

2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

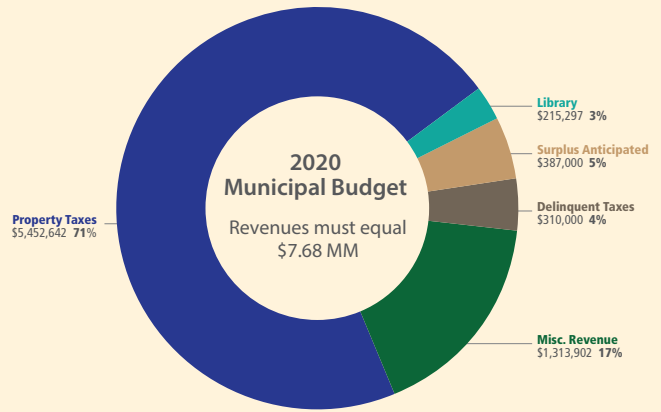
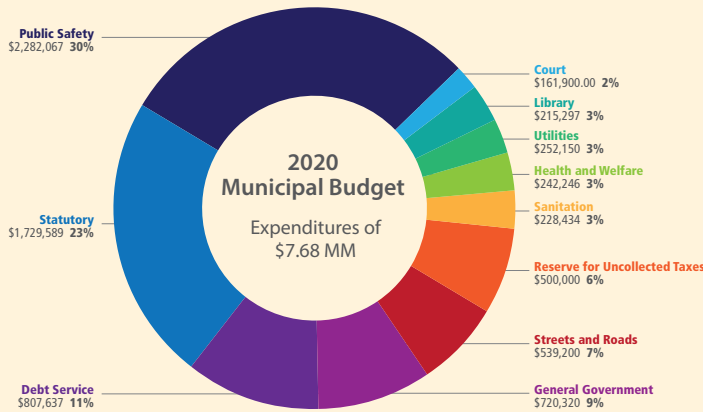
Good Government thrives when there is good communication between elected officials and their constituents. One of the best ways to enhance communication is to make the Budget process, and the annual Budget, transparent to the property owners of Dunellen. I take very seriously the explanation of, and justification for, how property taxes are raised and spent. The Borough Council and I provide this infographic of the 2020 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

Respectfully,



Jason F. Cilento, Mayor

2020 DUNELLEN BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



2020 Budget Goals Achieved



Enhanced Organizational Structure & Efficiencies

Creation of the Public Works Manager to oversee administration of the Department of Public Works (DPW), as well as hiring of part-time support staff for DPW and Recreation Department to assist in enhanced scheduling, reporting and communication with residents.



Communication Enhancements

Creation of the Public Information Officer to assist the Mayor & Borough Council, as well as the Borough Administration, to communicate borough functions through social media and website. This enhances our local government's communication and transparency.



Grant Opportunities

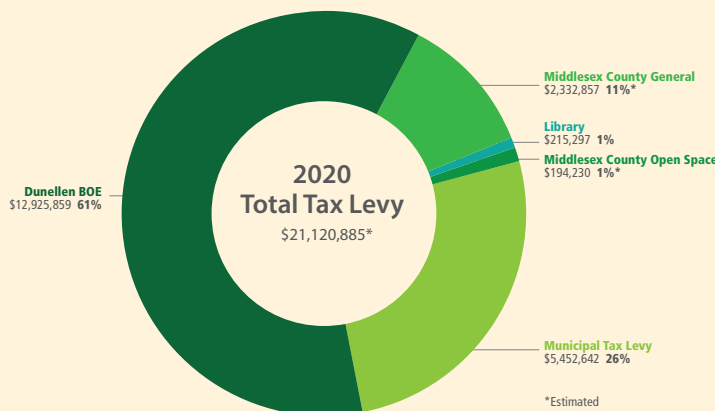
Bringing on a freelance grant writer to seek additional funds to offset burdens on budget for programming and projects around Dunellen.



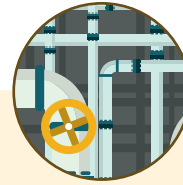
Prioritizing Community Vision for our Downtown

Appointment of a planner to host workshops to build a community consensus for Dunellen's downtown and integrate this vision into our master plan reexamination. This goal prepares the borough to be proactive in its redevelopment efforts and control the vision for our downtown.

WHERE YOUR TAXES GO



*Estimated



2020 SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

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

Statutory Expenses	2%	\$7
Debt Services	4%	\$14
Capital Improvements	7%	\$25
Salaries and Wages	10%	\$35
Operating Expenses	13%	\$45
Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority	64%	\$224
Total	100%	\$350



Sewer and Road Repair Program

Our Current Sewer Repair Program

We are currently in year 3 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 6 at 10% per year to assess the needed repairs.

Mayor Ciento's sewer & road repair program, with support from the Borough Council, addresses the videoing and assessing of sewer line repairs immediately as we repave roads through the use of \$20,000.00 in CDBG grant funds for these purposes.

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 Grove Street and South Madison Avenue projects and this year we are applying for additional monies to pave Lincoln Avenue.

Through this plan the Borough will address both cleaning and videoing of the lines, focusing in particular on those roads undergoing improvements - Grove Street and South Madison Avenue in 2020, Lincoln Avenue (anticipated) in 2021. This plan tackles the dire need to improve our aging sewer lines now.

NJ DOT-approved monies for these roadways:
 South Madison Avenue: \$583,316
 Lincoln Avenue: \$525,000

CALCULATE MY 2020 PROPERTY TAXES

For information on the Revaluation conducted in 2018, see http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/municipal_news/reevaluation/index.php

For an Excel spreadsheet to help you calculate your 2020 taxes, see http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/tax_assessor/index.php

