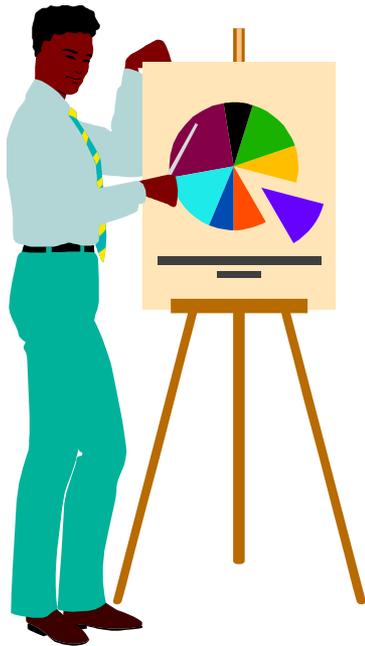


UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP



2014 BUDGET

As Posted November 14, 2013



BUDGET PROCESS



- ⌘ June/July, 2013 – Goals & Objectives
- ⌘ Some principles of zero-based budgeting incorporated
- ⌘ Week of 9/30/13-budget meetings with the Township Manager and Department Heads
- ⌘ 10/24/13 thru 11/7/13-Four Public Budget Workshops
- ⌘ 11/14/13-Budget Posting
- ⌘ 12/5/13 Public Hearing/Budget Adoption

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

⌘ The 2014 Operating Budget is balanced and there will be no property tax increase. This budget reflects a total overall increase of 3.2% over the 2013 adopted budget.

- ⊞ The General Fund component is a 4.3% increase
- ⊞ The Library Fund component is a 1.4% increase
- ⊞ The Liquid Fuel component is a 30.7% decrease and is due to the elimination of a \$225,000 transfer into the fund that occurred in 2013.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



- ⌘ The operating budget did not require diversion of real estate tax normally used for capital. Capital funding will continue at approx. \$660,000.
- ⌘ Depreciation charge for equipment replacement funding continues for the 2nd consecutive year and budgeted at \$468,145.
- ⌘ Budget contains 12 month projection of gaming revenue from VF Casino of approximately \$1,600,000
- ⌘ General fund reserve transfer, if needed, is calculated at \$1,919,160.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

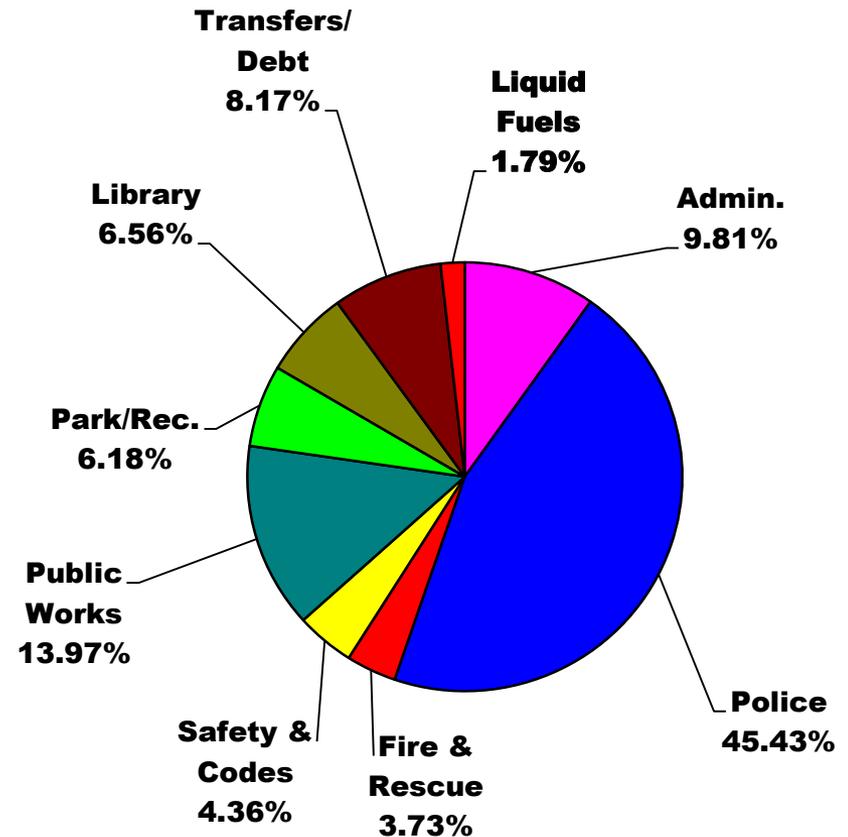


- ⌘ 3.5% funding increase to the three volunteer Fire Companies-King of Prussia, Swedeland and Swedesburg.
- ⌘ 3.5% funding increase to the Upper Merion Senior Center.
- ⌘ Construction in 2014 of the Community Recreation Center on West Valley Forge Road.
- ⌘ Construction of a multi-use trail from Heuser Park to the Valley Forge Park Trail.

2014 Operating Expenses

⌘ **Total \$29,401,539**

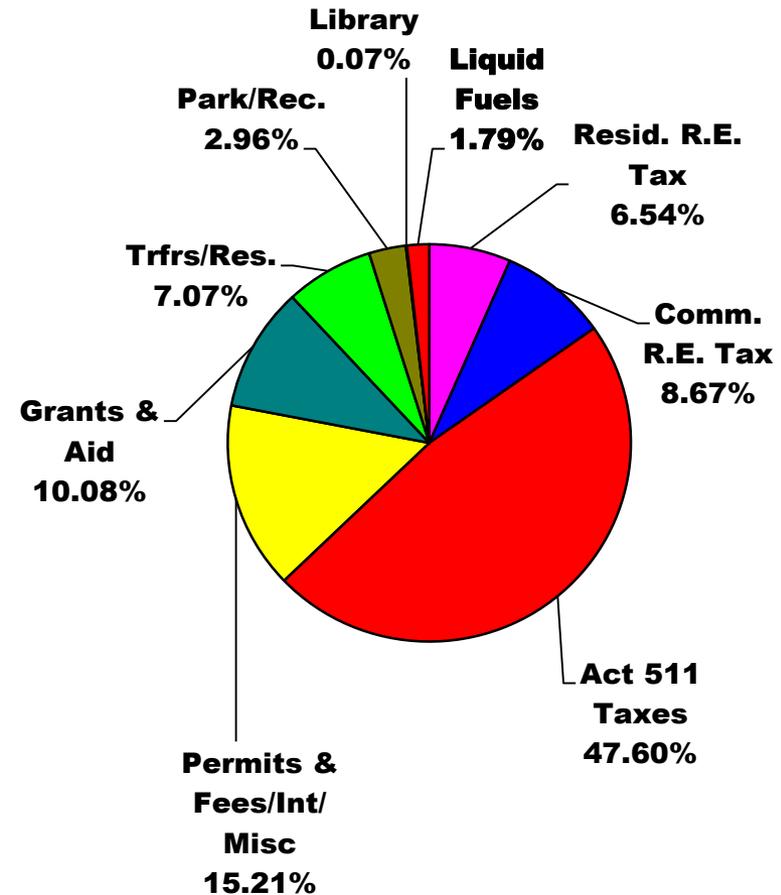
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| ☒ Admin | 2,883,920 |
| ☒ Police | 13,356,621 |
| ☒ Fire & Rescue | 1,097,844 |
| ☒ Safety & Codes | 1,282,599 |
| ☒ Public Works | 4,106,715 |
| ☒ Park/Rec. | 1,817,824 |
| ☒ Library | 1,927,899 |
| ☒ Transfer/Debt | 2,402,277 |
| ☒ Liquid Fuels | 525,840 |



2014 Operating Revenues

⌘ **Total: \$29,401,539**

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|--------------------------|------------|
| ⌘ Residential R.E. Tax | 1,923,941 |
| (43%) | |
| ⌘ Commercial R.E. Tax | 2,550,341 |
| (57%) | |
| ⌘ Act 511 Taxes | 13,994,221 |
| ⌘ Permits/Fees/Int/Misc. | 4,472,072 |
| ⌘ Grants & Aid | 2,964,231 |
| ⌘ Transfers & Reserves | 2,078,343 |
| ⌘ Park/Recreation | 871,250 |
| ⌘ Library Fees | 21,300 |
| ⌘ Liquid Fuels | 525,840 |



Your Real Estate Tax Dollar



Township
9.27%

School District
77.21%

County
13.53%

Millage

2.159

17.990

3.152

Average Residential

Tax Bill

\$324

\$2,699

\$473

Net w/Homestead Exclusion

\$168

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Average Residential Assessment = \$150,000 Total tax bill = \$ 3,496 Total w/exclusion \$ 3,340

Average Commercial

Tax Bill

\$6,908

\$57,568

\$10,086

Average Commercial Assessment = \$ 3,200,000 Total tax bill = \$74,562

TOTAL MILLS = 23.301

2014 Capital Budget

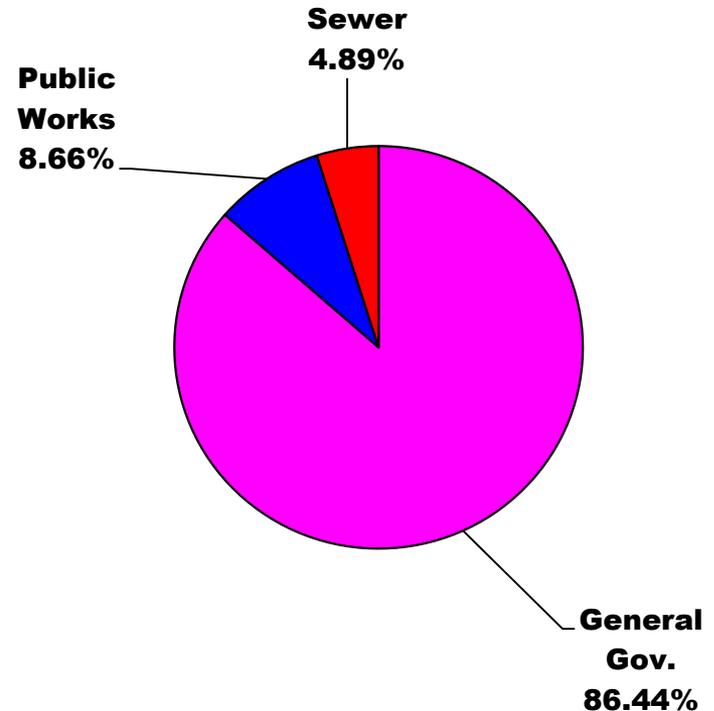
Total: \$15,324,763

☒ General Govt: \$13,247,263

☒ Includes Administration, Information Technology, Parks & Recreation, Library, Police, Fire & Rescue Services and Safety & Codes.

☒ Public Works: \$1,327,500

☒ Sewer: \$750,000



2014 Major Capital Projects

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| ⌘ UMGA | electronic bulletin board | \$70,000 |
| ⌘ Info. Tech. | document imaging | 74,500 |
| ⌘ Police | camera @ RT202/N Gulph | 25,000 |
| ⌘ Public Works | stormwater mgmt study | 175,000 |
| ⌘ Public Works | Allendale Bridge | 850,000 |
| ⌘ Vehicle Maint. | evaporative cooler @ garage | 10,000 |
| ⌘ SRA-Trout/Matsunk | plant painting | 500,000 |
| ⌘ Collections | sewer lines | 250,000 |
| ⌘ Park/Recreation | Recreation Center | 11,105,950 |
| ⌘ Park/Recreation | trail system | 1,059,390 |

2014 Sewer Operating

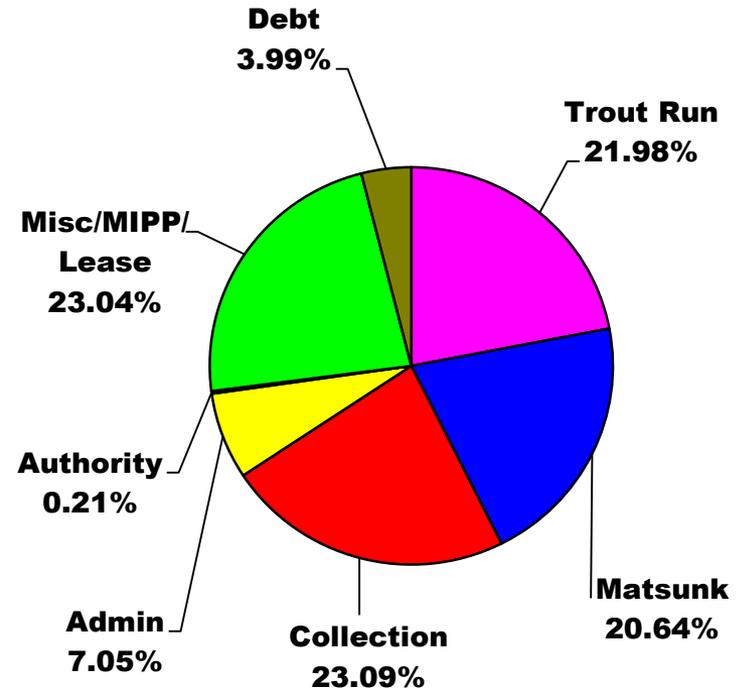
⌘ Overview:

- ⌘ 125 miles of sewer lines
- ⌘ 6 million gallons of sewage treated daily at two treatment plants
- ⌘ 12 pumping stations serving 10,700 acres of watershed

⌘ Total Budget \$6,101,572 & 1.4% increase

⌘ Sewer Divisions

- ⌘ Trout Run WWTP \$1,341,044
- ⌘ Matsunk WWTP \$1,259,189
- ⌘ Collection Systems \$1,408,747
- ⌘ SRA Administration \$430,444
- ⌘ SRA Auth \$12,836
- ⌘ Misc/Indust. Pretreat/Lease \$1,405,862
- ⌘ Debt Service \$243,450



Sewer Operations

2014 Operating Budget



- ⌘ The sewer rental rate is being raised \$2.00 per quarter (from \$58 to \$60 per quarter) to establish a capital project fund for capital maintenance at the sewer plant facilities and collection system operation. (year 4 of 5 year phase in of rate increase)
- ⌘ Also, gradual phasing out over a 5-year period of garbage grinder rate of \$58/qtr and establishing an all residential rate of \$60/qtr. (also year 4 of 5 year phase in of rate increase)

2014 Liquid Fuels Fund



- ⌘ Dollars from the Commonwealth of PA used for the maintenance & reconstruction of Township Roads
- ⌘ Total revenue of \$525,840

