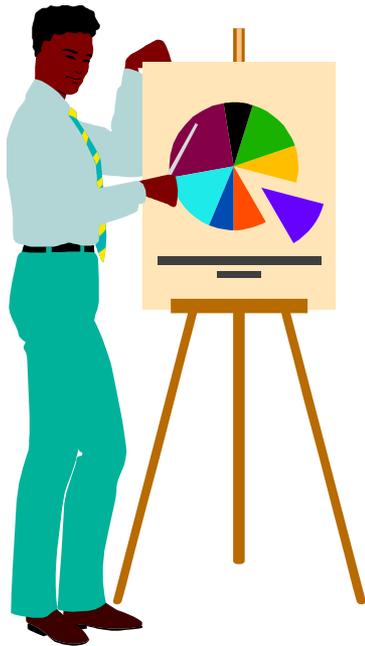


UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP



2015 BUDGET

As Posted November 13, 2014



BUDGET PROCESS



- ⌘ June/July, 2015 – Goals & Objectives
- ⌘ Continued application of zero-based budgeting principles.
- ⌘ Week of 9/29/14-budget meetings with the Township Manager and Department Heads
- ⌘ 10/23/14 thru 11/6/14-Four Public Budget Workshops
- ⌘ 11/13/14-Budget Posting
- ⌘ 12/4/14 Public Hearing/Budget Adoption

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

⌘ The 2015 Operating Budget is balanced and there will be no property tax increase. This budget reflects a total overall increase of 6.74% over the 2014 adopted budget.

- ☑ The General Fund component is a 6.7% increase
- ☑ The Library Fund component is a 3.6% increase
- ☑ The Liquid Fuel component is a 20.0% increase and is due to the increase in the gas tax funding.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



- ⌘ The operating budget did not require diversion of real estate tax normally used for capital. Capital funding will continue at approx. \$670,000.
- ⌘ Depreciation charge for equipment replacement funding continues for the 2nd consecutive year and budgeted at \$730,691, and up from \$468,145 in 2014.
- ⌘ General fund reserve transfer, if needed, is calculated at \$1,816,131, down by \$103,000 in 2014.
- ⌘ Casino revenue budgeted at \$2,100,000, up by 31% or \$500,000 from 2014.
- ⌘ Over \$2.8M in grants secured in 2014 for various township improvements and projects.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

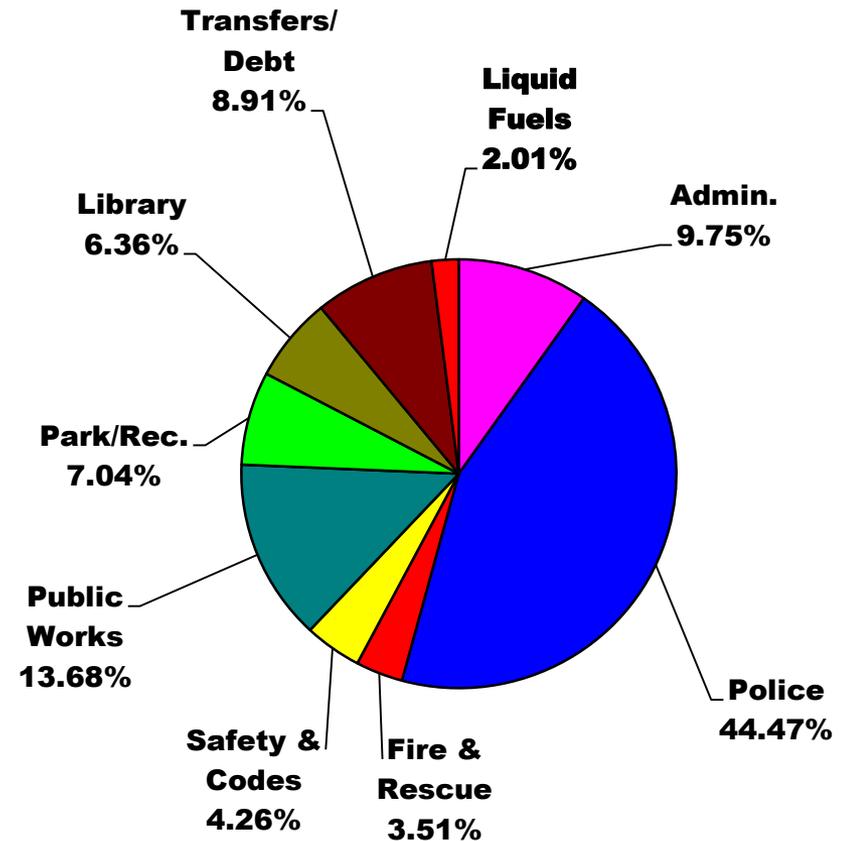


- ⌘ 5% funding increase to the three volunteer Fire Companies-King of Prussia, Swedeland and Swedesburg.
- ⌘ 5% funding increase to the Upper Merion Senior Center.
- ⌘ Opening of the Community Center on West Valley Forge Road in mid-2015.
- ⌘ Opening of a multi-use trail from Heuser Park to the Valley Forge Park Trail in the second half of 2015.

2015 Operating Expenses

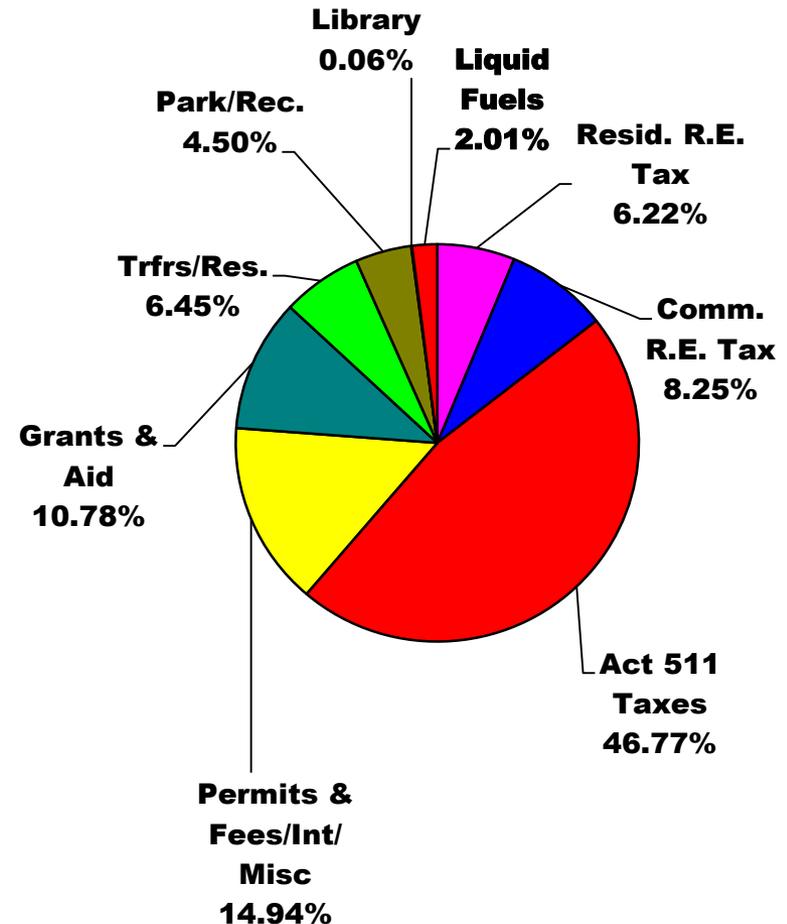
⌘ **Total \$31,384,442**

☒ Admin	3,059,859
☒ Police	13,956,549
☒ Fire & Rescue	1,102,998
☒ Safety & Codes	1,337,180
☒ Public Works	4,293,669
☒ Park/Rec.	2,210,428
☒ Library	1,997,117
☒ Transfer/Debt	2,795,540
☒ Liquid Fuels	631,102



2015 Operating Revenues

⌘ Total: \$31,384,442	
⌘ Residential R.E. Tax	1,953,060
(43%)	
⌘ Commercial R.E. Tax	2,588,940
(57%)	
⌘ Act 511 Taxes	14,679,721
⌘ Permits/Fees/Int/Misc.	4,690,098
⌘ Grants & Aid	3,382,955
⌘ Transfers & Reserves	2,025,109
⌘ Park/Recreation	1,413,857
⌘ Library Fees	19,600
⌘ Liquid Fuels	631,102



2015 Capital Budget

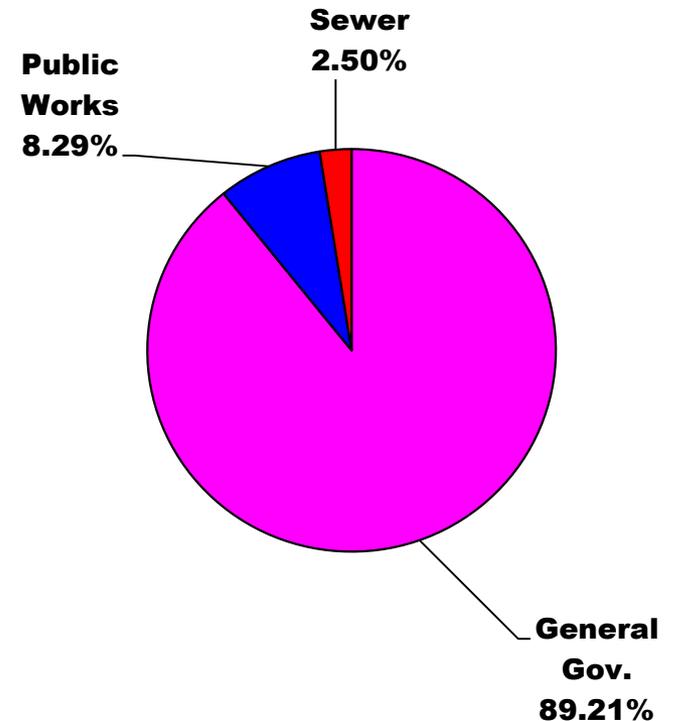
Total: \$19,802,434

☒ General Govt: \$17,665,434

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

☒ Public Works: \$1,642,000

☒ Sewer: \$495,000



2015 Major Capital Projects



⌘ Info. Tech.	document archiving	35,000
⌘ Public Works	comprehensive plan	50,000
⌘ Public Works	stormwater mgmt study	175,000
⌘ Public Works	stormwater-Tannery Dr. area	550,000
⌘ Collections	sewer lines	350,000
⌘ Park/Recreation	playground safety surfaces	150,000
⌘ Park/Recreation	Community Center	14,160,000
⌘ Park/Recreation	trail system	1,945,514
⌘ Township Bldg	structural repairs/lighting	130,000

2015 Sewer Operating

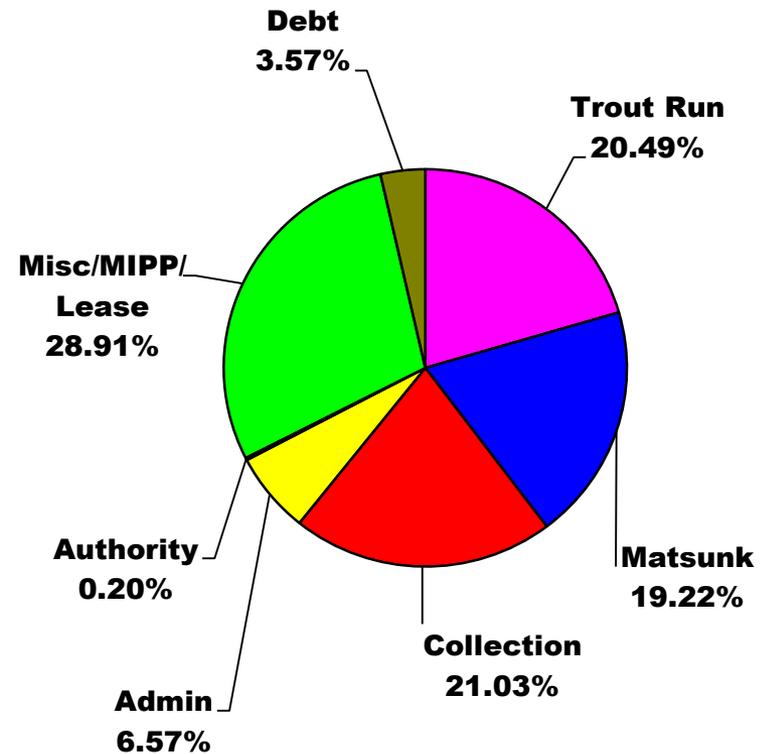
⌘ Overview:

- ⊞ 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 \$6,901,725 & 13.1% increase

⌘ Sewer Divisions

- ⊞ Trout Run WWTP \$1,414,420
- ⊞ Matsunk WWTP \$1,326,254
- ⊞ Collection Systems \$1,451,744
- ⊞ SRA Administration \$453,697
- ⊞ SRA Auth \$13,479
- ⊞ Misc/Indust. Pretreat/Lease \$1,995,481
- ⊞ Debt Service \$246,650



Sewer Operations

2015 Operating Budget



- ⌘ The sewer rental rate is being raised \$2.00 per quarter (from \$67 to \$69 per quarter) to establish a capital project fund for capital maintenance at the sewer plant facilities and collection system operation. (year 5 of 5 year phase in of rate increase)
- ⌘ Also, gradual phasing out over a 5-year period of garbage grinder rate of \$65/qtr and establishing an all residential rate of \$69/qtr. (also year 5 of 5 year phase in of rate increase)

2015 Liquid Fuels Fund



- ⌘ Dollars from the Commonwealth of PA used for the maintenance & reconstruction of Township Roads
- ⌘ Total revenue of \$631,102, which reflects an increase of over \$125,000 from 2014.

