

# 2021

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

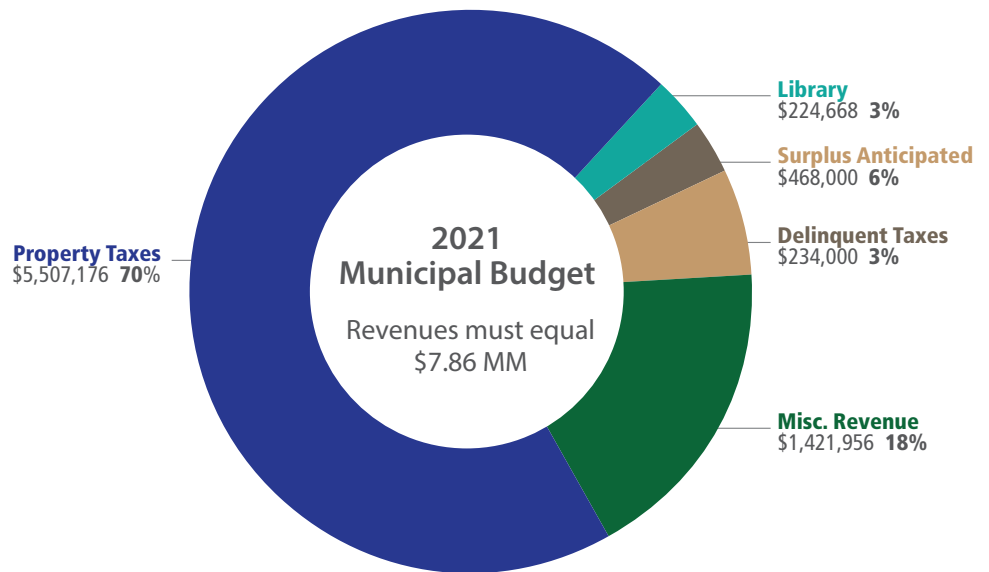
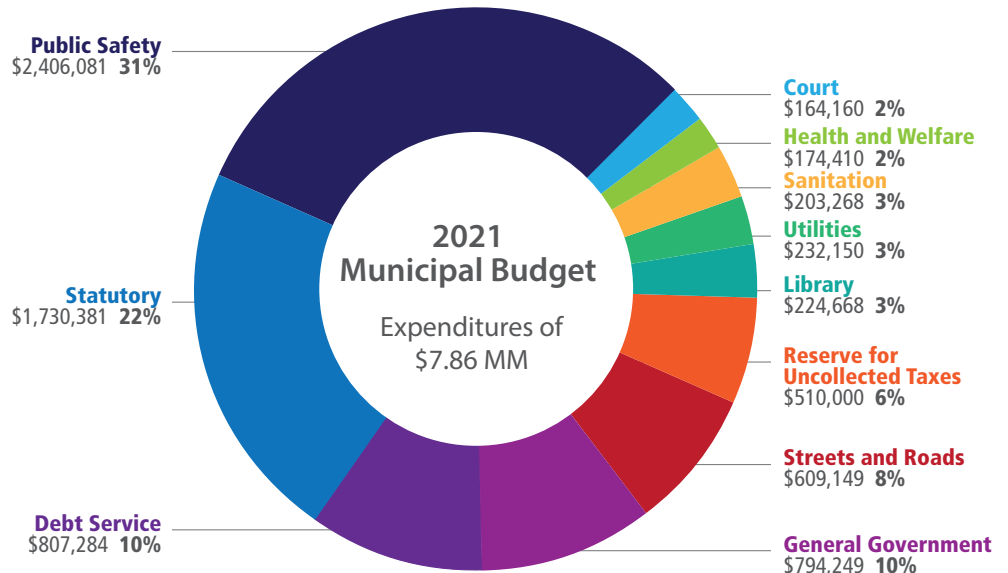
Good Government thrives when there is good communication between elected officials and their constituents. One of the best ways to enhance communication is to make the Budget process, and the annual Budget, transparent to the property owners of Dunellen. I take very seriously the explanation of, and justification for, how property taxes are raised and spent. The Borough Council and I have provided you this infographic of the 2021 Budget to highlight its key points and inform you of the shared goals this budget achieves. We believe this infographic helps explain where your tax dollars are spent so that when you receive your bills for the next tax cycle, you will agree that we are providing high quality services while being fiscally responsible. You can find more details about the budget on our website at: [www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/finance/documents.php](http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/finance/documents.php)

Respectfully,



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor

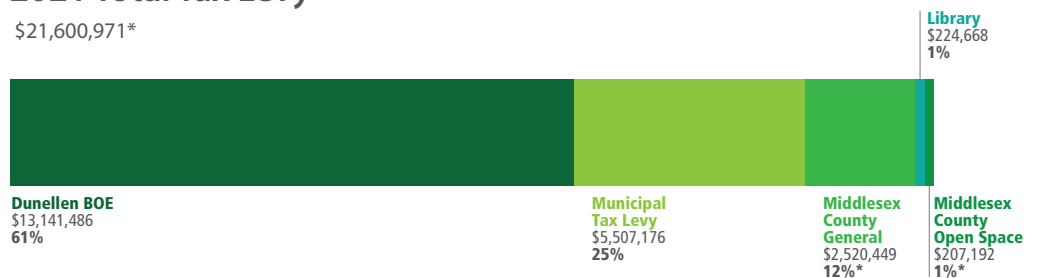
## 2021 DUNELLEN BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



## WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

### 2021 Total Tax Levy

\$21,600,971\*

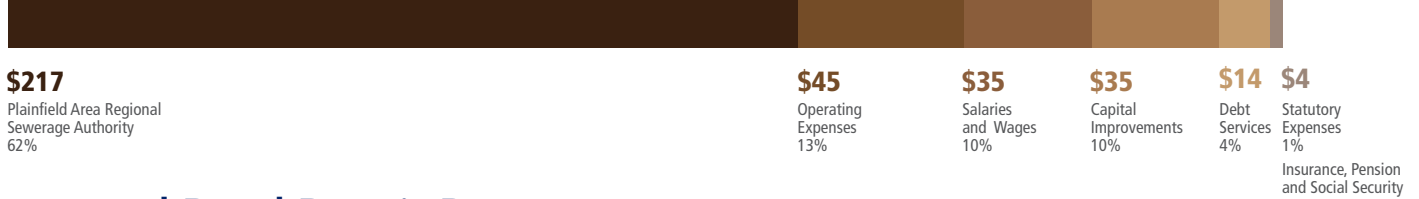


\*Estimated

## 2021 SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

# \$350

Where Your Sewer Fees Go  
(Appropriated for a Single-family House)



### Sewer and Road Repair Program

#### Our Current Sewer Repair Program

We are currently in year four of a five-year shared service agreement with Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA), which guarantees 20% of the sewer pipe is cleaned every year. At the time of the agreement, it was the Borough’s intention to enter into another agreement with PARSA to start videoing the sewer lines in year six at 10% per year to assess any needed repairs. Mayor Cilento’s sewer & road repair plan, with support from the Borough Council, addresses the videoing and assessing of sewer line repairs contemporaneously as we repave roads. This project costs \$20,000.00 per year and is funded with Community Development Block Grant monies. This program began last year and has already resulted in significant savings as we locate and repair broken sewer lines preparatory to improving the road surfaces. As an added benefit of the Borough-PARSA shared service agreement, PARSA was able to update our sanitary sewer maps with a GIS system that includes an asset management component to better determine what current and future repairs may be needed.

#### Our Plans for Future Road Improvements

The sewer cleaning and videoing program coincides with an annual request to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for grant funds for roadway improvements. In the recent past, we made successful applications to fund South Madison Avenue projects and Lincoln Avenue (all designed with pedestrian safety in mind) and this year we are applying for additional monies to pave Kline Place. Through this plan the Borough will address both cleaning and videoing of the lines, focusing in particular on those roads undergoing improvements – Lincoln Avenue in 2021, and Kline Place (anticipated) in 2022. In addition, the Borough of Dunellen has entered into partnership with Middlesex County’s mill and pave program in which several streets around South Avenue will be milled and paved and striped appropriately for traffic and pedestrian safety. Under this program, the Borough of Dunellen is working with the various utility stakeholders to ensure their infrastructure underground is upgraded prior to road improvements. This plan continues to tackle the dire need to improve our aging sewer lines and roads now.

## CALCULATE MY 2021 PROPERTY TAXES

For information on the Revaluation conducted in 2018, see [http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/municipal\\_news/revaluation/index.php](http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/municipal_news/revaluation/index.php)

For an Excel spreadsheet to help you calculate your 2021 taxes, see [https://cms1.revize.com/revize/dunellenj/departments/tax\\_assessor/index.php](https://cms1.revize.com/revize/dunellenj/departments/tax_assessor/index.php)

**REMINDER**  
Estimated  
3rd quarter tax bills  
mailed in June