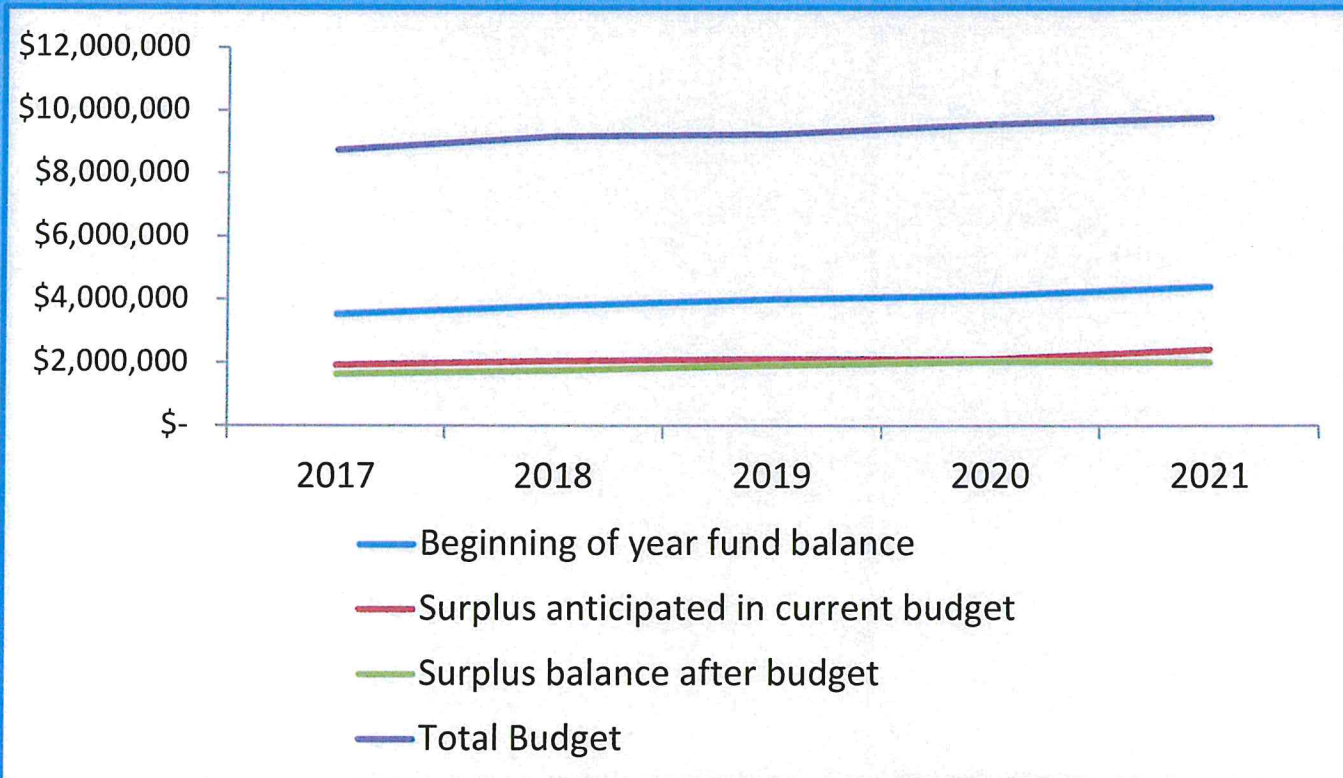
Tax Rate History



*For comparison purposes, no change in county, county OS, and school rates assumed in 2021

Fund Balance & Surplus Analysis

Item	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Beginning of year fund balance	\$ 3,544,100	\$ 3,804,887	\$ 4,022,213	\$ 4,135,850	\$ 4,411,849
Surplus anticipated in current budget	\$ 1,908,585	\$ 2,041,512	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 2,400,000
Surplus balance after budget	\$ 1,635,515	\$ 1,763,375	\$ 1,922,213	\$ 2,035,850	\$ 2,011,849
Total Budget	\$ 8,736,656	\$ 9,179,640	\$ 9,245,272	\$ 9,565,578	\$ 9,783,329
Surplus Balance as a percent of budget	18.72%	19.21%	20.79%	21.28%	20.56%
Total results of current yr operations	\$ 2,169,372	\$ 2,258,838	\$ 2,213,638	\$ 2,375,998	\$ 2,166,443
Ending surplus balance	\$ 3,804,887	\$ 4,022,213	\$ 4,135,850	\$ 4,411,849	\$ 4,178,292





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2021 Capital Ordinance

<u>Projects</u>		<u>Total Estimated Costs</u>	
A.	Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 30,000
	Fund balance	\$ 30,000	
B.	Exterior and Interior Improvements at Township facilities		\$ 27,500
	-Tunis-Ellicks house	\$ 2,500	
	-Gate House	\$ 2,500	
	-Municipal facilities	\$ 10,000	
	-DPW General Improvements	\$ 5,000	
	-Centenital Celebration Signage	\$ 7,500	
C.	Acquisition of Vehicle		\$ 53,000
	-Purchase of vehicle - Police	\$ 53,000	
D.	Public Works - Acquisition of Various Equipement		\$ 300,000
	-Mini Excavator	\$ 85,000	
	-Chipper	\$ 75,000	
	-Hot box	\$ 40,000	
	-Portable air compressor	\$ 20,000	
	-4 wheel drive utility vehicle	\$ 25,000	
	-Truck Lift	\$ 55,000	
E.	Road Improvements including as design, work, materials, & appurtences		\$ 145,000
	-General Road Improvements	\$ 70,000	
	-Road Reconstruction	\$ 75,000	
F.	Police Department - Acquisition of Various Equipment		\$ 31,600
	-In-car tablet computer with docks	\$ 6,600	
	-Variable Message Sign Board	\$ 25,000	
	Totals for General Capital		\$ 587,100

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6 Year Capital Plan

<u>PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
MUNICIPAL BUILDING		\$ -	\$ 63,000	\$ 39,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Shutters</i>	\$ -	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Municipal building improvements</i>	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Heaters - New Ceiling in Town Hall Foyer</i>	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWNSHIP FACILITIES		\$ 27,500	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	<i>Tunnis-Ellick house</i>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
	<i>Gate House</i>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
	<i>Municipal facilities</i>	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
	<i>DPW</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	<i>Centenial celebration signs</i>	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
POLICE EQUIPMENT		\$ 31,600	\$ 13,100	\$ 6,550	\$ 13,100	\$ 6,550	\$ 13,100
	<i>In-car tablet computer with docks</i>	\$ 6,600	\$ 13,100	\$ 6,550	\$ 13,100	\$ 6,550	\$ 13,100
	<i>Variable Message Sign Board</i>	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PUBLIC WORKS		\$ 300,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 239,000	\$ 245,000	\$ 155,000	\$ -
	<i>Mini Excavator</i>	\$ 85,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Chipper</i>	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Hot box</i>	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Portable air compressor</i>	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>4 wheel drive utility vehicle</i>	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Truck Lift</i>	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Full size 5-7 yard 4WD dump truck</i>	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 245,000	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Trailer</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Medium size tractor</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Tire mounting machine</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Hook lift truck</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<i>Backhoe</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,000	\$ -

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<u>PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS		\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
	Road improvements	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
	Road Reconstruction	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT		\$ 53,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 93,000	\$ 146,000
	Purchase of vehicle - Police	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000
	Purchase of vehicle - Police	\$ -	\$ 53,000	\$ -	\$ 53,000	\$ -	\$ 53,000
	Purchase of vehicle - Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
MIS		\$ -	\$ 14,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Plan review software	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Digital plan storage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Server Upgrade	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Digitize Records	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Fund balance	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 587,100	\$ 586,600	\$ 509,550	\$ 554,100	\$ 419,550	\$ 324,100
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND- BALANCE		\$ 66,407	\$ 119,354	\$ 136,051	\$ 204,798	\$ 178,995	\$ 287,742
CAPITAL FUND - FUND BALANCE		\$ 28,297	\$ 28,297	\$ 28,297	\$ 28,297	\$ 28,297	\$ 28,297
CAPITAL - OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 587,100	\$ 575,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 450,000
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$ 681,804	\$ 722,651	\$ 714,348	\$ 733,095	\$ 707,292	\$ 766,039
PROJECTED CAPITAL EXPENSES		\$ 562,450	\$ 586,600	\$ 509,550	\$ 554,100	\$ 419,550	\$ 324,100
PROJECTED CAPITAL BALANCE		\$ 119,354	\$ 136,051	\$ 204,798	\$ 178,995	\$ 287,742	\$ 441,939

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