

## Revenues

<p><b>Municipal Property Taxes</b> \$13.7 million 49.5% of total revenue</p>
<p><b>Electric Utility 'Profit'</b> \$5.7 mill, 20.5% of total revenue</p>
<p><b>Fees &amp; Other Revenues</b> \$4.8 mill, 17.5% of total revenue</p>
<p><b>Prior Year "Savings"</b> \$3.5 mill, 12.5% of total revenue</p>

## Expenses

<p><b>Municipal Services</b> \$22 Million 79.5% of total expenditures Garbage, yard waste, recycling, road maintenance, court, administration, police, fire, health dept, senior center, park maintenance, tax collection, planning &amp; zoning, recreation, engineering, library, sewage treatment, vehicle mechanics, project pride.</p>
<p><b>Capital and Debt Service</b> <b>\$5.7 mill, 20.5% of total expenditures</b> Trucks, equipment, buildings, storm and sanitary sewer, fire trucks, roads, curbs, sidewalks</p>

# Balancing the Municipal Budget

### The Mayor and Council want to know...

Assuming the school board increased their budget by 2%. How much would the municipal taxes have to drop for your property tax bill to not go up?

**Answer: 5.1%**

What services / expenses would you cut to save money? What services would you expand if you could?

What municipal services do you appreciate most? Why?

If you were on Council, what would your budget priority be?

- 1) Reduce property taxes?
- 2) Maintain level of service?
- 3) Invest in infrastructure?
- 4) Reduce electric rates?
- 5) Spend more \$ on \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6) Spend less \$ on \_\_\_\_\_?

The difference between decreasing property taxes and decreasing electric rates by \$250,000				
Family	Property Taxes	Tax Savings	Annual Elec Bill	Electric Savings
Single Senior	\$6,924	\$30.47	\$1,065	\$11.47
Senior Couple	\$6,692	\$29.45	\$1,001	\$10.78
Husband, wife and three children	\$10,015	\$44.07	\$3,480	\$30.65
Husband, wife, and one child	\$10,092	\$44.41	\$2,846	\$30.65
Husband and Wife	\$19,493	\$85.77	\$2,663	\$28.68
Husband, wife and two children	\$19,914	\$87.62	\$3,956	\$42.61

### Electric Rate Reduction versus Property Tax Reduction? Pros and Cons.

Electric expenses are not tax deductible for residents.

Renters would not benefit directly for a tax reduction.

You can reduce your energy bill by conserving. Your property tax bill is fixed.

If the town reduces electric rates, are we discouraging conservation?

Electric utility profits can be volatile so it is better to rely on property taxes as a revenue source.

The top 50 electric users account for 42% of electric revenue. A \$1 reduction in electric rates will result in 40 cents going to these top 50 users, whereas with a \$1 reduction in property taxes only 12 cents goes to the top 50 property

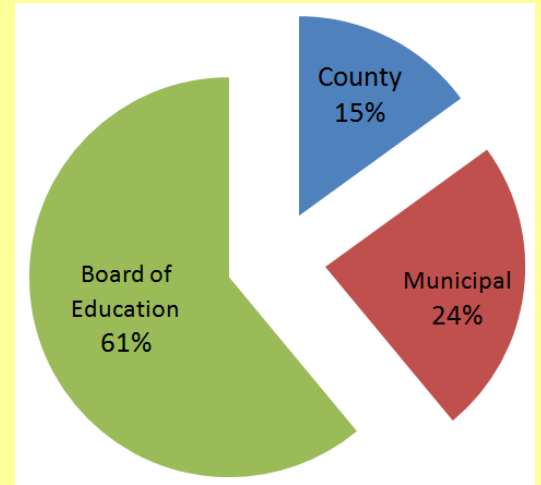
## How property taxes and services compare to our neighbors

Town	Per Person Municipal Tax	Garbage?	Curbside Yard Waste?	Sewer included in taxes?	Fall Curbside Leaf Pickup?	Fire Dept, Paid Professional?	Municipal Electric Util?	Senior Center and Van?
<b>Madison</b>	<b>\$796</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes and Yes</b>
Chatham Boro	\$826	No	Yes	Extra cost	Yes	No	No	Yes but no van
Chatham Twp	\$821	No	No	Extra cost	No	No	No	Yes but no van
Morris Twp	\$971	Yes	Yes	Extra cost	Yes	Yes	No	No
Florham Park	\$999	No	Yes	Extra cost	Yes	No	No	Yes but no van
Harding	\$1,505	No	No	Extra cost	No	No	No	No

**Only 24% of your tax bill is used for municipal purposes. The rest goes to the Board of Education and County. A house with a \$10,000 annual property tax bill pays just \$2,400 a year and receives the following municipal services and capital programs:**

### Municipal Services

Garbage/Yard Waste/Recycling Pickup	Library
Police/Traffic Safety/Detective Bureau/OEM	Municipal Court System
Fire Department & Fire Safety	Sewage Treatment
Athletic Fields, Parks Tree Maintenance	Project Pride
Road Maintenance, Plowing, Salting	Health Department
Recreation Department	Fall Leaf Pickup
Elections/Records/Clerks Office	Tax Assessment/Collection
Planning/Zoning/Engineering/Construction	Crossing Guards
Dedicated Police Officer in the Schools	Finance & Administration
Senior Center & Senior Van	Storm Water Drainage



### Municipal Capital Programs

Road Maintenance and Reconstruction	Storm Drainage System	Sewage Pump/Delivery System
All Borough Buildings	Town Parking Lots	Parks/Recreation Fields
Trucks, Cars, Tractors, Loaders	Fire Trucks & Apparatus	Lawn Mowers, other equipment

**DID YOU KNOW? On January 20, 2014 Madison was named one of the top 10 safest communities in New Jersey by SafeWise, an online security and criminal data review website?**

### Take Home Quiz. Answers will be posted soon on Rosenet.org

- Best Guess...How much would it cost to replace all of Madison's capital items listed above?
- How much does it cost to replace a water tower?
- How much does it cost to replace a fire truck?
- How many miles of municipal (not county or state) roads are there in Madison?
- How many plows does the Borough own to keep these roads clear?
- How many tons of rock salt do you think the Borough uses in a year?
- How many acres of parks and open space does the Borough maintain? How many parks can you name?
- Where does Madison's sewage go to get processed?
- How many different municipal fees or revenues can you name?
- Madison operates a joint court as a shared service with five other towns? Can you name the five towns?
- Can you name any other shared services that Madison provides to other towns?
- Does the Borough or the Board of Education pay for Crossing Guards? How much do you think the Crossing Guard Budget is?
- How many Borough owned / maintained buildings can you name?
- The county gets 15% of your property tax bill. How many county services can you name