The background image shows a school campus. In the foreground, there is a brick sign with the words 'TOWNSHIP OF FRESH MEADOWS' and 'SCHOOL BUILDING' partially visible. To the right, an American flag flies on a tall pole. The middle ground features a large, leafy tree and a tennis court with a white protective net. The background is filled with more trees under a blue sky with light clouds.

BUDGET 2014
COMMITMENT TO
FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY

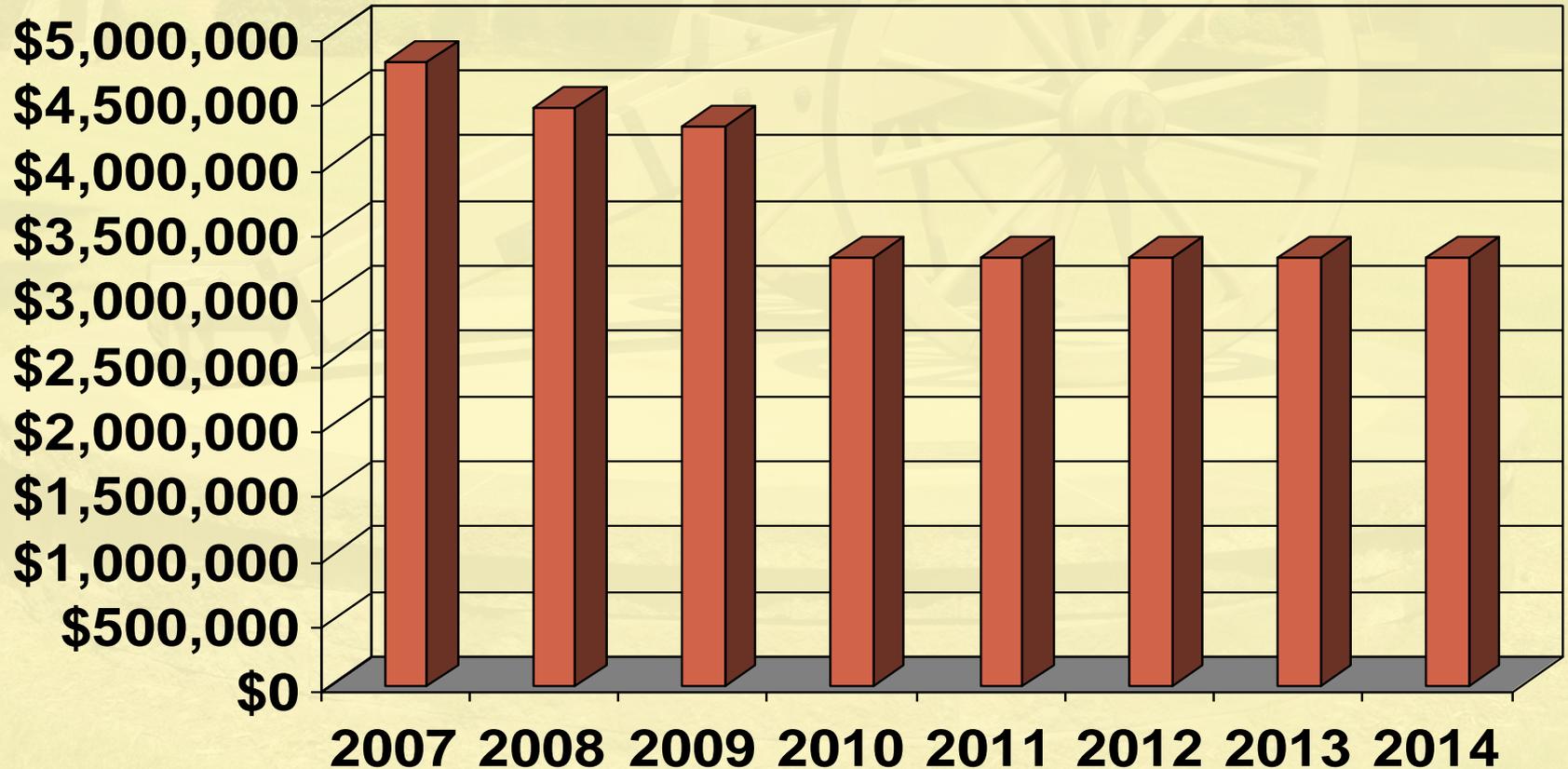
2014 PRIORITIES

- **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE**
- **MAINTAIN / INCREASE SERVICES**
- **STRENGTHEN AND MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE**

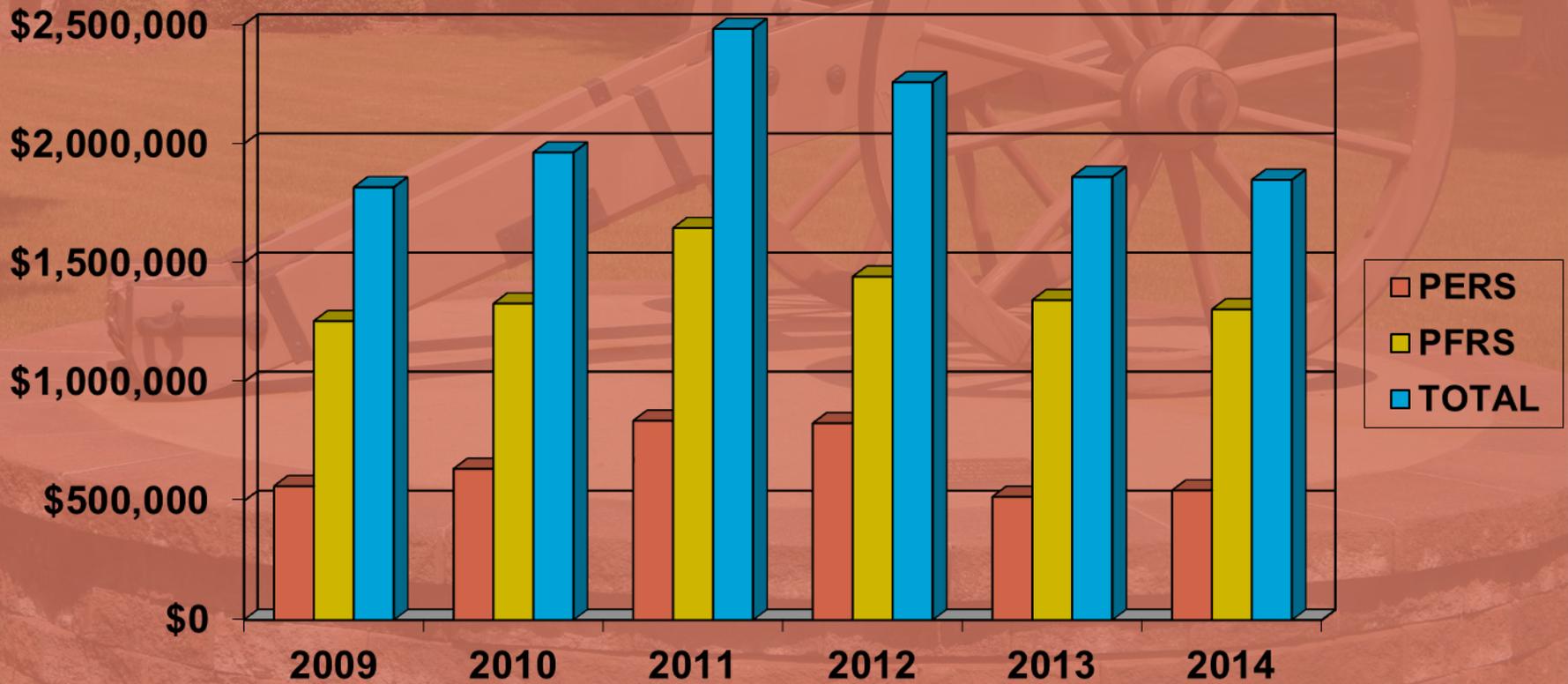
BUDGET CHALLENGES

- **CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING**
- **TAX REVENUE**
- **HEALTH AND INSURANCE COSTS**
- **TAX APPEALS**
- **TAX APPEAL LOAN PAYMENT**

STATE AID REDUCTION

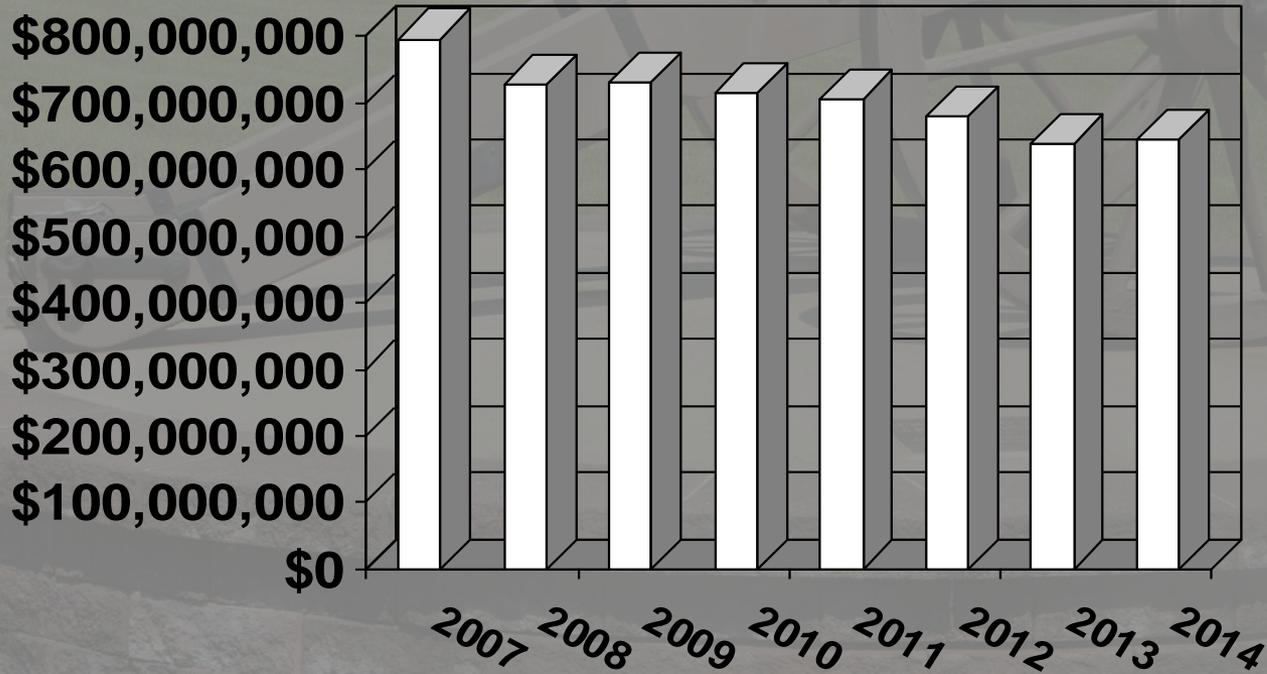


PENSION COSTS



COMMERCIAL ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUES

Commercial



COST OF STATE MANDATES

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 13'-14' Dollar Increase/ Decrease |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Public Employees Retirement Fund | \$659,151 | \$648,751 | \$517,360 | \$543,883 | \$26,523 |
| Police and Fire Retirement Fund | \$1,645,782 | \$1,441,976 | \$1,343,141 | \$1,304,255 | -\$38,886 |
| Social Security | \$953,000 | \$990,000 | \$1,008,900 | \$1008,900 | |
| Group Health Insurance | \$2,165,869 | \$2,568,262 | \$2,341,657 | \$2,335,682 | -\$5,975 |
| Total | | | | | -\$18,338 |

TO COMMEMORATE
MORRIS TOWNSHIP CITIZENS
LOST IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER
ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

OTHER VARIABLES

- **LOW INTEREST RATES ON CASH RESERVES**
- **INCREASE IN BUILDING PERMITS AND REVENUE**
- **UNION LABOR CONTRACTS**
- **CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- **LIBRARY STONEMWORK PROJECT**

HIGH LEVEL SERVICES

- **Police, Fire, EMS, OEM**
- **Health Services**
- **Waste Disposal, Recycling, Road Maint.**
- **Recreation – Enhanced Programs**
- **Professional Services**

SHARED SERVICES

- **JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MADISON, CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM BORO, AND HARDING TOWNSHIP**
- **SEWER CONTRACTS WITH NEIGHBORING TOWNS**
- **JOINT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY –COMMUNICATIONS, MUTUAL AID AND SHARED RESOURCES**
- **HEALTH SERVICES SHARED WITH HANOVER and HARDING TOWNSHIPS**



KEY SAVINGS

- **\$148,000 JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT**
- **\$593,000 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH CARE**
- **\$134,000 REDUCTION IN SALARY AND WAGES**
- **LIBRARY COSTS ARE NOW A SEPARATE TAX SIMILAR TO SCHOOL, COUNTY AND OPEN SPACE REDUCTION OF \$55,000**

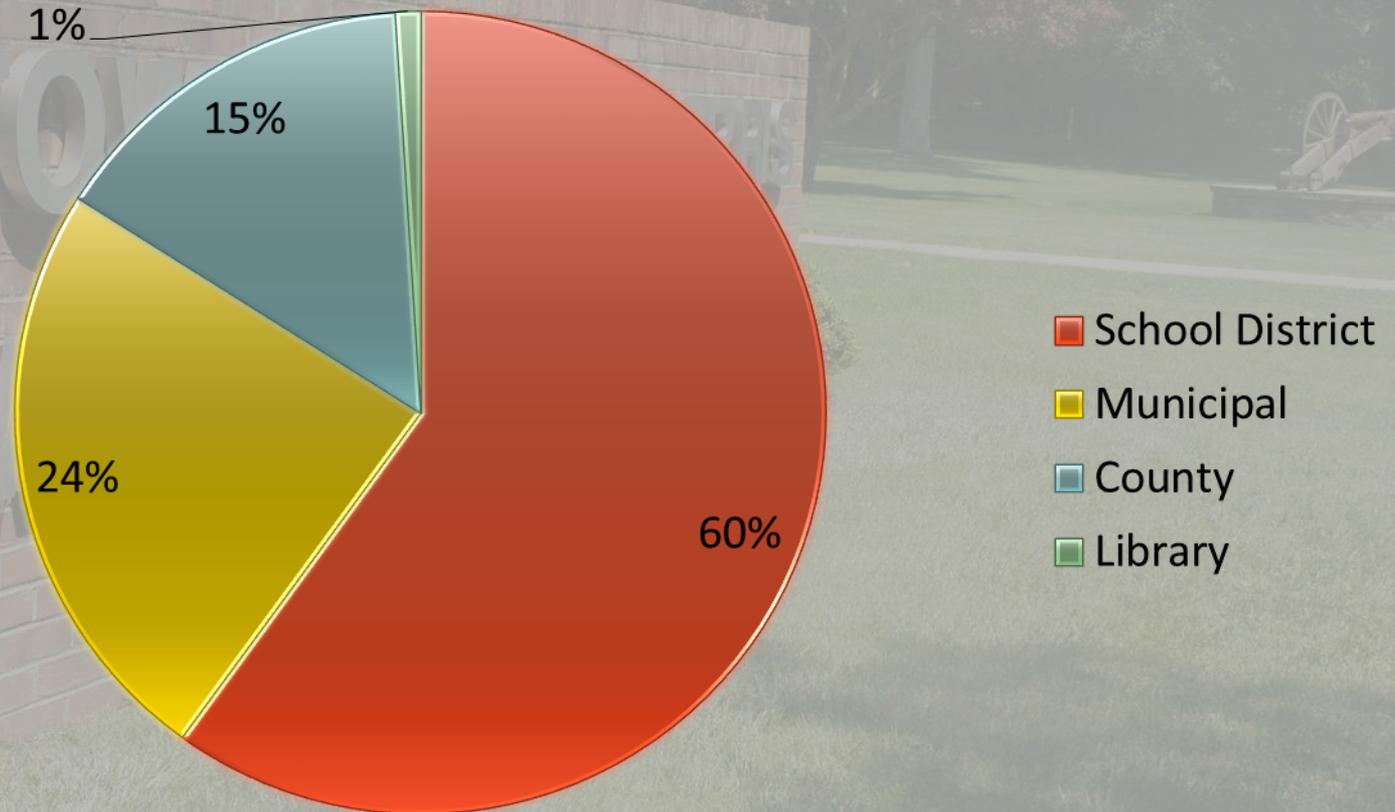
2014 ANTICIPATED REVENUES

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Fund Balance | \$5.1 million |
| Misc. Revenue | \$5.6 million |
| Delinquent Tax | \$.60 million |
| Local Tax | \$22.0 million |
| Library Tax | \$1.71 million |
| Total | \$35.0 Million |

2014 APPROPRIATIONS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Salary and Wages | \$13.1 million |
| Operating Expenses | \$8.9 million |
| Statutory Expenses | \$3.2 million |
| Joint Public Library | \$1.7 million |
| Capital Improvements | \$.8 million |
| Debt Service | \$3.0 million |
| Res. Uncollected Taxes | \$3.6 million |
| Deferred Charges | \$.60 million |
| Total | 35.0 million |

PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION



\$0.24 of Every Tax Dollar funds Municipal Government

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014 BUDGET

**Tax Rate Increase of .007 cents
.590 to .597 per \$100 assessed value**

Below 2% Tax Levy Cap Mandate

**Equates to less than \$2.25 per month for the
average homeowner- \$27.00 Per Year
(\$390,000 assessment)**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2014 BUDGET

- **1.99% Tax Levy Cap Increase**
- **\$1.5 million under Cap**
- **1.17% Tax Rate Increase**
.7 cents of a penny

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014 BUDGET

CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **Road Reconstruction**
- **Maintain Infrastructure**
- **Overlay and Drainage Projects**
- **Sewer Utility Improvements**
- **Swim Pool Reconstruction**
- **Purchase of Equipment**
- **Police, Fire, Recreation, DPW, Swim Pool**

MUNICIPAL DEBT AT YEAR END

(Including Bond Anticipation Notes)

| | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| General | \$23,703,453 | \$24,090,000 | \$22,525,886 | \$22,559,000 |
| Sewer | \$17,094,956 | \$18,959,709 | \$12,592,659 | \$11,896,394 |
| Swimming Utility | \$2,128,000 | \$259,000 | \$289,000 | \$314,000 |
| Parking Utility | <u>\$743,000</u> | <u>\$827,000</u> | <u>\$907,000</u> | <u>\$697,000</u> |
| Total Debt | \$43,669,409 | \$44,135,709 | \$36,314,545 | \$35,466,394 |

UTILITIES

• **SEWER UTILITY** **\$8.15 MILLION**

• **PARKING LOT UTILITY** **\$299,697**

• **SWIM POOL UTILITY** **\$703,000**

- All operated at a surplus for 2010,2011,2012,and 2013
- All expected to operate at a surplus for 2014 for salary and wages and operating expenses

FUND BALANCE

- **Roll Fund Balance to avoid tax spike**
- **Maintain Tax Levy Cap of 2%**
- **Fund Balance is also insurance against loss of revenue**
- **Available for emergency appropriations Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy**
- **Tax appeals**

FUND BALANCE HISTORY

| Year | Year End Fund Balance | Amount Used for Following Year Budget |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| 2013 | \$8,101,780 | \$5,079,076 |
| 2012 | \$6,946,876 | \$4,100,000 |
| 2011 | \$6,426,000 | \$3,626,000 |
| 2010 | \$5,504,671 | \$3,500,000 |
| 2009 | \$6,388,265 | \$4,471,000 |
| 2008 | \$8,155,881 | \$6,500,000 |
| 2007 | \$7,501,706 | \$6,000,000 |
| 2006 | \$8,131,753 | \$5,400,000 |

2015

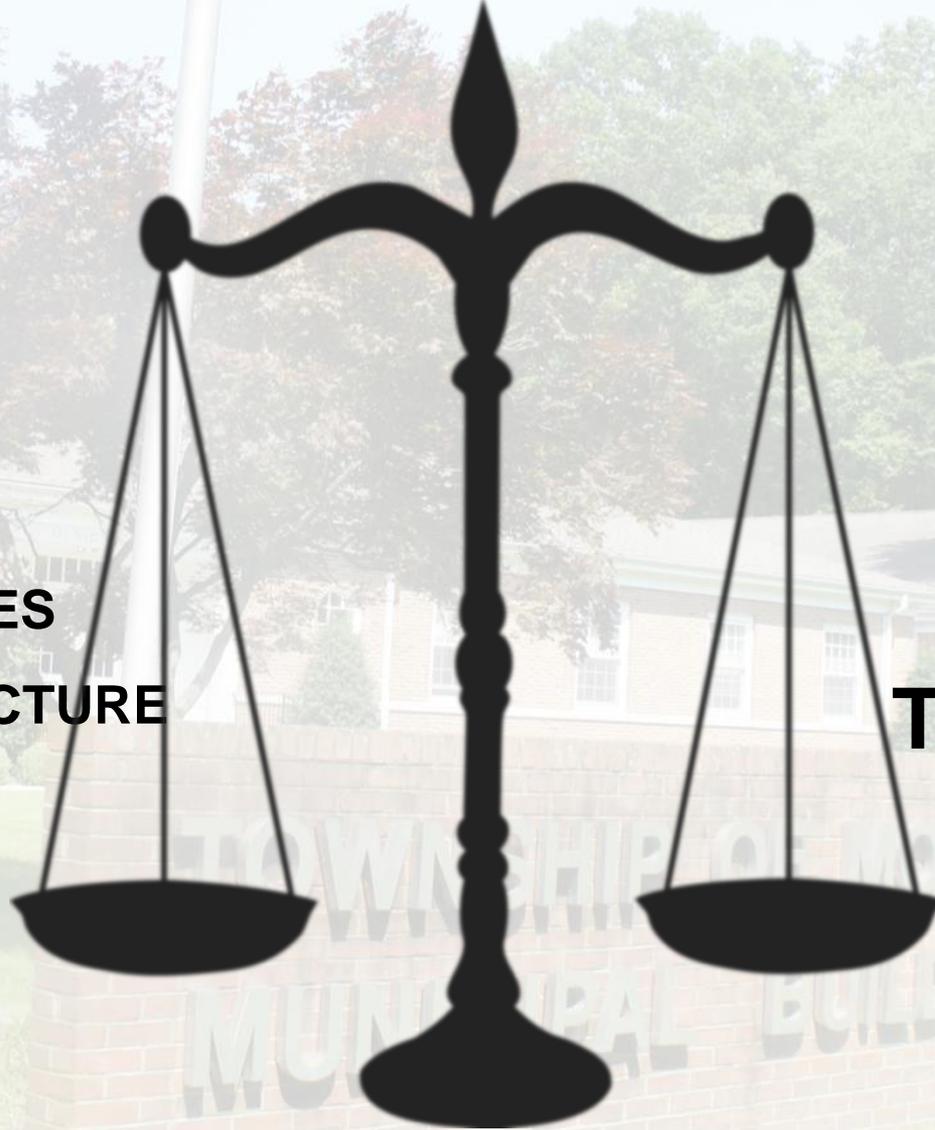
- **Revaluation of all properties for 2016 tax year**
- **Tax appeal loan payment**
- **Fee collections are increasing**
- **Projected impact of:**
 - State Aid**
 - Health Benefit Costs**
 - Pension Costs**
 - Labor Contract Negotiations**

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

\$390,000 NAV (AVERAGE)

| 2014 Tax Rate Per \$100 | | 2013 Tax Rate Per \$100 | | 2012 Tax Rate Per \$100 | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Description | Amount | Description | Amount | Description | Amount |
| Municipal .597 | \$2,328 | Municipal .590 | \$2,301 | Municipal .579 | \$2,258 |
| County .362* | \$1,411 | County .362 | \$1,411 | County .362 | \$1,411 |
| School 1.52* | \$5,928 | School 1.50 | \$5,850 | School 1.448 | \$5,647 |
| Open Space .021 | \$9 | Open Space .021 | \$9 | Open Space .021 | \$9 |
| Library .0464 | \$181 | Library .048 | \$187 | Library .049 | \$191 |
| TOTAL | \$9,857 | TOTAL | \$9,758 | TOTAL | \$9,516 |
| * Projected Tax Rate | \$2.5274 | Tax Rate | \$2.50 | Tax Rate | \$2.44 |

BALANCE



SERVICES

INFRASTRUCTURE

TAXES