

2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

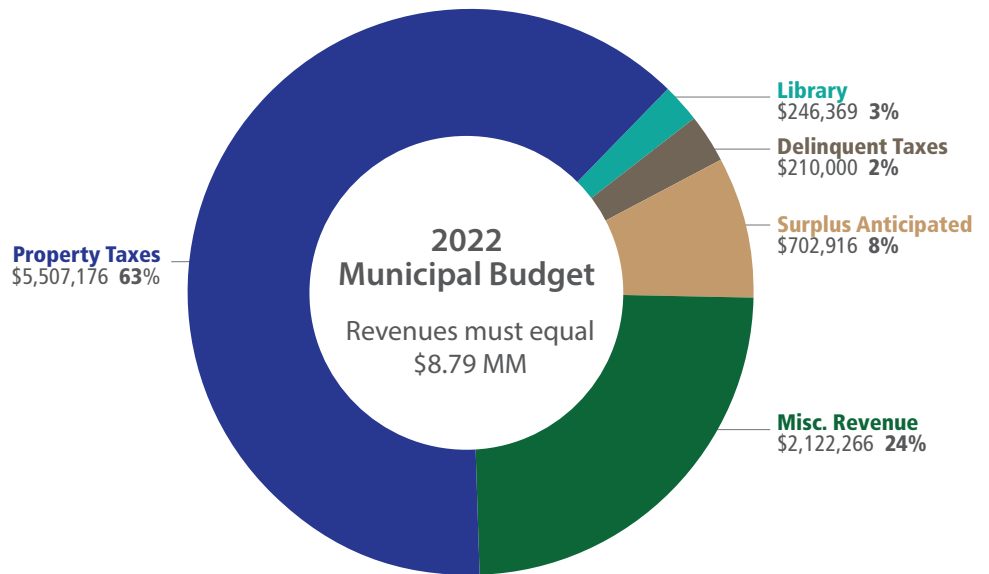
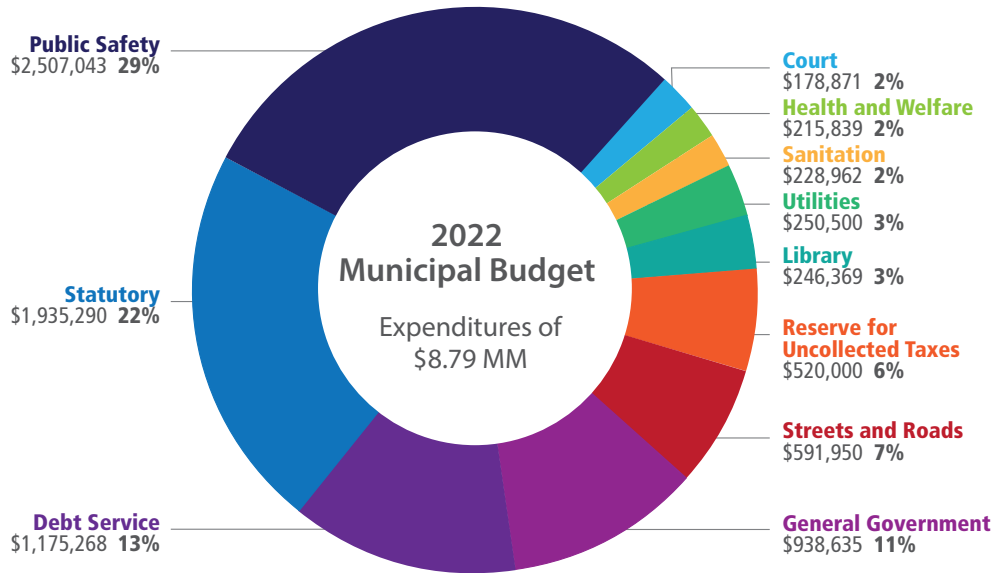
Good Government thrives when there is good communication between elected officials and their constituents. One of the best ways to enhance communication is to make the Budget process, and the annual Budget, transparent to the property owners of Dunellen. I take very seriously the explanation of, and justification for, how property taxes are raised and spent. The Borough Council and I have provided you this infographic of the 2022 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

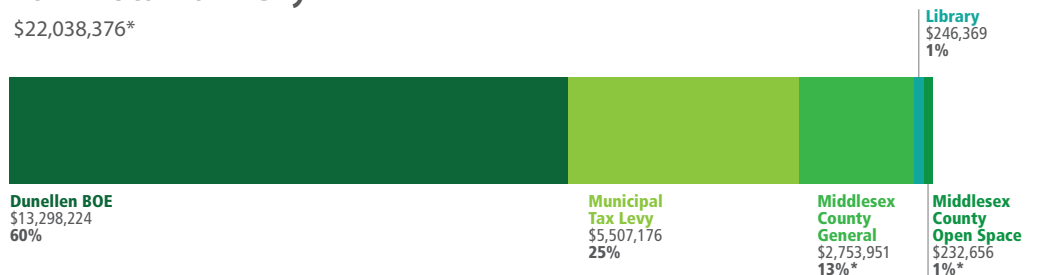
2022 DUNELLEN BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

2022 Total Tax Levy

\$22,038,376*



*Estimated

2022 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 five of a five-year shared service agreement with the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA), which provides that 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 and road repair plan, with support from the Borough Council, addresses the videoing and assessing of sewer line repairs contemporaneously as we repave roads. Over the course of the past 2 years, we have used \$20,000 per year in Community Development Block Grant monies to expedite the cleaning, videoing and assessing of the sewer lines. This program has resulted in significant savings as we locate and repair broken sewer lines prior to improving the roadway surfaces. This fiscally prudent and methodical approach has allowed for us to catch up on the cleaning and videoing of our lines. 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 and Lincoln Avenues (all designed with pedestrian safety in mind) and this year we are applying for additional monies to pave Second Street (between Madison Avenue and the Middlesex border). In addition, the Borough of Dunellen has continued its partnership with Middlesex County’s Mill and Pave program in which the existing surface is first removed and then replaced with fresh asphalt, all at a significant savings to the Borough. This year, sections of First Street, Dunellen Avenue, Schwartz Place and Front Street will be milled and paved and striped appropriately for traffic and pedestrian safety. Additionally, the Borough of Dunellen is coordinating with the various utility stakeholders to ensure their underground infrastructure is upgraded prior to road improvements and as a result both PSE&G and NJ American Water utilities have invested millions of dollars in upgrading their aging infrastructure while paving several miles of road, curb to curb at no cost to the Borough. These partnerships accelerate improvements to our aging sewer lines and roads, at a significant savings and include more road miles than we could pave on our own.

CALCULATE MY 2022 PROPERTY TAXES

For information on the Borough’s 5-Year Reassessment program, see:
http://www.dunellen-nj.gov/departments/tax_assessor.php

For an Excel spreadsheet to help you calculate your 2022 taxes, see
https://cms1.revize.com/revize/dunellennj/departments/tax_assessor/index.php

REMINDER
Estimated
3rd quarter tax bills
mailed in early July