



2024 Budget Presentation

Borough of Fanwood

May 6, 2024

Mayor Colleen Mahr
Council President Katherine Mitchell
Councilman Anthony Carter
Councilwoman Patricia Walsh

Councilwoman Erin McElroy Barker
Councilman Jeffrey Banks
Councilwoman Gina Berry





Budget Process

- November - December 2023: Administration begins to review financials and develop preliminary 2024 budget; meetings with Department Heads
- January – February 2024: Meetings with Mayor and Council in small groups; Administration & Finance Meetings
- May 6: 2024 Budget Introduction
- June 3: Public Hearing and Adoption



Budget Philosophy & Objectives

Planning

- Model revenues, appropriations, fund balance and debt service to achieve sustainable budget practices and plan for the future
- Institute sustainable fund balance and reserve policies

Public Service

- Maintain a high level of service while utilizing tax dollars efficiently
- Advance public engagement, programs and customer service

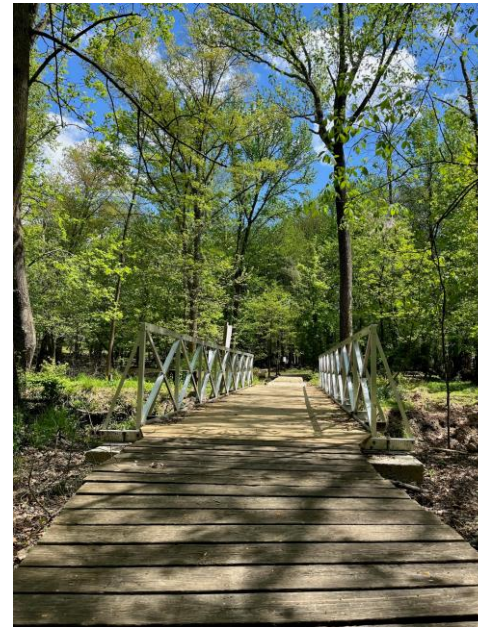
Capital

- Make long-term, sound investments that protect the borough from emergencies and unforeseen events
- Monitor our debt service and debt capacity



Key Accomplishments in 2023

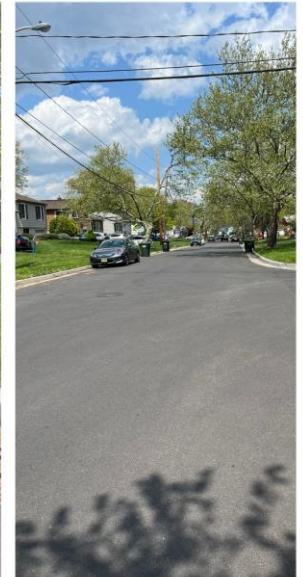
Location	Improvement
Parks	New playground equipment at La Grande
Nature Center	Replacement of two pedestrian bridges and improvement of walking paths
Carriage House	New roof with copper leads, exterior and interior painting and structural upgrades





Key Accomplishments in 2023

Location	Improvement
Road Improvement	Glenwood Rd, Tillotson Rd, Rainier Rd & Russell Rd
Library	Construction of new Fanwood Memorial Library
Infrastructure	Sewer lining on various streets. Sewer pump and lateral installation at North Side Train Station.





Plans for 2024

- Renovations to Forest Road Park building for use as an OEM shelter
- Installation of transaction window at Police Station to improve access
- Purchase two new vehicles for DPW
- Road Program: Willoughby Rd, Oak Ct, Pandick Ct, Robin Rd, Second St (South Ave to LaGrande Ave)
- Continuation of sewer cleaning with PARSA
- Facility improvements at both parks
- South Ave Train Station Parking Lot Reconstruction



Fanwood at Work



Portland Ave Fire,
4/2021



Ofc. Hudspeth clearing a catch basin on
Midway Ave



J. Yannanzzo unloading
the new loader

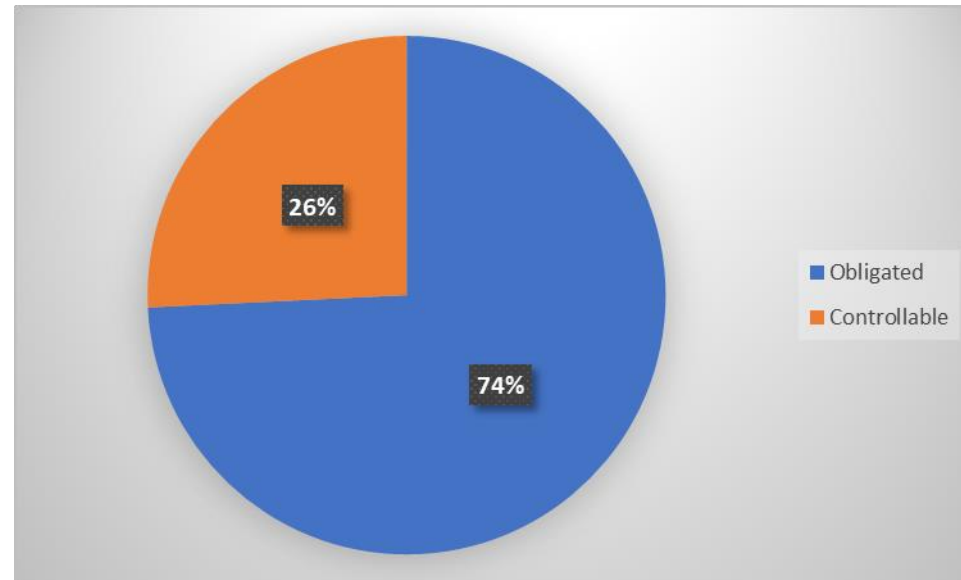
Wear Red Day
At Borough Hall





Controllable & Obligated Costs

Obligated	Amount
Salaries, health benefits & social security	\$ 4,575,995.97
Debt Service	\$ 1,948,093.65
Pensions	\$ 874,378.89
Library	\$ 519,486.00
Insurance & Cyber	\$ 407,618.88
Total	\$ 8,325,573.39



Controllable	Amount
Other	\$ 3,035,190.90

*Includes all Operating and Expenses lines for each municipal department. Examples include: utilities, hydrants, IT expenses, and all other day-to-day operational costs.



2024 Revenue and Appropriations

Revenue	2024 Anticipated	2023 Realized
Municipal Receipts & Reserves	\$ 2,675,701.96	\$ 2,433,175.65
Grants	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 294,478.81
Fund Balance	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 568,004.77
Library Tax	\$ 519,486.31	\$ 485,177.63
Municipal Tax	\$ 7,336,129.20	\$ 7,499,399.97
Total	\$ 11,360,764.29	\$ 11,280,216.83

Appropriations	2024 Budgeted	2023 Budgeted
Salary & Benefits	\$ 4,575,995.97	\$ 4,755,346.51
Operating Expenses	\$ 4,836,674.67	\$ 4,263,216.18
Debt Service	\$ 1,948,093.65	\$ 1,747,792.12
Total	\$ 11,360,764.29	\$ 10,766,354.81

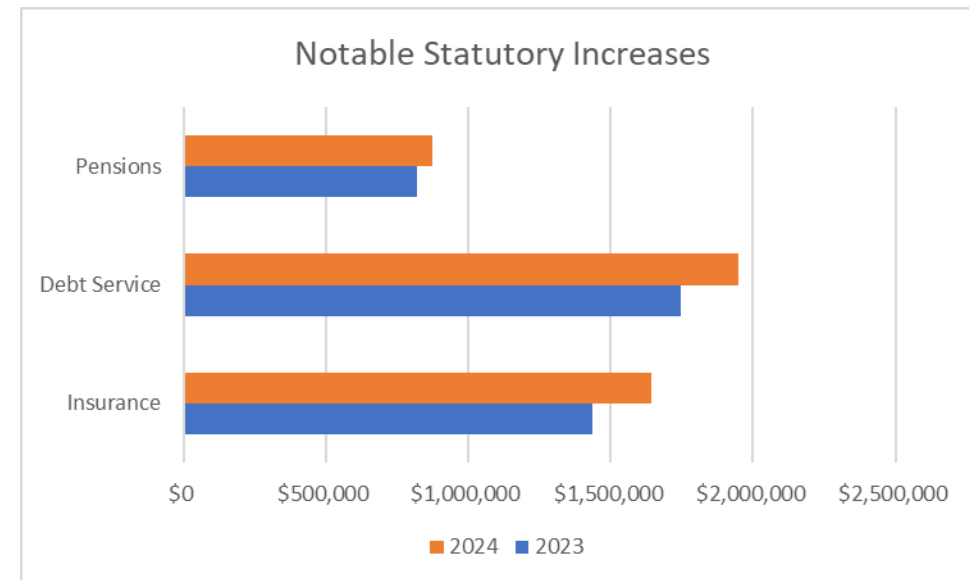


Notable Increases Year-to-Year

Budget Line	2023	2024	\$ Increase	% Increase	% of Budget
Insurance	\$ 1,436,625	\$ 1,640,710.88	\$ 204,085.88	12.44%	14.63%
Debt Service	\$ 1,747,792.12	\$ 1,948,093.65	\$ 200,301.53	10.28%	17.37%
Pensions	\$ 820,456.00	\$ 874,378.89	\$ 53,922.89	6.16%	7.80%

Budget Drivers

- Inflation
- Employee Benefits and Pension Costs
- Garden State JIF increases
- Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Debt Service





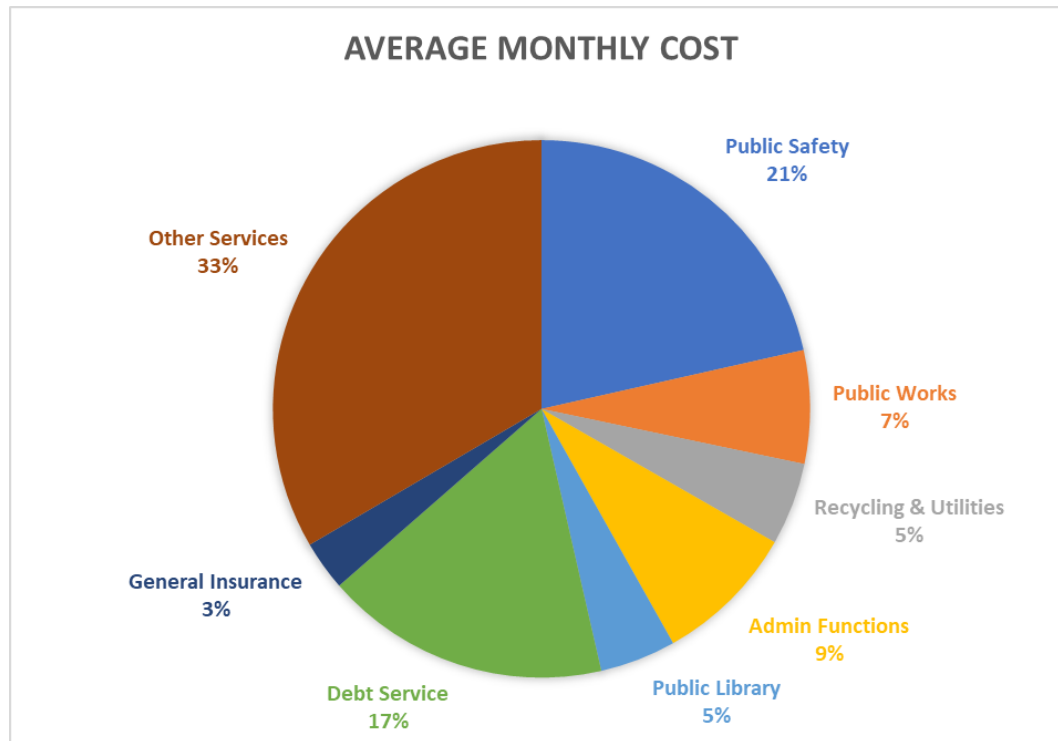
Budget Savings

- BMED HIF vs NJ SHBP
 - Our health insurance increase was 4.53% in 2024, compared to 7.9% with the SHBP
- Grant Funding: \$ 294,478.81
- Shared Services
 - Westfield Regional Health Department
 - Westfield Fuel
 - DPW Director - Garwood
 - Court Administrator – Garwood
 - Union Twp QPA





Budget by Department - 2024



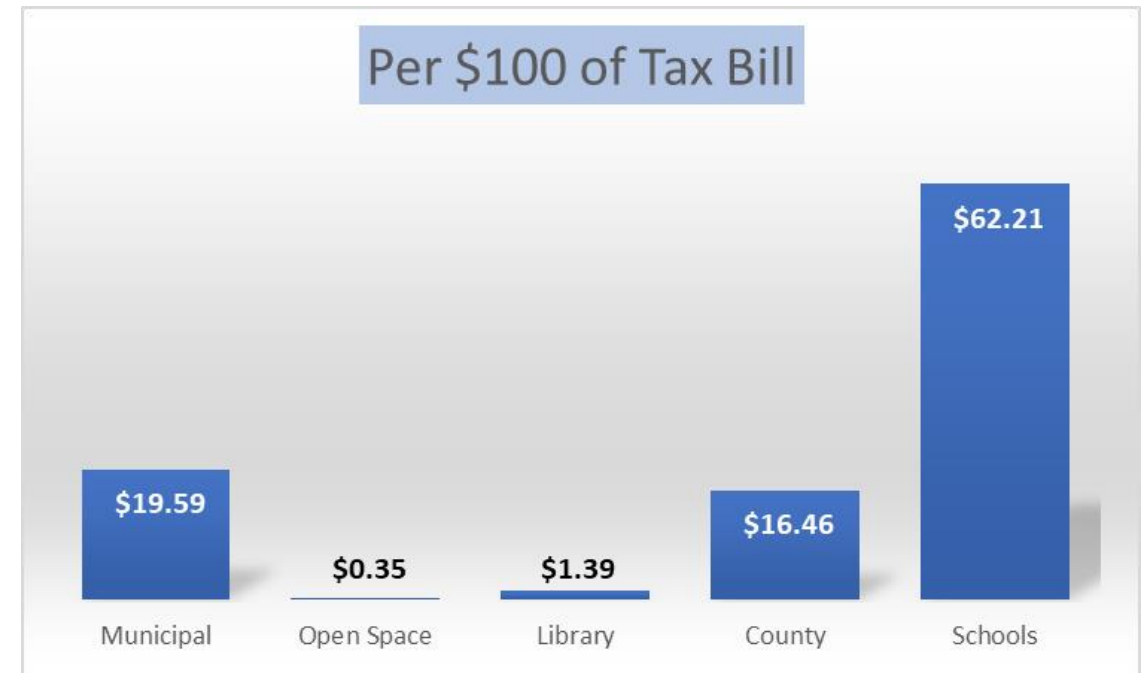
Category	Average Monthly Cost
Public Safety	\$ 50.10
Public Works	\$ 15.88
Recycling & Utilities	\$ 11.59
Admin Functions	\$ 20.03
Public Library	\$ 10.66
Debt Service	\$ 40.00
General Insurance	\$ 6.97
Other Services	\$ 77.97
<u>Monthly Bill:</u>	\$ 233.20

- Average Municipal Tax Bill: \$2,798.93



2024 Tax Rate

	Municipal Portion
Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	\$ 7,296,811.32
Percent of Total Tax Levy	19.59%
Municipal Tax Rate	0.573
2024 Portion of Tax Bill	\$ 2,798.93
2023 Portion of Tax Bill	\$ 2,582.72
Difference	\$ 199.53
2024 Net Taxable Value	\$ 1,274,057,700.00

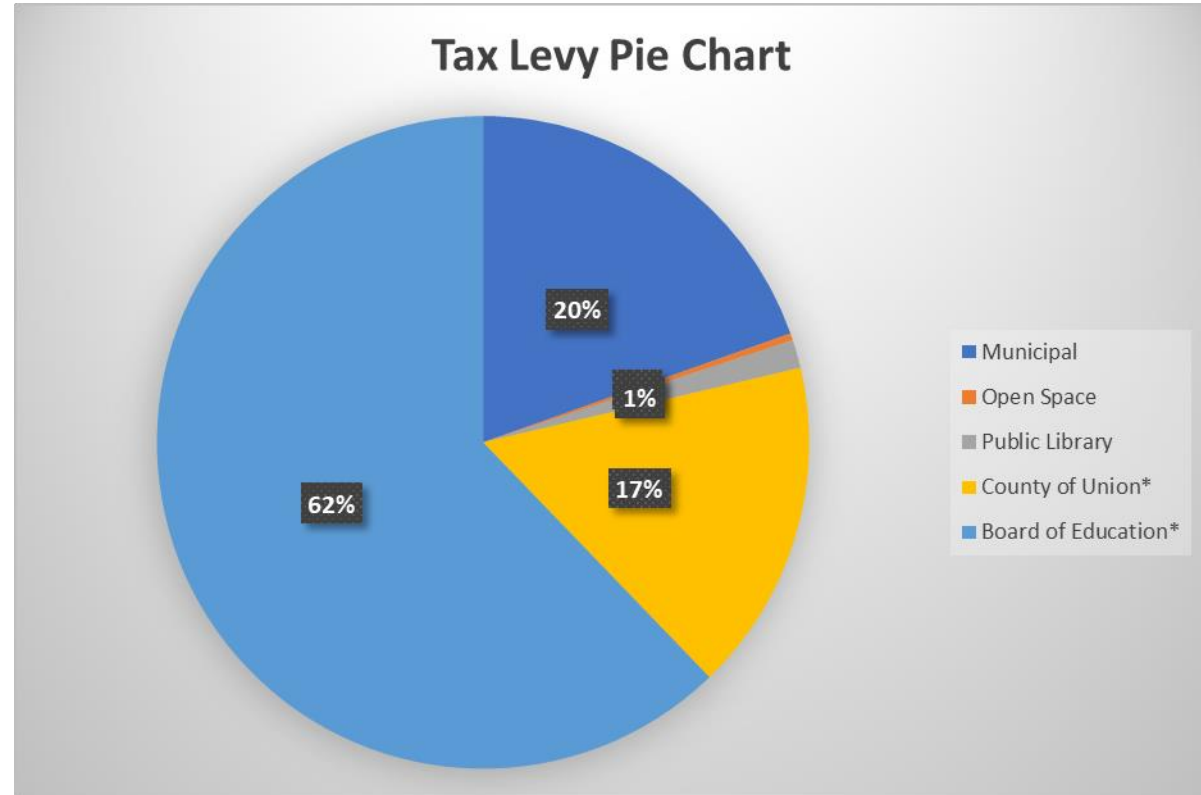




Total Tax Levy

	Amount
Municipal	\$ 7,296,811.32
Open Space	\$ 129,451.26
Public Library	\$ 519,486.00
County of Union*	\$ 6,131,841.01
Board of Education*	\$ 23,178,262.74
Total Tax Levy	\$ 37,255,852.67

*County and Board of Ed. are estimates





Looking Ahead





2024 Capital Projects

Public Safety	Engineering	Public Works
Fire truck apparatus	Road construction	Lift system
Vehicle lights package	North Side Train Station	Wall repair
Radar and E-ticket		La Grande Park doors





Next Steps

- Public Hearing and Adoption: June 3
- Copy of proposed budget available to view at Borough Hall and Fanwood Memorial Library
- Questions: contact Borough Administrator Jesse Moehlman or CFO Patricia Celardo
- View proposed budget at <https://fanwoodnj.org/government/budgets-financial-statements/>