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Chairman's Message-We're getting there!

By: Barbara N. Lyons, Chairman

Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors

It all started in the mid-nineties at the founding of Central Park, when the dream for a community recreation center was first imagined. In 2018, the Township's new administration and police department facility was built and the planning for the recreation center got underway. It began with a vote of the Board, then a feasibility study, along with many discussions among the Supervisors and the community. Now with architectural renderings and construction documents completed, the Township is looking to go to bid this summer with construction to begin this Fall.

There are some questions still under consideration, but we are heading to a ribbon cutting in late 2024 to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of Central Park.

The Parks and Recreation Community Center (PRCC) will be situated on the site now housing the trailers and the sport courts. The sport courts, (basketball, tennis, bocce ball and pickle ball) will be relocated to Field 1 along with additional parking. In addition to the PRCC, we will be building bathrooms to serve the Amphitheater and Kid's Castle.

The 18,000 square foot facility will contain three multi-purpose rooms that can be reconfigured into one large room. We envision these spaces, each available to rent, to be in high demand for kids' parties, family events, business meetings, and programming for all ages.

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A kitchen nearby will be available to service the events and host cooking classes. An outdoor patio that can be closed to the elements with large garage style doors will have a cozy fireplace and provide a beautiful space for special events and the ever-popular dog training classes.

The main feature of the Center is a large gymnasium that will accommodate basketball, volleyball and pickleball with room for spectators. The gym can also be subdivided with a rolling curtain suspended from the ceiling. This space will also serve as a location to host large events like craft fairs.

The cost is estimated at \$11 million, which we intend to fund with a bond, grants, and a capital fundraising campaign. The capital campaign, which has a goal of \$3 million, will soon be underway. We have already received \$1.5 million in grants, thanks to State Senator Steve Santarsiero.

Please see the PRCC renderings contained on page 8 of this newsletter. We will continue to update the progress on our various communication vehicles. Please follow us on our social media accounts: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, our website-www.doylestownpa.org, and sign-up for the weekly E-News that is sent directly to your inbox every Friday at 4PM.

We are building a place for you and your families. A place for all ages. A place for today and for the future. So, stay tuned, be informed, and spread the word. ●

Welcome New Police Officers!

The Township is pleased to announce the hiring of two new police officers to fill vacancies, Officer Brett Guaglionona and Officer Philip Singh.

Officer Guaglionona comes to the Township after serving as a part-time officer in both Central Bucks Regional Police Department and New Hope Borough Police Department.

Officer Singh comes to the Township after serving as a full-time police officer in the Philadelphia Police Department. Congratulations and welcome to the team!



Congratulations Jill Antonucci!

We want to wish our colleague and long-time employee Jill Antonucci congratulations on her retirement from the Township. After 28 years of working in our Finance Department, Jill is putting her adding machine away and beginning her retirement journey.

Jill was hired in February of 1995 to work with the Township's accounts payable, handle payroll and assist the DTMA. Jill has been an asset to the Township over the years. She also enjoyed volunteering at Township events like Oktoberfest and the summer concert series. Jill, we wish you a long and enjoyable retirement. Thank you for your outstanding service to our community!

Electric Vehicle Charging in Doylestown

By: Dr. James Baldassarre, EAC Chairman

As our country and our Township act to address the issues of global climate change, we are already seeing an active transition from gasoline to electric powered vehicles (EVs). We now have electric cars, SUVs and trucks coming from all the major car-makers, including Ford, General Motors, Kia, Hyundai, VW and so many others, as well as Tesla. EVs have many advantages: no tailpipe emissions and no noise, outstanding performance, lower fuel costs and very little maintenance. The only real limitation now is the charging infrastructure. Where do we plug in?

Currently there aren't the number of charging locations that we will need for the future. The good news is, we already have quite a few. Most people will do most charging at home (overnight) or at the workplace or a commuter location when the vehicle is not in use. Beyond this, we will need charging locations at public places like shopping centers and recreation areas, and along interstate highways to enable longer trips.

You may have noticed that Doylestown Township now has 2 electric vehicle chargers in the parking lot near the Administration Building. These are available to the public, and anyone with an EV can charge at a very modest fee. So how does this work?

Just as there are different brands of gasoline, there are also several companies providing chargers, and like brands of gasoline, they are all very comparable. The Township has installed a Chargepoint charger. Other common providers include Blink, EV Connect and EVgo. Tesla has its own private network of chargers, and these only work with Tesla vehicles (for now).

As shown in the chart to the right, there are different 'levels' of charging. More voltage means faster charging, but Level 2 charging is most common.

EV charging is easy. Unlike fueling with gasoline, you will not pay at 'the pump'. You must first download the providers 'app', set up an account and register a means of payment

(usually a credit card). When you arrive at the charger, you will tap your phone to the charger, plug in and charge. The app will keep a record of your purchase. You should move your vehicle as soon as charging is completed.

Finding chargers is also easy. Almost all chargers are linked to the internet, and your car's navigation system will find the nearest one or plan your route to include a charging stop, if necessary. There are also many apps that can help you locate an EV charging location.

Think on how quickly we transition from typewriters to desktop computers, from heavy CRT televisions to flatscreen Hi-Def televisions, and from clunky 'car-phones' to sleek smartphones. Would you ever go back? In the same way, EVs will be the future of driving, and we encourage you to learn more about them at www.electricforall.org.



Charger Type	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 (DC Fast charging)
Voltage	110 V	200 V	480 V
Charge rate (miles of range added per hour of charging)	3-4 miles	30-40 miles	300-600 miles
Typical Use	For battery maintenance or emergencies. Too slow for everyday charging.	Most 'destination' charging, eg, at home, work, train station or shopping center.	Along interstate highways and rest areas

Septic Pumping, Well Water Testing, and Public Sewer & Water Connection Information

Attention Doylestown Township Residents who have septic systems and well water - You need to pump your septic systems and test your well water every three years, which is required by Township Ordinance.

Here is some important information regarding this requirement:

- **Reminders for properties due in 2023 have been sent out!** If you are due in 2023, please make sure you submit your water test result and pumper report (see photo to the right for what the report looks like) to the Township.
- **Reminders have been sent out for properties that are past due for these requirements.** - You will have until **July 31st** to submit the necessary water test result and/or pumper report to the Township. After this time frame, failure to comply with this requirement could result in fines and legal action.
- **If you are connected to public sewer but not public water,** you will no longer need to have your water tested. If you receive any reminders about pumping your septic system or testing your water, please contact the Township so your record can be updated to reflect that you have public sewer.
- **If you are connected to public water but not public sewer,** water testing is no longer required. However, your septic system will need to be pumped every three years. If you receive any reminders about water testing, please contact the Township so your record can be updated to reflect that you have public water.



Please also note that Bucks-Mont Environmental LLC is no longer an approved pumper/hauler for Doylestown Township. - For the approved list of pumper/haulers and water test facilities for the Township, please visit our septic management page on our website.

For more information on this program, please visit - doylestownpa.org/information/septic-management-program. Thank you for your cooperation in completing these requirements!

Public Water and Sewer Connections:

If you are looking to connect to public water and/or sewer, please make sure you contact the Township to learn more about the process to connect and if public water and sewer services are available in your area. Permits and inspections are required. For more information on connecting, please contact the DTMA for public water - www.doylestownpa.org/departments/doylestown-municipal-authority-dtma/ and for public sewer connections, please contact Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority - www.doylestownpa.org/departments/sewer-water/public-sewer-information. ●



Doylestown Township E-News

Stay Informed – Sign-up for E-News!

Doylestown Township is pleased to announce the creation of a weekly E-Newsletter. It is a great way to stay on top of any recent news, events, and more!

The E-News will hit your inbox every Friday at 4PM (please note it may end up in your junk/spam folder so please check that if you do not receive it). Signing up for e-news is easy-just visit our website at www.doylestownpa.org and click the link at the top menu to sign up for e-news.



2023 SCHEDULE

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Presented in Partnership with Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation

FREE Summer Concerts

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Inclement Weather:

Indoor facilities are not available, visit www.doylestownrec.com for concert status. Every effort will be made to reschedule on an alternate date.

6/07/23	Boat House Row	Yacht Rock Experience
6/14/23	Little Red Rooster	Blues (Local favorite)
6/21/23	High Noon	Lynryrd Skynryd / Southern Rock
6/28/23	Matt Freedman	Country
7/05/23	Highway Run	Journey Tribute
7/12/23	Soul Cruisers	Motown, Soul, R&B
7/19/23	Cherry Lane	High Energy Rock and R&B
7/26/23	Lights Out	Decades Show
8/02/23	AM Radio	60's/70's
8/09/23	Larger than Life	Boyband Experience
8/16/23	Class Act	Dance Band (CB teachers)
8/23/23	River of Dreams	Billy Joel
8/30/23	Big Chill Band	Classic Rock



Beer Garden

- Open for service at 6:00 pm
- Must be 21 years to purchase
- Must remain in amphitheater with beverage



Fall Food Truck Fest

September 23, 12:00-6:00 pm

Eats, Beats and Fun for the Whole Family!
Music presented by DJ JC

Location: Central Park, 425 Wells Road

DART Shuttle transportation is available. Visit www.doylestownrec.org to view the DART pickup schedule & times. No outside alcohol permitted in park. Central park is a smoke free facility.

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Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance Program

From April to June the DTMA will conduct its annual fire hydrant flushing and maintenance program. Annual flushing of the DTMA distribution system helps to improve the water quality by removing any sediment that may accumulate in the pipes. In addition, the fire hydrants are inspected and maintained to ensure proper operation for our local fire departments during fire emergencies. Hydrants are flushed between the hours of 6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Customers may experience discolored water or low pressure when flushing takes place close to your home or business. If this occurs, please run the water for a few minutes until the water is clear.

DTMA utilizes an automated software program to notify when flushing will be nearby. Please visit the DTMA website at www.doylestownpa.org/departments/doylestown-municipal-authority-dtma/ and update your contact information for DTMA Alerts so we can contact customers with timely updates. Thank you for your patience while we complete this important task. •



Sign-up to Receive Your Water Bill Electronically!

Did you know that you can sign up to receive your water bill electronically and also pay your bill online?

You can sign up to receive your quarterly bills electronically by sending an email to dtma@doylestownpa.org or call Koun Lim at 215-348-9915 ext. 1027.

For more information, please visit www.doylestownpa.org/departments/doylestown-municipal-authority-dtma/.



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Doylestown Fire Company

Ahrens "Fox" (DFC Engine 19-3) 100 Year Anniversary!

The Doylestown Fire Company (DFC) is celebrating the 100th year anniversary of its classic fire truck, the Ahrens "Fox" Pumper. The "Fox" Pumper was purchased from the Ahrens Fox Company of Cincinnati, Ohio in June, 1923 at a cost of \$13,400. It was commissioned for service to the Doylestown community in December 1923.

DFC's "Fox," along with a twin 1923 Fox destined for service by the Lambertville, New Jersey Fire Company, were shipped via the Reading Railroad to Doylestown in October, 1923. DFC's "Fox" served as a key firefighting apparatus protecting the Doylestown Community for over 50 Years, with its last fire response being the fire at the old Borough School on February 23, 1973.

Although the "Fox" remains operable today, with a 1,000 Gallons per minute pumping capability, it is currently relegated for deployment at special community events.

Throughout 2023, DFC is recognizing this milestone anniversary with the display of the Fox at various public events, commencing with their Pancake Breakfast which was held on March 18th, the Memorial Day Parade, the July 15th Dusk to Dawn car show, October Fire Prevention Open House and Santa's Doylestown arrival. A special Mercer "Fox" tile has been commissioned and will be available for purchase.

The Public is cordially invited to join in this Centennial celebration and visit the "Fox", along with DFC's full line of firefighting apparatus, at its 68 Shewell Avenue location. For further information, please visit us at our website, www.doylestownfirecompany.org



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Upcoming Events

Community Yard Sale at Central Park

Saturday, April 29th (Rain date 4/30) • 8:00am – 1:00pm

Held in one of the Central Park parking lots, each registered vendor will receive two parking spaces. Both spaces can be used for your items, or you can use one space to park your vehicle and the other for your items. The event will also be advertised on the Township's website and social media pages, on local event sites, and advertised in the newspaper.

Yard Sale will run from 8 am to 1 pm, but vendors will be able to arrive for set-up beginning at 7 am. We will store any unwanted items left over from the sale, to be picked up by Green Drop, benefiting The Red Cross, later that week.

Space is limited! Vendors must be registered by April 22nd! Register Online at www.doylestownpa.org/departments/parks-recreation.

Touch-A-Truck Event at Central Park

Saturday, May 13th (Rain or Shine)
10:00am- 1:00pm

Here's your opportunity to let your children experience what it's like to sit behind the wheel of these big machines in a safe environment. They can sit in the seat, honk the horn, and turn the wheel of their favorite trucks!

This year we will also have some food trucks so come hungry! Registration is NOT required. Bring out your family for this fun and free event!



Doylestown Township - 2023 Budget

The Doylestown Township budget reflects the goals developed by the Board of Supervisors and serves as a financial plan and as a tool for accountability. As the budget process demonstrates, the plan was developed over multiple months and public meetings.

While maintaining current services the Board of Supervisors has four main goals for 2023:

- 1.** Continued accelerated maintenance on the Township's 77 miles of roads.
- 2.** Parks upgrade construction projects including a new Community Recreation Center, reconstructed Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball courts, revitalized Bocce Courts, and construction of public bathrooms in the vicinity of the Amphitheater and Kids Castle in response to residents expressed desires.
- 3.** Ensuring an appropriate level of funding for future Township pension obligations.
- 4.** Provide funding for desired future Capital projects.

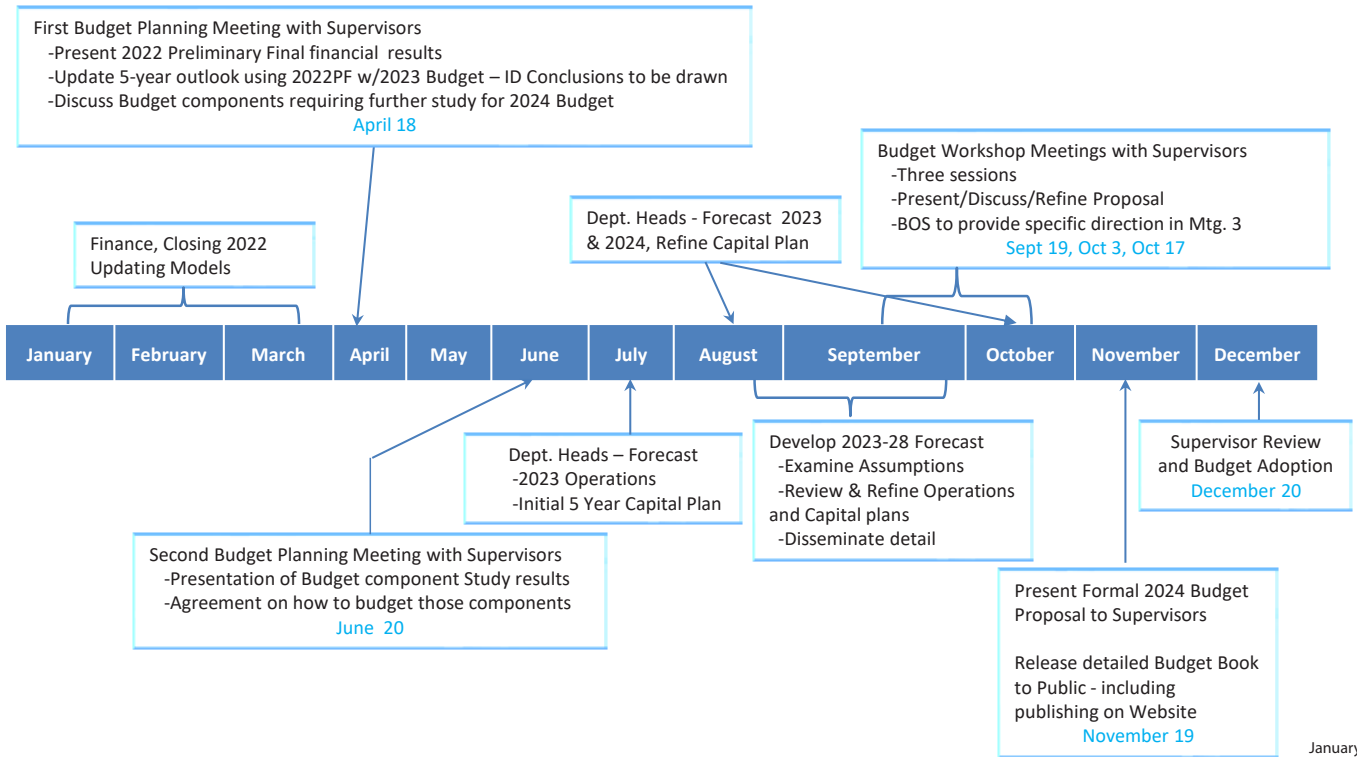


Doylestown Township - 2023 Budget cont.

2024 Budget Planning

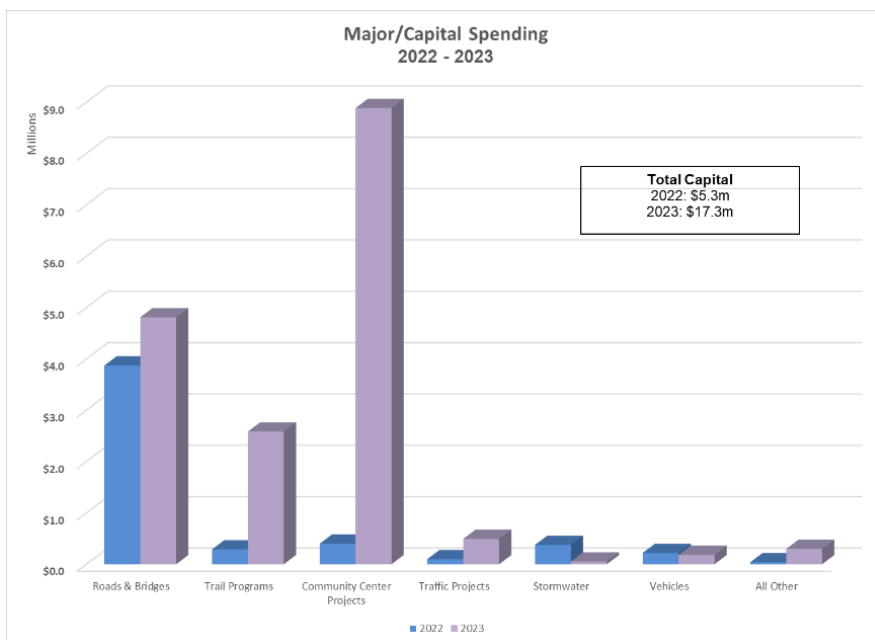
Township Budget Process- 2023 Schedule of Events

The chart shows the schedule that we will follow in 2023 to prepare the 2024 budget. It has a similar structure to the schedule we followed in 2022 to prepare the 2023 budget.



2023 Budget At a Glance

The *balanced 2023 budget* for Doylestown Township focuses on three main elements: Capital Spending, Operating Revenue, and Operating Expenses.

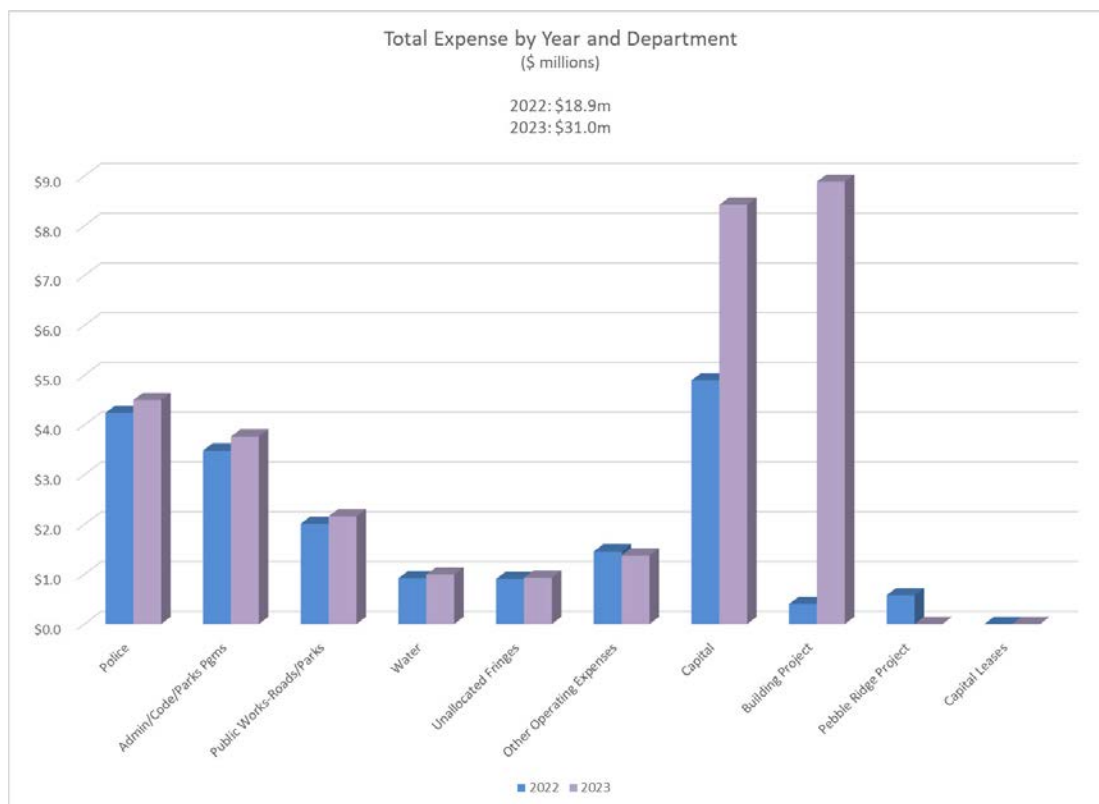
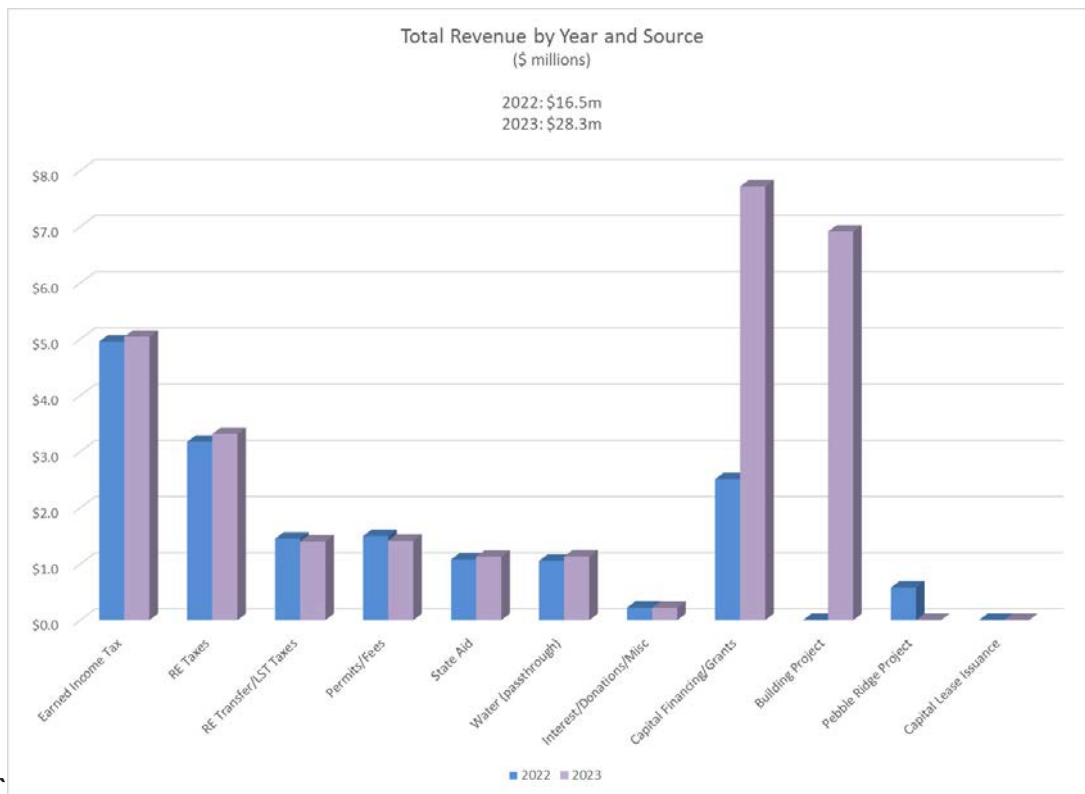


There is increased capital spending in 2023 largely for the Parks Community Center projects. **Grants and Fundraising** will help to offset this spending, with the balance obtained from bond borrowing and fund reserves.

Category	2022	2023
Roads & Bridges	\$3.7	\$4.3
Trail Programs	\$0.3	\$2.6
Community Center Projects	\$0.4	\$8.9
Traffic Projects	\$0.1	\$0.5
Stormwater	\$0.4	\$0.1
Vehicles	\$0.2	\$0.2
All Other	\$0.2	\$0.8
Total	\$5.3	\$17.3

Doylestown Township - 2023 Budget cont.

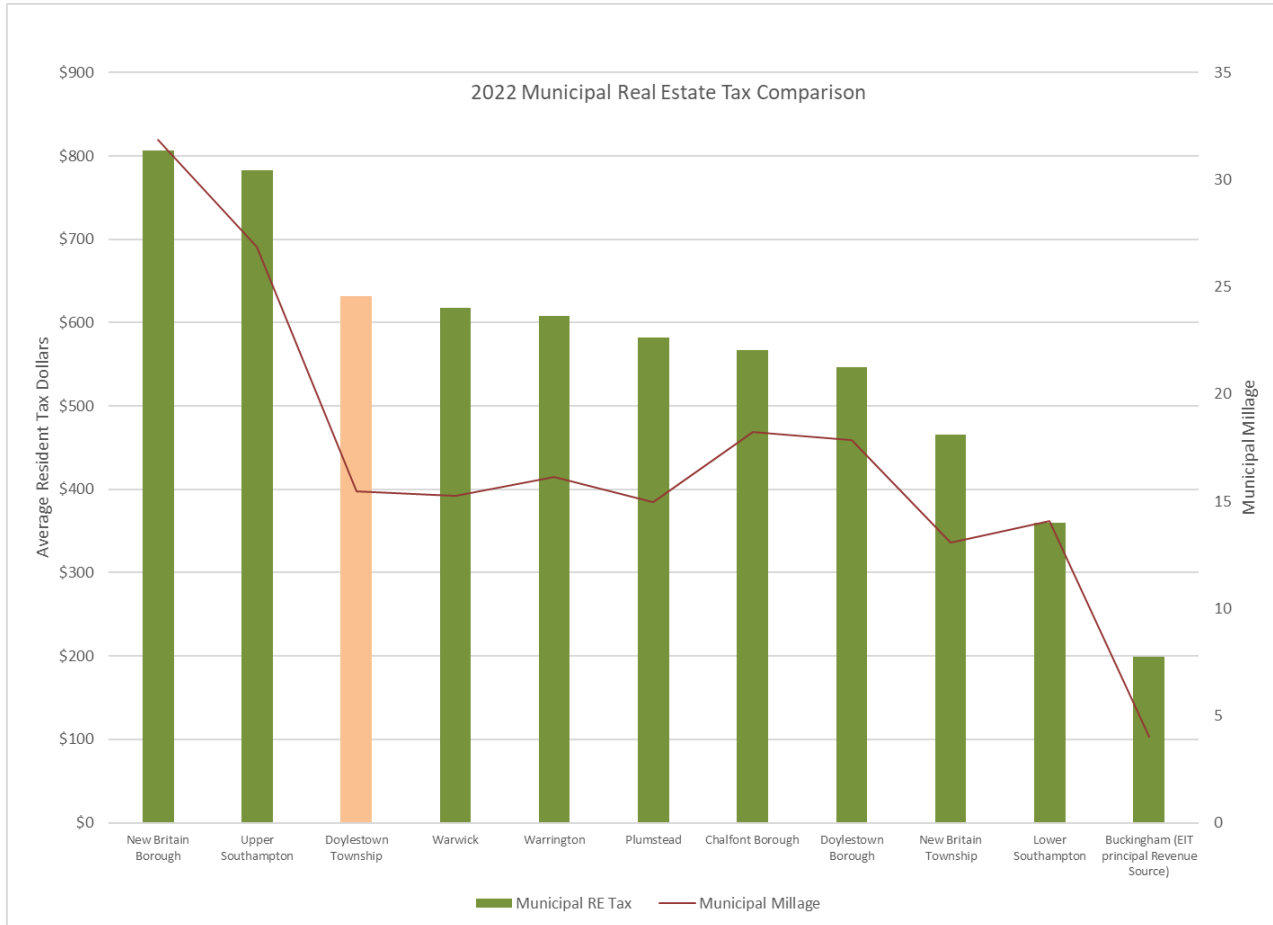
2022 vs. 2023 Operations Graphs



Doylestown Township - 2023 Budget cont.

How This Affects Our Residents

The Board of Supervisors always strives to minimize costs where possible and to be fiscally responsible. In comparison to other municipalities, Doylestown Township remains competitive. The 2023 tax rate (which is the same rate as 2022) of Doylestown Township is in the middle of Bucks County municipalities.



Final Notes

The Board of Supervisors formally adopted the 2023 budget at their December 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting. The Budget Book, which is available for review on the Township's website, includes forecasts of expected 2022 financial results, the 2023 Adopted Budget, and projections of future budgets from 2024 through 2027. Budget forecasting has been completed through 2027 to identify the budget priorities and bring fund balances to the Board of Supervisors goals. The budget was formulated with collaboration between the Township's Board of Supervisors, the Township manager, Department Heads and the Finance staff, and the Finance Committee.

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UCC Board of Appeals
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Veterans Advisory Committee
Zoning Hearing Board

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Bucks County Consumer Protection: 215-348-6060	Doylestown Township: 215-348-9915
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Central Bucks School District: 267-893-2000	PennDOT: 215-345-6060, 1-800-FIX-ROAD (pothole)
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