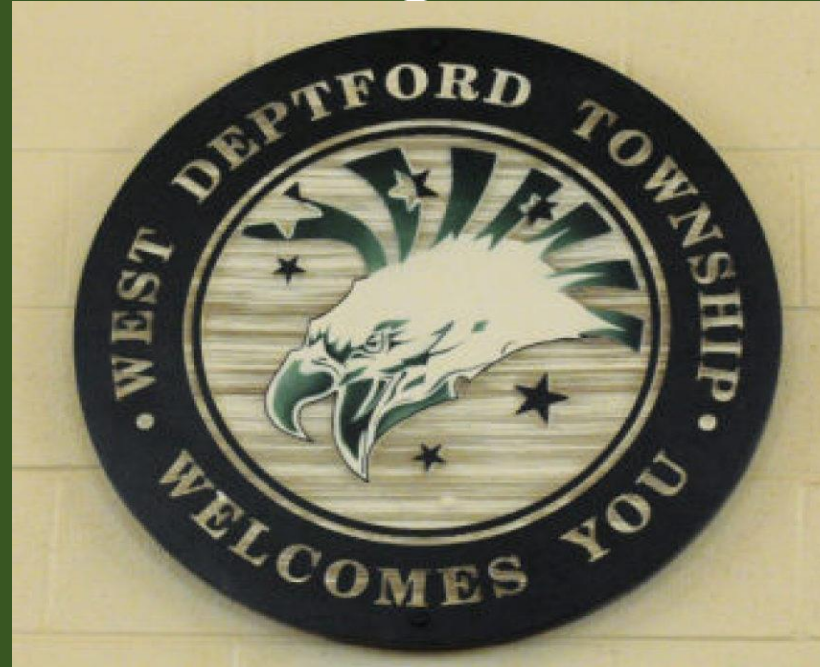


West Deptford Township 2022 Budget Hearing



Mayor, James Mehaffey
Deputy Mayor, Adam Reid
Committeewoman, Megan Kerr
Committeeman, James Robinson
Committeewoman, Ashley Morrell

Date: May 04, 2022

Overview

- No local tax increase – Tax rate remains flat
- Maintains essential services (Police, DPW, Water/Sewer, RiverWinds)
- Stipend & part-time paid Fire Department fully staffed with a 4-person crew 24/7, 365
- Expands Shared Services – Police with National Park, Construction with Woodbury & Woodbury Heights, SLEO 3 officers in WD schools, Fire Truck Maintenance with Mantua, Regional Court Services with Mantua, the providing of fuel and leaf disposal for various entities
- Expenditures within the Appropriation Cap
- Overall Current Fund debt service appropriation remains flat
- No reliance on Utility Surplus or other one-time revenues to balance the budget

Budget Process - 2022

- October - Kicked off planning by engaging key stakeholders in the budget planning process
- November - Key stakeholders submitted a “requested” budget and met with Administration
- December - Held subcommittee meetings with key stakeholders for line by line review
- February - Administration submitted budget to the Committee for review
- February – CFO met with each member of the committee to go through entire budget & Township financial standing
- March 16th - Introduced budget
- April 18th – Approval from the State to Adopt
- April 20th – Public hearing on 2022 Budget and Amendment resolution
- May 4th - Public hearing of 2022 Budget Amendment and Adoption of 2022 Budget

DESCRIPTION	2022 INTRODUCED		2021 FINAL		INCR (DECR)
Surplus Anticipated	5,123,500.00	13.5%	3,109,000.00	8.2%	2,014,500.00
Misc Revenues	8,712,759.67	23.0%	10,833,728.46	28.5%	(2,120,968.79) *
Receipts for Delinquent Taxes	600,000.00	1.6%	800,000.00	2.1%	(200,000.00)
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	22,558,684.36	59.6%	22,423,241.43	59.1%	135,442.93
Library Tax	834,606.00	2.2%	796,587.47	2.1%	38,018.53
TOTAL	37,829,550.03	100%	37,962,557.36	100%	(133,007.33)

DESCRIPTION	2022 INTRODUCED		2021 FINAL		INCR (DECR)
Debt Service	9,409,000.00	24.9%	9,449,600.00	24.9%	(40,600.00)
Police/Public Safety	5,920,673.82	15.7%	5,694,311.00	15.0%	226,362.82
Insurance	3,165,000.00	8.4%	3,077,000.00	8.1%	88,000.00
Public Works	1,973,500.00	5.2%	1,924,500.00	5.1%	49,000.00
Statutory Expenditures	2,882,501.00	7.6%	2,734,021.00	7.2%	148,480.00
RiverWinds	2,532,775.00	6.7%	2,469,800.00	6.5%	62,975.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,153,608.51	3.0%	997,136.15	2.6%	156,472.36
Gen Admin/Gov	2,551,887.36	6.7%	2,593,701.00	6.8%	(41,813.64)
Trash/Landfill	2,894,450.00	7.7%	3,048,175.00	8.0%	(153,725.00)
Utilities	942,000.00	2.5%	882,800.00	2.3%	59,200.00
Library	834,606.00	2.2%	796,587.47	2.1%	38,018.53
Recreation	1,065,500.00	2.8%	966,600.00	2.5%	98,900.00
Code Enforcement		0.0%		0.0%	-
Shared Service Agreements	1,454,146.18	3.8%	995,684.00	2.6%	458,462.18
Capital Improvements Excluded from CAP	750,000.00	2.0%	500,000.00	1.3%	250,000.00
Municipal Court		0.0%	328,500.00	0.9%	(328,500.00)
Public and Private Programs offset by Revenues	131,526.16	0.3%	1,319,865.74	3.5%	(1,188,339.58) *
Land Use Administration	101,600.00	0.3%	116,800.00	0.3%	(15,200.00)
Health & Human Services	18,800.00	0.0%	19,500.00	0.1%	(700.00)
Deferred Charges	47,976.00	0.1%	47,976.00	0.1%	-
TOTAL	37,829,550.03	100%	37,962,557.36	100%	(133,007.33)

* 21 includes over \$1 mil in Ch. 159's that you'll see on the agenda tonight for 2022. Most grant awards come out after budget intro.

Addressing Structural Imbalance

Use of Surplus:	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Surplus Balance Jan 1	\$ 9,929,608	\$ 8,424,499	\$ 8,096,597	\$ 6,351,609	\$ 5,111,674	\$ 2,773,929	\$ 1,244,204	\$ 971,234	\$ 2,692,454
Anticipated in Budget	5,123,500	3,109,000	2,900,000	1,370,230	767,045	734,176	375,000	564,596	2,010,000
Balance Remaining	4,806,108	5,315,499	5,196,597	4,981,379	4,344,629	2,039,753	869,204	406,638	682,454
Other									
Reserve to Pay Debt									
School Tax Deferral									1,542,228
Prior Year Refunds-Tax									1,429,325
Appeal									
Liquidation of Interfunds									917,050
Utility Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-	650,000	1,155,324	
Total Structural Imbalance	5,123,500	3,109,000	2,900,000	1,370,230	767,045	734,176	1,025,000	1,719,920	5,898,603

For the sixth year in a row, 2022 reduces the reliance on one time revenues

Current State of Budget

**Maintains high quality, essential services that residents consistently rate as the “best” service provided
trash collection, snow and leaf collection, recycling, water and sewer, police and fire services**

Recreation:

- Continues facility improvements program at Municipal Building and RiverWinds Community Center
- Updates Municipal Parks and Facilities (created a priority listing of all parks with an improvement schedule)
 - Committee has adopted Ordinance 2021-06 authorizing \$750k to refurbish all neighborhood “pocket” parks in WD. This is 95% complete. Committee also adopted ordinance 2021-10, \$900k of which will be used for phase 2 of park improvements including pickleball courts, basketball courts, & tennis ball courts.

General and Administration:

- American Relief Funding – Committed the first half (\$1.1 mil) to stormwater infrastructure improvements to help alleviate some areas where water tends to hit a bottleneck during storms and facilitate the flow of stormwater properly town-wide. This will also go along way in compliance with NJDEP stormwater regulations.
- The town-wide meter replacement will be starting in 2022 with hopes of also starting the Cumberland/Grove & Church Street Pump Stations.
- Commits resources to paving of local roadways and storm water infrastructure repair and maintenance through State Transportation Grants, Capital Funding, & the General Budget: Resurfacing of the following roads: Paradise Road, Imperial Parkway, Forest Parkway, & Brewer Ave, Holly Ave, & Budd Blvd
- Grant fund reimbursements – A lot of grants are received after the budget in 2022 – you’ll see 4 Ch. 159’s on adoption night totally over \$1 million dollars
- Continues fire hydrant repairs and upgrades, 10 per year goal

SUMMARY OF LEVY, TAX RATES, & IMPACT ON THE AVERAGE RESIDENT

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		Change	Increase/ (Decrease)	2022 Incr / (Decr) on Average Residential Assessment
	<u>Tax Levies & Rates</u>		<u>Tax Levies & Rates</u>				
	<u>Levy Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>			
County Tax (General) *	15,223,164.45	0.684	15,537,680.92	0.703	(0.019)	\$ (314,516.47)	\$ (38.03)
County Open Space *	901,622.27	0.040	949,809.05	0.043	(0.002)	\$ (48,186.78)	\$ (4.80)
Total All County Levies	16,124,786.72	0.724 *	16,487,489.97	0.746	(0.021)	\$ (362,703.25)	\$ (42.84)
Local School	36,752,295.00	1.651	35,867,913.00	1.620	0.031	\$ 884,382.00	\$ 61.54
Municipal General	22,558,684.36	1.013	22,423,241.43	1.012	0.001	\$ 135,442.93	\$ 2.56
Municipal Library	834,606.00	0.037	796,587.47	0.036	0.002	\$ 38,018.53	\$ 3.01
Municipal Open Space	111,432.46	0.005	110,730.75	0.005	0.000	\$ 701.71	\$ 0.01
Totals	<u>76,381,804.54</u>	<u>3.431</u>	<u>75,685,962.62</u>	<u>3.419</u>	<u>0.012</u>	<u>\$ 1,058,545.17</u>	<u>\$ 24.29</u>

Net Valuation Taxable 2,226,297,128

2,213,939,203

* - no change in County Levy - Change in Equalized value can cause small changes in WD amount due to the county

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL LEVIES

Municipal Rates				
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Municipal General	1.013	1.012	1.003	1.005
Municipal Open Space	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.005
	1.018	1.018	1.008	1.010
Increase (Decrease)	<u>-</u>	<u>0.010</u>	<u>(0.002)</u>	
Municipal Levies				
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Municipal General	22,558,684.36	22,423,241.43	22,193,873.70	22,195,465.39
Municipal Open Space	111,432.46	110,730.75	110,639.61	110,000.00
Totals	22,670,116.82	22,533,972.180	22,304,513.31	22,305,465.390
Net Valuation Taxable	2,226,297,128	2,213,939,203	2,211,842,859	2,206,346,696

General Capital Improvements		
Resurface RW Swimming Pool	Complete	250,000.00
Camera Trailer	Complete	160,000.00
Storrie and Snyder Road Improvements	Complete	110,000.00
Various COVID upgrades, protective glass, etc.	Complete	-
Lancing Rd, Lancing Ct., Oakland Rd, Chetwood Ct.	Complete	455,000.00
Purchase of a Street Sweeper	Complete	190,000.00
2 Smaller Dump Trucks	Complete	150,000.00
4 Trash Trucks - (Entire Fleet Replaced)	Complete	400,000.00
Various Little League Park Improvements	Complete	100,000.00
Budd & Lavenham Storm Water Replacement	Complete	130,000.00
Harker Ave Stormwater Replacement	Complete	40,000.00
Preparation/Update of Master Plan	Complete	40,000.00
DPW Boiler Replacement	Complete	250,000.00
Jessup Phase II	Complete	157,000.00
Mid-Atlantic Phase 1	Complete	330,000.00
Mid-Atlantic Phase II	Complete	140,000.00
Grove Ave Emergency Sewer Line Replacement	Complete	54,000.00
RW lighting replacement	Complete	34,000.00
First Ave Repaving	Complete	50,000.00
Little league lighting	Complete	560,000.00
Replace RW Gym Equipment	Complete	N/A
Jessup & Ollerton Crosswalks	Complete	50,000.00
Revamping pocket parks	95% Complete	750,000.00
Resurfacing Imperial, Hillside, River Road	Hillside & River Road Complete. Imperial to be completed in 2022.	770,000.00
Replace WD Park Roof	Projected 2022 completion	240,000.00
Excavator and Skid Steer	Completed	150,000.00
Various vehicles town-wide, Police Vehicles, etc.	Purchased most of them, waiting on arrival	443,000.00
2nd round of various park improvements, pickle ball, redo basketball and tennis courts, etc	Engineering Phase	900,000.00
Paradise Road	Engineering Phase	700,000.00
Brewer Avenue	Engineering Phase	50,000.00

Utility Capital Projects

Well #8 Filter & Refurb	Complete
Pump Station 4&6 Rebuild	Complete
Meter Replacement	Getting ready to go out to bid
Tank Painting	In progress, almost complete
Phase 3 potable well/main extensoin	In process of being completed
Replace Woodbury Creek Crossing (Already did Ordinance this year for \$600k)	Complete
Cumberland & Grove Pump Station	Not started, engineering phase
New Crane Truck	Ordered
Portable Sewer Bypass	Ordered
Mantua Grove Road Insertion Valves (3)	Very close to being ordered
Hessian Ave Sewer Main Replacement	Need to camera then create approach
Pennfield pump station	Out for RFQ
5 additional Mission SCADA units	Projected to do in 2022
Well #4 Insertion Valve	Projected to do in 2022
Church Street Pump Station Rehab	Projected to do in 2022
Completion of PS#13 Grandview Force Main	Projected to do in 2022
Gravity Sewer Main Replacement on Hessian & Harker	Projected to do in 2022
Mission Alarms	Projected to do in 2022
Mantua Grove Road Insertion Valves	Projected to do in 2022
Well #6 Contact Tank Replacement	Projected to do in 2022
Well #6 Well Redevelopment	Projected to do in 2022

LEVY IMPACT ON ALL ASSESSMENTS

Property Assessment	* Municipal	Library	County	School	Total
100,000.00	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.51	\$ (21.43)	\$ 30.73	\$ 12.10
125,000.00	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.88	\$ (26.78)	\$ 38.41	\$ 15.13
150,000.00	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.26	\$ (32.14)	\$ 46.10	\$ 18.15
175,000.00	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.64	\$ (37.49)	\$ 53.78	\$ 21.18
200,000.00	\$ 2.57	\$ 3.02	\$ (42.85)	\$ 61.46	\$ 24.20
200,259.00	\$ 2.58	\$ 3.02	\$ (42.91)	\$ 61.54	\$ 24.23
225,000.00	\$ 2.89	\$ 3.39	\$ (48.21)	\$ 69.15	\$ 27.23
250,000.00	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.77	\$ (53.56)	\$ 76.83	\$ 30.25
275,000.00	\$ 3.54	\$ 4.15	\$ (58.92)	\$ 84.51	\$ 33.28
300,000.00	\$ 3.86	\$ 4.52	\$ (64.28)	\$ 92.19	\$ 36.30
325,000.00	\$ 4.18	\$ 4.90	\$ (69.63)	\$ 99.88	\$ 39.33
350,000.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.28	\$ (74.99)	\$ 107.56	\$ 42.35
375,000.00	\$ 4.82	\$ 5.65	\$ (80.35)	\$ 115.24	\$ 45.38
400,000.00	\$ 5.15	\$ 6.03	\$ (85.70)	\$ 122.93	\$ 48.40
425,000.00	\$ 5.47	\$ 6.41	\$ (91.06)	\$ 130.61	\$ 51.43
450,000.00	\$ 5.79	\$ 6.79	\$ (96.42)	\$ 138.29	\$ 54.45
475,000.00	\$ 6.11	\$ 7.16	\$ (101.77)	\$ 145.97	\$ 57.48
500,000.00	\$ 6.43	\$ 7.54	\$ (107.13)	\$ 153.66	\$ 60.50
600,000.00	\$ 7.72	\$ 9.05	\$ (128.55)	\$ 184.39	\$ 72.60
750,000.00	\$ 9.65	\$ 11.31	\$ (160.69)	\$ 230.49	\$ 90.75
* Only portion of taxes that the Township controls in the Municipal Budget					

Debt Service Management

Year	Equalized Valuation	3 Year Average Equalized Valuation	Net Debt	Percentage of Net Debt	Dollar Amount Over/Under Debt Limit
2006	2,314,011,901	2,033,900,763	87,047,224	4.28%	15,860,697
2007	2,575,956,419	2,319,608,052	86,393,492	3.72%	5,207,210
2008	2,780,066,182	2,556,678,167	96,781,481	3.79%	7,297,745
2009	2,568,425,926	2,641,482,842	107,837,210	4.08%	15,385,311
2010	2,605,458,234	2,651,316,781	101,243,329	3.82%	8,447,242
2011	2,670,603,875	2,614,829,345	99,441,377	3.80%	7,922,350
2012	2,500,980,518	2,592,347,542	119,450,879	4.61%	28,718,715
2013	2,378,078,019	2,516,554,137	117,201,335	4.66%	29,121,940
2014	2,301,414,035	2,393,490,857	110,584,166	4.62%	26,811,986
2015	2,269,969,479	2,316,487,178	104,523,458	4.51%	23,446,407
2016	2,258,487,869	2,276,623,794	70,002,976	3.08%	9,678,856
2017	2,294,287,764	2,274,248,370	66,516,478	2.93%	13,082,214
2018	2,297,798,301	2,283,524,645	65,490,784	2.87%	14,431,876
2019	2,394,426,256	2,328,837,440	61,628,114	2.65%	19,881,197
2020	2,385,012,643	2,359,079,067	56,635,765	2.40%	25,932,002
2021	2,498,979,412	2,426,139,437	54,081,676	2.23%	30,833,204

The Township has continued to move further inside the 3.5% debt limit every year since the tax appeal bonds were removed from net debt in 2016

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Township's Outstanding General Improvement Bond Issuances

Bond Issue	Purpose	Total Par Outstanding	Final Maturity
GO Bonds, Series 2001 Golf Course	Golf Course Direct Purchase (\$9,945,000)	3,725,000.00	10/1/2027
GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B	Financed various improvements and acquisition of Township vehicles; Refunded 2009B	3,317,000.00	9/1/2028
GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2014	Financed road repairs, park building, veteran's monument, RiverWinds, improvements, equipment & vehicles (\$50,776, 834)	35,213,832.00	9/1/2030
GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	Financed road repairs, utility improvement and Township equipment.	9,834,230.00	7/1/2027
GO Bonds, Series 2019	Financed various capital improvements, acquisition of Township vehicles, Riverwinds upgrades, & water / sewer improvements	8,440,000.00	10/1/2032
GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2020	Sunoco, Inc & Eagle Point Refinery settlement of property taxes paid during 1988-2011 (\$30,930,000)	9,390,000.00	7/1/2032
Agree to page 5 ADS - does not include Bonds Authorized but not issued			
Includes Tax Appeal Refunding Bonds, Not BAN's			

Above includes tax appeal refunding bonds which are exempt from net debt

What We Are Still Working On – 2022 & Beyond

- RiverWinds Redevelopment
- RiverWinds Upgrades – Resurfacing gym floors and new starting blocks for the pool
- Focus on redeveloping and repurposing existing sites for optimum use and ratables (RiverWinds, vacant industrial park parcels, and Sunoco site(s))
- Long range (20+ year) capital plan for buildings, roads, water/sewer infrastructure, emergency service and equipment, playgrounds, stormwater infrastructure
- Continues to explore more shared service agreement opportunities (19 agreements)
- Enhancing active and passive recreational facilities along with beautifying our community
- Deploying technology & automation to streamline work and increase efficiency
- Road reconstruction – Paradise Road, Brewer Ave, Mid-Atlantic Parkway, Forest Parkway, Holly Ave, Budd Blvd
- Storm Water Infrastructure Upgrades – Town-wide – Capital & ARP Funding to be used for this
- Water connection project, upgrades of our water meter system in order to provide more safeguards to our residents in terms of early leak detection, Cumberland & Grove & Church Street pump station upgrades

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