

Borough Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 10, 2020 @Via Zoom
7:00 PM Business Meeting

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, SALUTE TO THE FLAG

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Monthly Meeting Procedure Announcements
- STATE POLICE REPORT
- FIRE COMPANY/FIRE MARSHAL/EMC REPORT
- AMBULANCE REPORT

PUBLIC FORUM– Public Comment Period all subjects

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Clearfield Avenue –Curbing/drainage
- Observation Deck Repairs Update
- Road Repairs

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Settlement for 140 Main Street Sale
- Settlement on USDA Loan

ACTION ITEMS – MOTION'S, RESOLUTIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS

- Approval of the October 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes and November 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.
- Treasurer's Report for month of November & Payment of December Bills List.

- 300 Main Street Renovation Project Action Items
 - Payments
 - Req #12 Interest Paid \$2,662.56; \$2,537 Meeting Room Chairs

2021 Budget Presentation

- Budget Summary – Anne Klepfer
- Public Comments Received prior to 12/10/20
- 2021 Budget Adoption – Motion
- 2021 Tax Ordinance No. 404

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Montgomery Avenue -
- Scheduling of Joint Meeting with the Borough Authority

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag & Roll Call

- Call to Order – Darren Rash
- Salute to Flag – All
- Roll Call – Borough Secretary

Meeting Announcements

- Due to the Corona Virus Covid-19 Restrictions on public gatherings, Schwenksville Borough will be conducting Monthly Borough Council Meetings On-line via Zoom
- Participants are asked to Authenticate by signing into Zoom or to identify themselves to avoid “Zoom Bombers” and will be admitted to the meeting from a waiting room.
- On-line Meetings are permitted in accordance with Emergency Declarations for a Pandemic
- The Meeting will be Recorded for the purpose of aiding in the writing of Meeting Minutes; minutes will be kept as usual. The written meeting minutes will be the official record of the meeting after they approved at a subsequent meeting and recordings will be deleted.

Informational Items & Special Business

- State Police Monthly Report
- Fire/Fire Marshal/EMC Report – Chris Melville
- Ambulance Report – Chris Melville

Public Forum

- We will now entertain public comments from meeting participants. You can type questions into the CHAT Box on the right-hand side of your screen or ask to be recognized.

Action Items

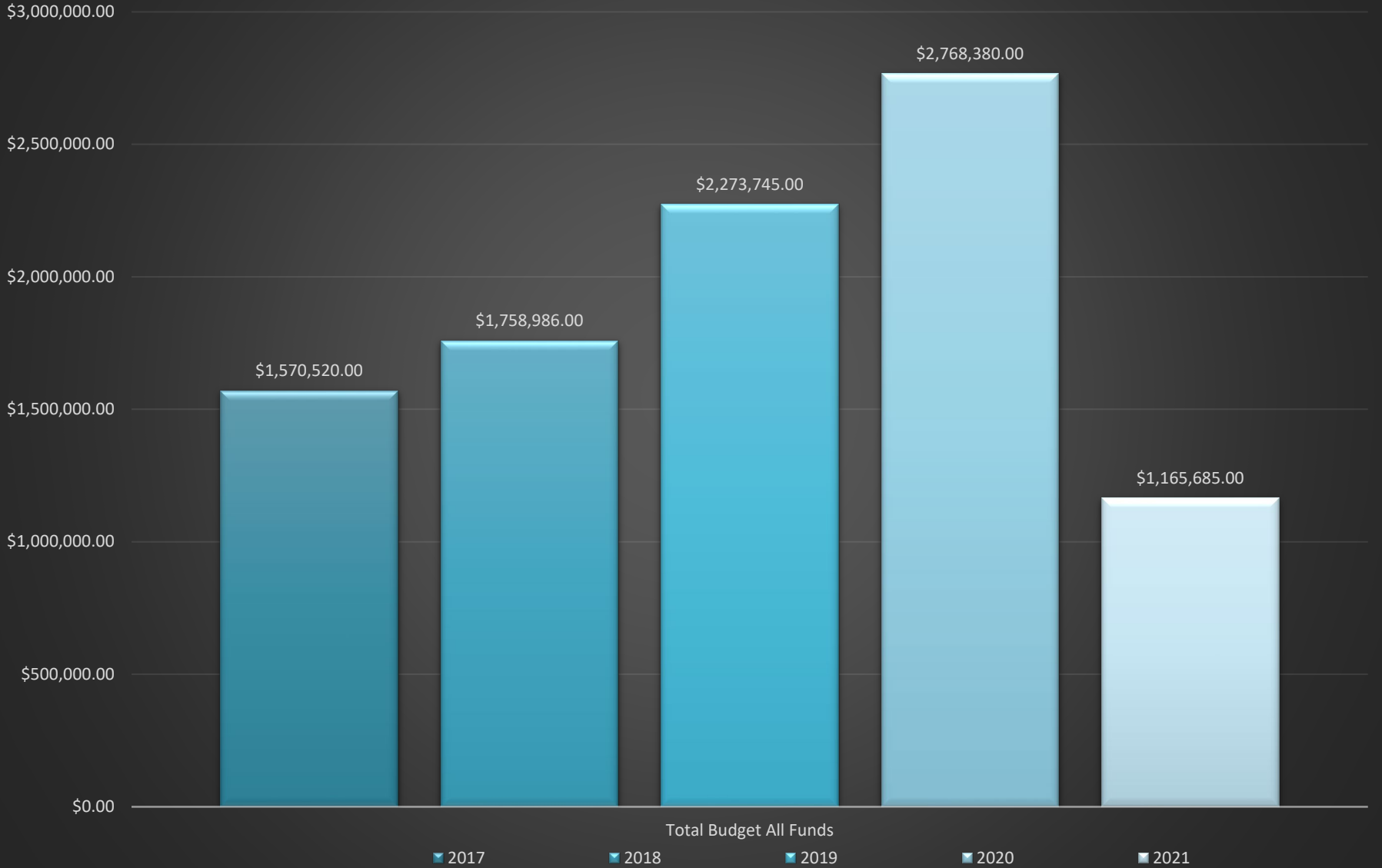
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Bills List.

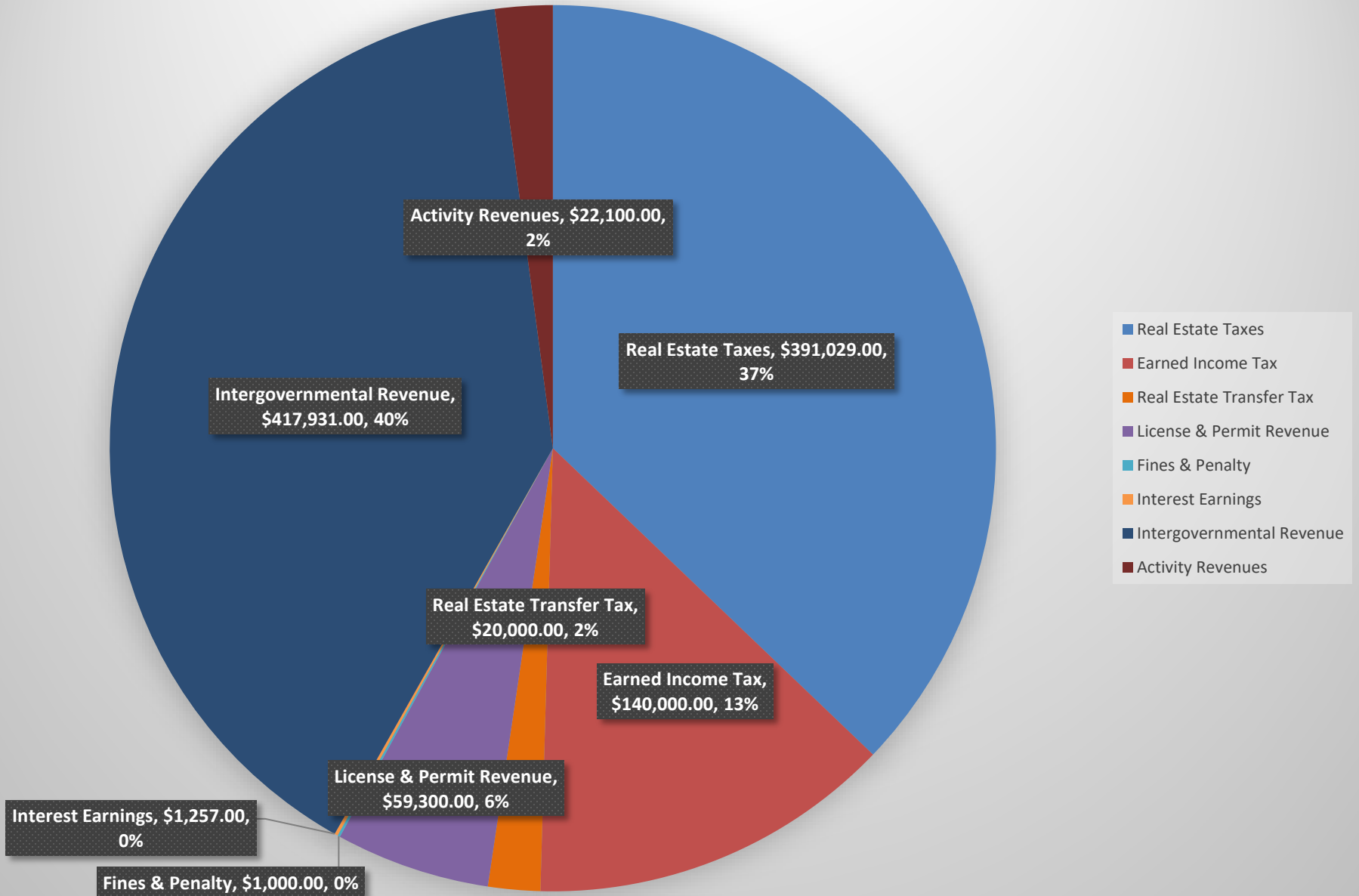
**the Finance Committee
2020 Borough Council**

FUND NUMBER	FUND NAME	EXPENSE	REVENUE	USE OF FUND BALANCE	Budget Number
01	General Fund	\$648,689	\$648,689	\$0	\$648,689
18	Borough Hall Construction Fund	\$29,195	\$13,000	\$16,195	\$29,195
30	Capital Project Fund	\$434,801	\$429,801	\$5,000	\$434,801
35	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$51,000	\$32,870	\$18,130	\$51,000
52	Fire Co. Museum Fund	\$2,000	\$250	\$1,750	\$2,000
		\$1,165,685	\$1,124,610	TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	\$1,165,685
	Currently Includes a tax increase of:	1.4 mill			

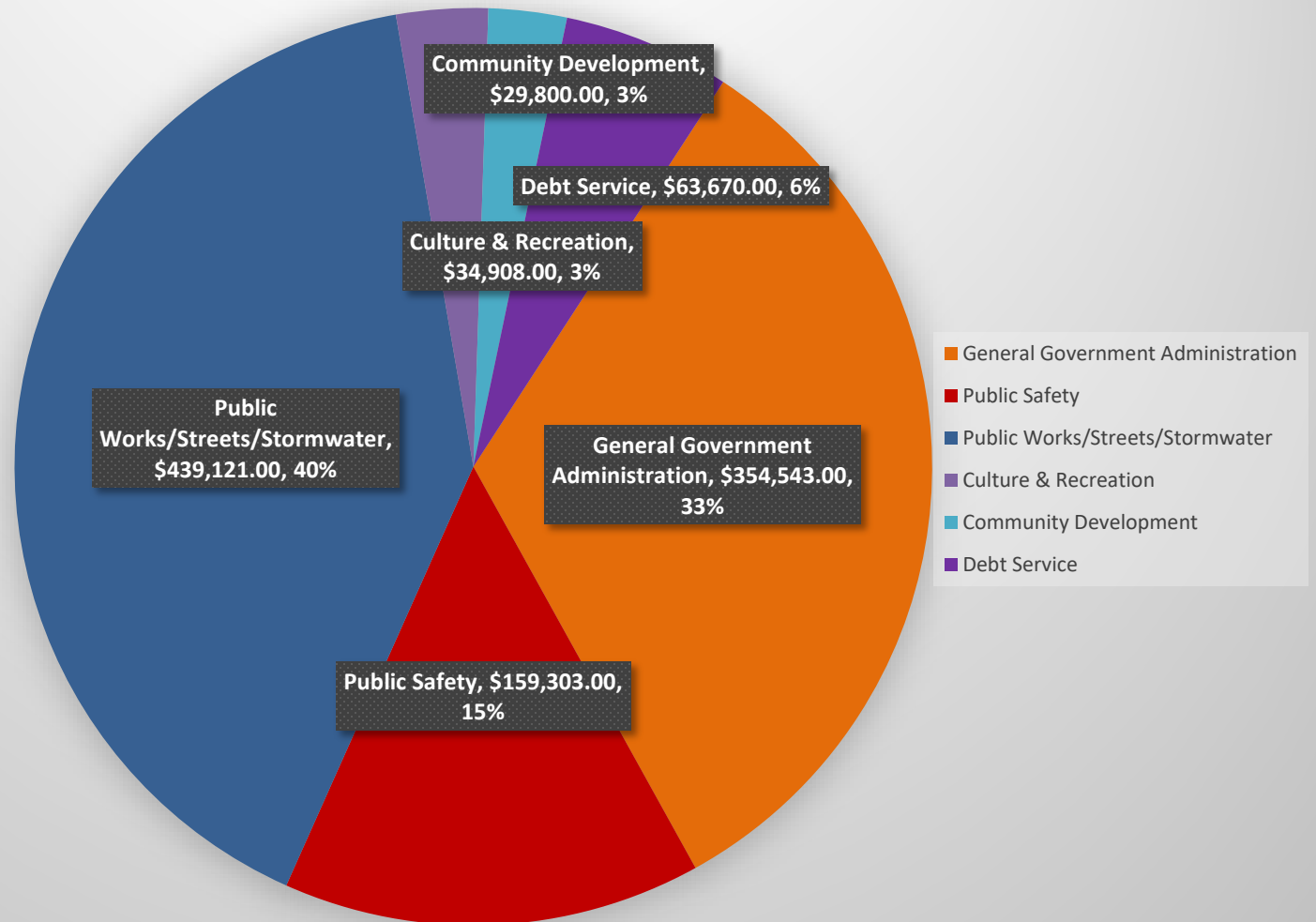
Schwenksville Borough Budgets 2017-2021



Schwenksville Borough 2021 Revenue Sources -All Funds



Schwenksville Borough 2021 Expenditures - All Funds



About the budget

- \$10,438 Reduction in Capital Project Engineering & Construction Funds
- \$2,900 in cut backs or savings to offset Unknown Utility Costs in new building
- \$35,000 additional funds for Stormwater Management Related Expenditures
- \$5,000 for the Phase I Consulting Fees for Establishing a Stormwater District
- \$15,000 increase to short-term road maintenance (deferring longer term goals)
- Held Road Repairs at \$30,000 – towards 2022 Road Repair (Hillcrest)

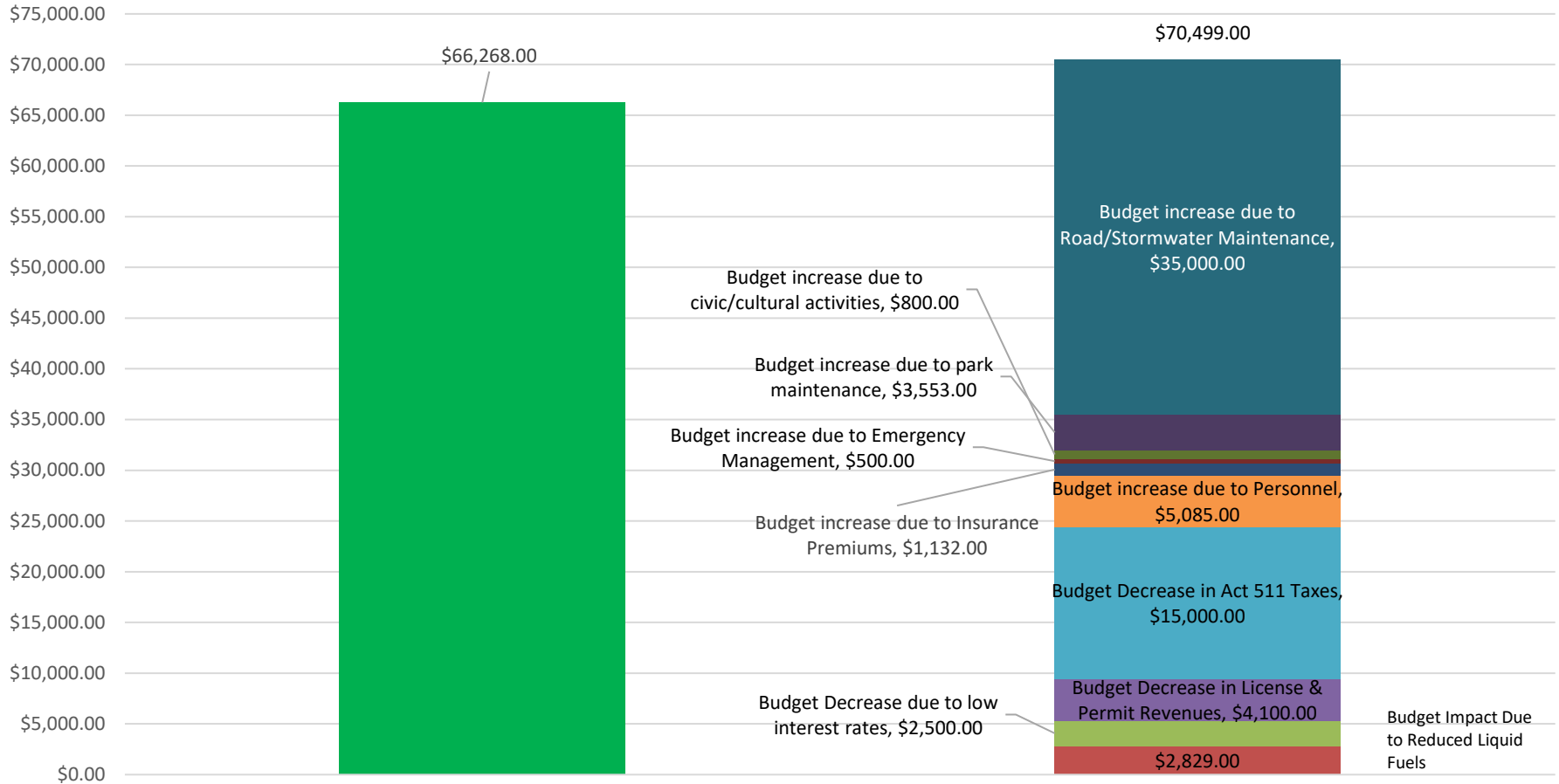
About the Budget Continued

- Complete Contractually Obligated 2019 MONTCO 2040 Grant – \$18,900 (80% grant funded) Plaza Lighting & Greenscaping
- Complete Contractually Obligated 2020 CDBG Road Improvement – Clearfield Avenue - \$120,263
- Complete TA Set-Aside PennDot Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Maple – Walnut - \$35,250.00
- Apply for 2021 CDBG Grant for Woodland Avenue Stormwater Pipe/Inlet Replacement

What's Not in the Budget

- Defer Design, Right-of-way Acquisition and Permitting for Summit Avenue Improvements
- Centennial Street Drainage Study – Need a source of funding for this – estimated cost \$56,000
- Implementation of the Recommendations to be included in Centennial Street Drainage Study/Plan

Budget Changes off-set



Proposed Tax Increase

Unanticipated Changes from 2020

- Revenue added from proposed Real Estate Tax increase
- Budget impact due to Reduced Liquid Fuels
- Budget Decrease due to low interest rates
- Budget Decrease in License & Permit Revenues
- Budget Decrease in Act 511 Taxes
- Budget increase due to Personnel
- Budget increase due to Insurance Premiums
- Budget increase due to Emergency Management
- Budget increase due to civic/cultural activities
- Budget increase due to park maintenance
- Budget increase due to Road/Stormwater Maintenance
- Budget increases due to 300 Main Street

Prior Year Tax Rates for Schwenksville Borough General Fund

2020- 6.4 mil

2019- 6.4 mil

2018- 6.4 mil

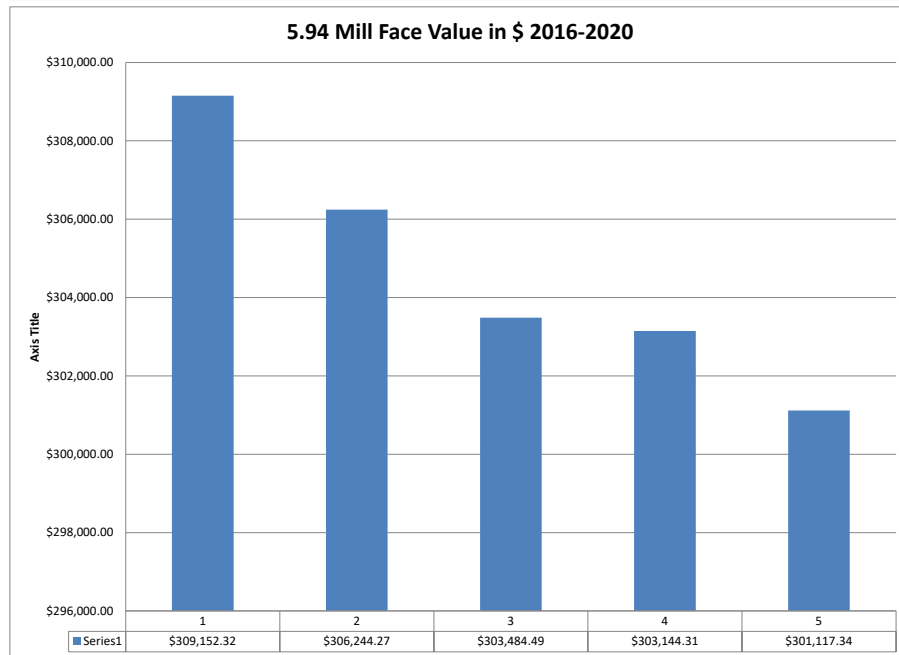
2017- 6.4 mil

2016- 5.4 mil

	Total Assesseed Value	1 Mill of Real Estate Tax
Lower Frederick Township	\$263,474,760	\$263,475
Skipack Township	\$819,146,070	\$819,146
Limerick Township	\$1,482,410,352	\$1,482,410
Schwenksville Borough	\$50,818,785	\$50,818
Upper Salford Township	\$218,671,354	\$218,671
Perkiomen Township	\$494,521,900	\$494,522
Trappe Borough	\$247,971,400	\$247,971

Size Matters

Why it takes a larger real estate tax increase to replace lost revenues



	Name of Borough	2020 Millage	> 6.4	2021 Millage	>7.8	Montgomery County PA 2020 Borough Tax Rates	Schwenksville's Position as proposed for 20201*
1	Ambler	7.86				Norristown 15.00000	Norristown 15.00000
2	Bridgeport	12.23				Pottstown 13.16100	Pottstown 13.16100
3	Bryn Athyn	10.876				Bridgeport 12.23000	Bridgeport 12.23000
4	Collegeville	5.2				Bryn Athyn 10.87600	Bryn Athyn 10.87600
5	Conshohocken	4.5				Royersford 10.20000	Royersford 10.20000
6	East Greenville	6.25	>5.4			Narberth 9.86500	Narberth 9.86500
7	Green Lane	2				Hatboro Borough 9.78900	Hatboro Borough 9.78900
8	Hatboro Borough	9.789				Jenkintown 8.55300	Jenkintown 8.55300
9	Hatfield Borough	2				Ambler 7.86000	Ambler 7.86000
10	Jenkintown	8.553				Rockledge 7.35000	Schwenksville 7.80000
11	Lansdale	5.75				Pennsburg 7.22500	Rockledge 7.35000
12	Narberth	9.865				Telford 6.74000	Pennsburg 7.22500
13	Norristown	15				Schwenksville 6.40000	Telford 6.74000
14	North Wales	5.001				East Greenville 6.25000	East Greenville 6.25000
15	Pennsburg	7.225				Souderton 5.78000	Souderton 5.78000
16	Pottstown	13.161				Lansdale 5.75000	Lansdale 5.75000
17	Red Hill	2.7				Collegeville 5.20000	Collegeville 5.20000
18	Rockledge	7.35				Northwales 5.00100	Northwales 5.00100
19	Royersford	10.2				Conshocken 4.50000	Conshocken 4.50000
20	Schwenksville	5.94		7.8		Red Hill 2.70000	Red Hill 2.70000
21	Souderton	5.78				Green Lane 2.00000	Green Lane 2.00000
22	Telford	6.74				Hatfield Borough 2.00000	Hatfield Borough 2.00000
23	Trappe	0.47				West Conshohocken 1.18000	West Conshohocken 1.18000
24	West Conshohocken	1.18				Trappe 0.47000	Trappe 0.47000

How To calculate your Taxes

Assessed Value x Mill Rate/1000 \longrightarrow **\$217,293 x Rate/1000=1,694.88**

2021 Current Tax Revenue Projections							
	Assessed Valuation	General 5.94 Mills	Fire .36 Mills	Library .10 Mills		Total: 6.4 Mills	Total 7.80 Mills
11/10/2020	50,818,785	\$301,863.58	\$18,294.76	\$5,081.88		\$325,240.22	\$396,386.52
	92% Collection	\$277,714.50	\$16,831.18	\$4,675.33	.15 Mills	\$292,716.20	\$364,675.60
	96% Collection	\$289,789.04	\$17,562.97	\$4,878.60	\$7,317.91	\$312,230.62	\$380,531.06

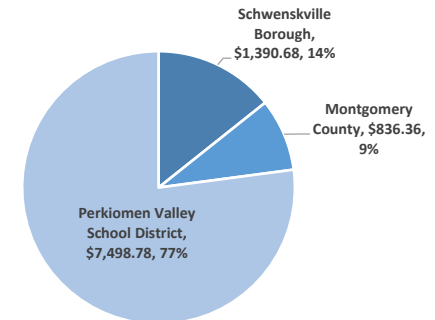
Tax Increase Option Projections							
Tax Increase Scenarios							
		0.4 Mill	1 Mill	2 Mills	2.5 Mills	3 Mills	
		20,327.51	50,818.79	101,638	127,046.96	152,456.36	
	96% Collection	19,514.41	46,753.28	93,506.56	116,883.21	140,259.85	

MEDIAN HOME OWNER PAYS:							
	General Fund Tax 5.94	Fire Tax: .36	Library Tax:.10 Mills			Total Local Tax: 6.4 Mills	
Median House Price (2017 City-Data.com):	\$217,293.00	\$1,290.72	\$78.23	\$21.73		\$1,390.68	
1.4 Mill increase		\$304.21				\$304.21	
		\$1,594.93	\$78.23	\$21.73		\$1,694.89	Total with 7.80 Mill
		7.34 Mills	.36 Mills	.10 Mills		7.8	

2020/2021 Real Estate Tax Distribution for Median Valued Home							
Schwensville Borough		\$1,390.68		7.80 Mills	(Includes proposed increase)		
Montgomery County		\$836.36		3.84 Mills			
Perkiomen Valley Schools		\$7,498.78		34.51 Mills			
		\$9,725.82		46.15			

Tax Dollar Distribution

Real Estate Tax Distribution
2020/2021 - Residents of Schwensville Borough



■ Schwensville Borough ■ Montgomery County ■ Perkiomen Valley School District

2021 Draft Budget Comments Received Directly

	Comments from	Summary	Date Received
1	Brian and Kalena Pippert, Highland Ave	Thinks 1.4 mill Tax Increase is insensitive and out of touch with current environment; feels Borough's budgeting priorities are out of line with the needs of the Borough; doesn't see any progress in implementing the 5 year Capital Plan; advocates a regional approach to stormwater management or permitting the authority to take over the responsibility for stormwater management.	11/24/2020
2	Alberta Lynch, Summit Ave	Feels that a 1.4 mill increase would be a burden on fixed income individuals and asks Borough Council to Reconsider	11/25/2020
3	Tom and Karen Slater, Summit/Main/MountainView	Feels that the Finance Committee's Budget presented by Mrs. Klepfer, and Mrs. Klepfer, herself is inaccurate and insincere. Feels, that the Borough is spending too much money on items considered luxuries. Feels that the Borough is over spending and inflating the budget with non-essential items and not spending enough money on stormwater and other infrastructure repairs.	11/22/2020
4	Tom Laconis, Centennial Street	Said a smaller tax increase would be easier to accept; asked if it was strictly for General Fund; given that the economic conditions caused by COVID-19 may be temporary asked if there were temporary cost reductions that could be made to avoid the large tax increase; asked if non-essential projects had been put on hold; asked if the Borough has any incentive programs to attract and retain businesses, suggested a staggered increase to taxes.	12/1/2020
5	Caitlin Sutton, Aspen Way, LFT	Feels that any tax increase this year is going to be stressful for a lot of people and does not think an increase for borough operations and maintenance is a good reason to increase taxes. She thinks the behavior is Maniacal	12/3/2020
6	Dan Borgnis, Summit Avenue	The Services Received are not worth the current tax rates, never mind a tax increase; Should be cutting back on spending instead of raising taxes; Roads are fine, save the money; doubts declining tax base is affecting revenue levels	12/8/2020
7	Mr. and Mrs. Adam Slater	Feel tax increase at this economic time is financially burdensome for residents; many people within this borough are struggling; feel too many tax dollars are being spent on luxuries and not what the town really needs; doesn't feel Council is listening to residents for what their greatest needs are;	12/8/2020

Manager's Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Montgomery Avenue -
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December 10, 2020 Finance Report	
For the fiscal period January 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020 Total Income for General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund was \$608,883.79 and Total Expenditures was \$665,278.44 for a net loss of \$56,394.65. General Fund experienced a net loss of \$46,518.02.	
Assets: General Fund Assets total \$257,872.10; Capital Fund Assets total \$68,440.23; Liquid Fuels Fund Assets total \$39,377.03; and Fire Museum Fund Assets of \$18,270.45;	
300 Main Street Construction Fund Assets equal \$15,615.59 for a combined Assets total of \$399,575.40.	

Committee Reports

- Historic Committee
- Revitalization Task Force
- Park & Recreation Board
- Property Committee
- Streets & Lights Committee
- Finance Committee

Other Business

- Other Business to be raised by Council
- Other Host Comments or public comments conveyed by Host.
- Adjournment
- Next Meeting – January 14, 2021