

A brick sign in the foreground reads "TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS MUNICIPAL BUILDING". The sign is made of red bricks with raised, light-colored letters. In the background, there is a large brick building with many windows, surrounded by green trees and a clear blue sky. A tall silver pole is visible on the left side of the image.

2016
PROVEN COMMITMENT
TO
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

2016 PRIORITIES

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

BUDGET CHALLENGES

□ EMPLOYEE COSTS

- SALARY AND WAGES
- HEALTH INSURANCE
- PENSION

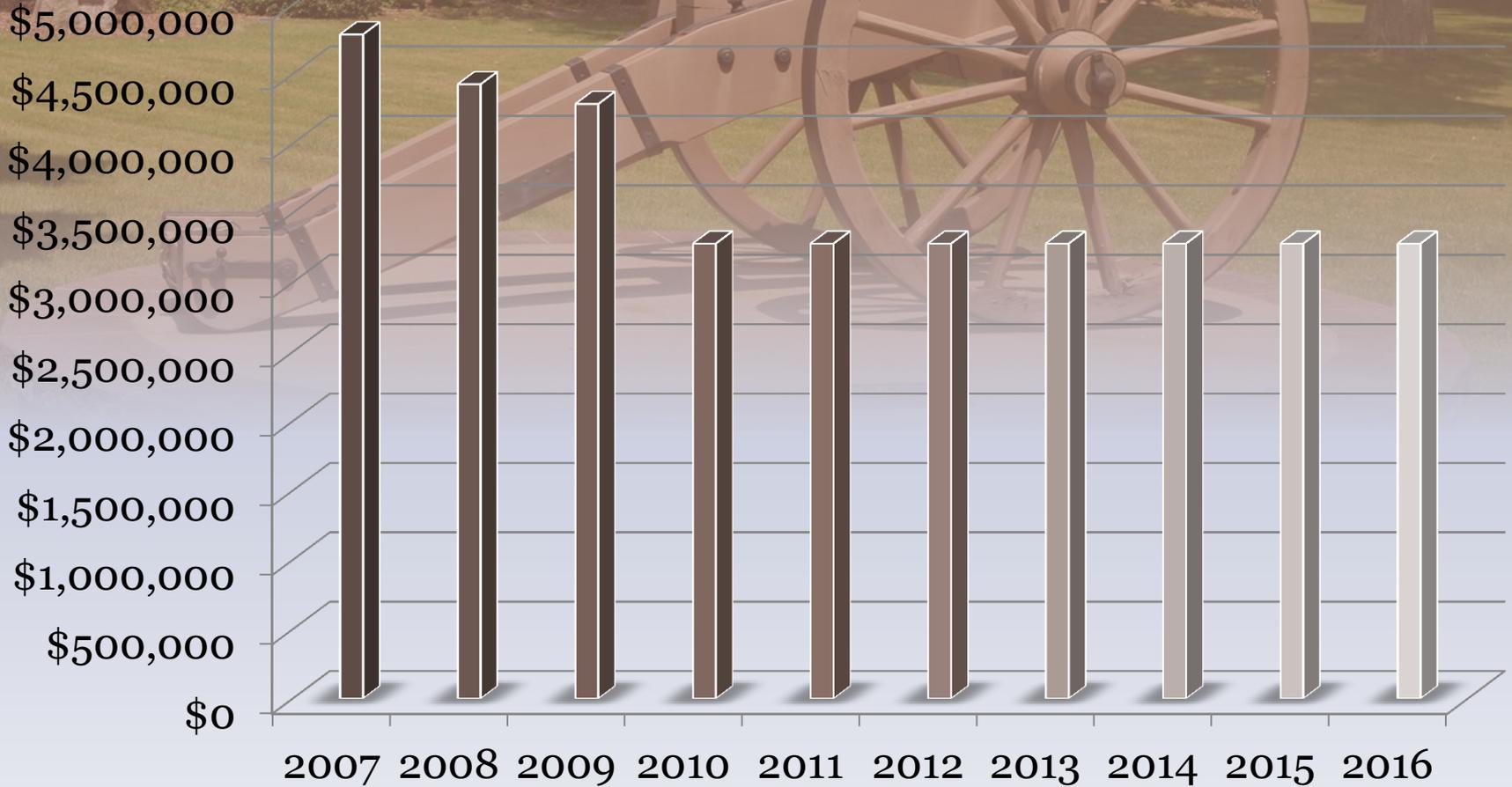
□ CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

□ TAX APPEALS

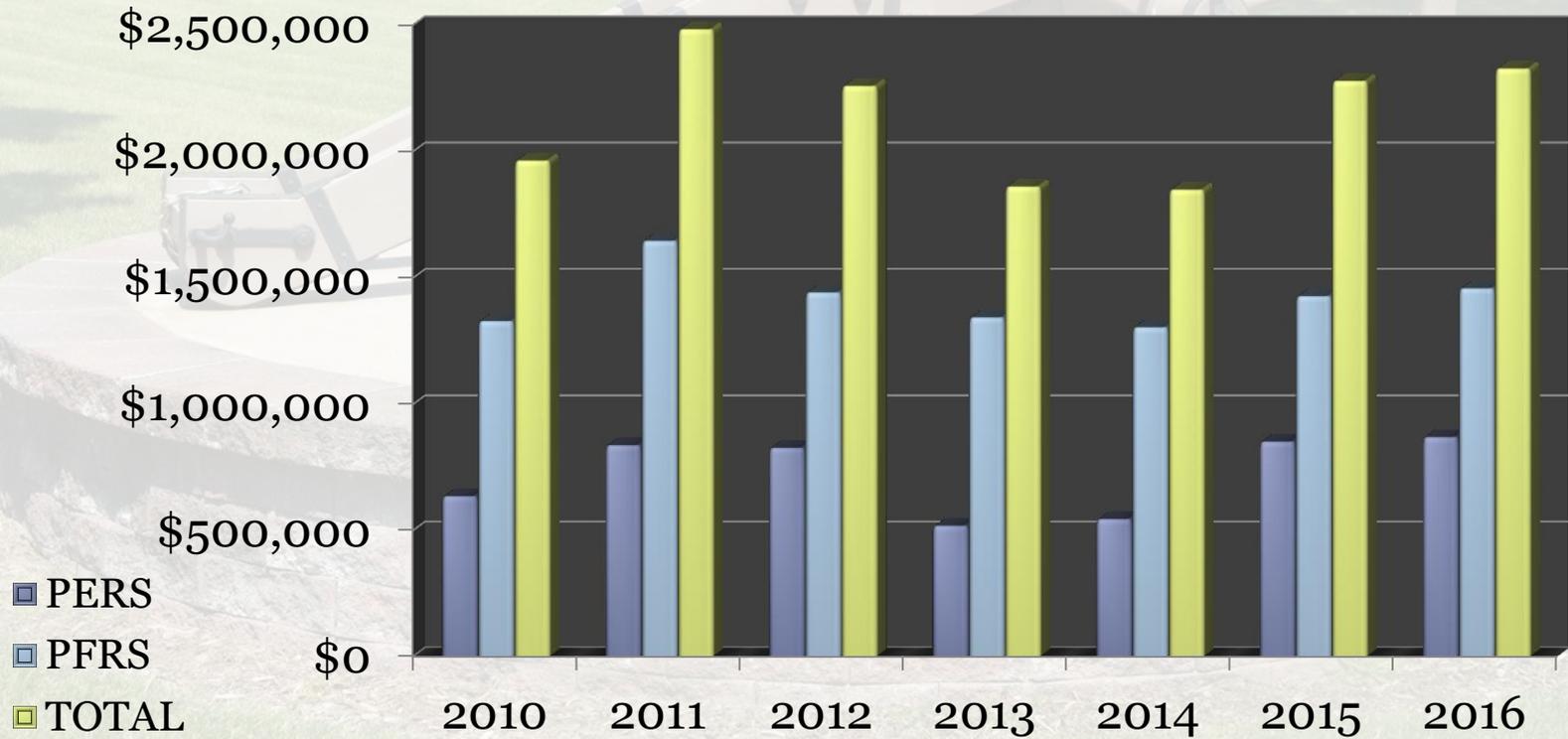
□ TAX APPEAL LOAN PAYMENT

□ PROPERTY REVALUATION

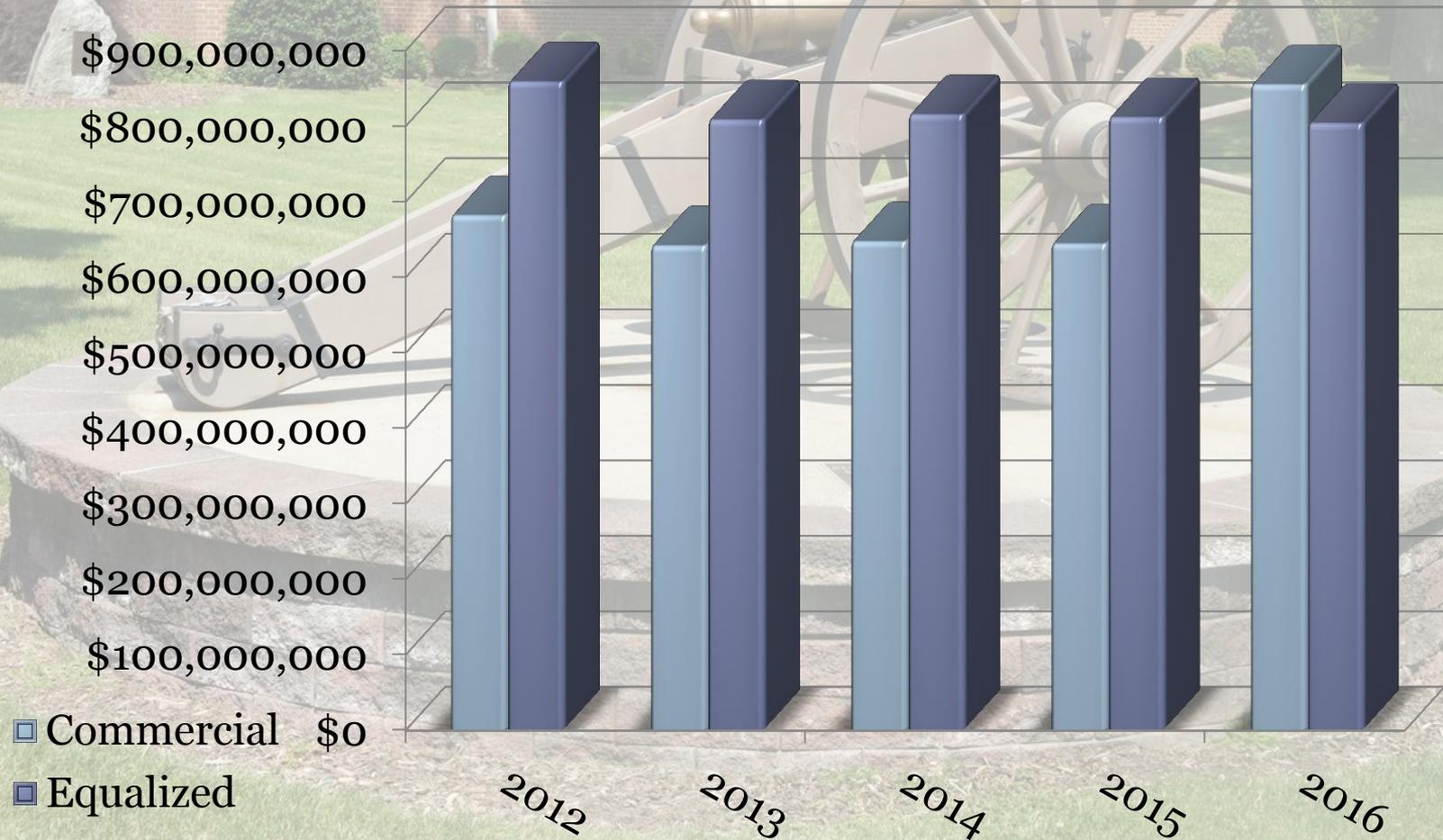
STATE AID REDUCTION



PENSION COSTS



COMMERCIAL ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUES



Cost of State Mandates

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	'15-'16 Dollar Increase/ Decrease
Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$648,751	\$517,360	\$544,158	\$657,177	\$671,041	\$13,864
Police and Fire Retirement Fund	\$1,441,976	\$1,343,141	\$1,304,255	\$1,427,100	\$1,458,007	\$30,907
Social Security	\$990,000	\$1,008,900	\$1,008,900	\$1,000,000	\$1,010,000	\$10,000
Group Health Insurance	\$2,568,262	\$2,341,657	\$2,335,682	\$2,429,109	\$2,516,000	\$86,891
Total	\$5,648,989	\$5,211,058	\$5,192,995	\$5,513,386	\$5,655,048	\$141,662

OTHER VARIABLES

- **LOW INTEREST RATES ON CASH RESERVES**
- **INCREASE IN REVENUE**
- **UNION LABOR CONTRACTS**
- **CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- **REDUCTION IN DEBT SERVICE**
- **RECYCLING REVENUE LOSS**

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 TOWNSHIP**

Key Savings

- **\$150,000 JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT**
- **\$800,000 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH CARE**
- **\$1,020,000 REDUCTION IN DEBT SERVICES**
- **LIBRARY COSTS ARE NOW A SEPARATE TAX SIMILAR TO SCHOOL, COUNTY AND OPEN SPACE REDUCTION OF \$54,000**

2016 ANTICIPATED REVENUES

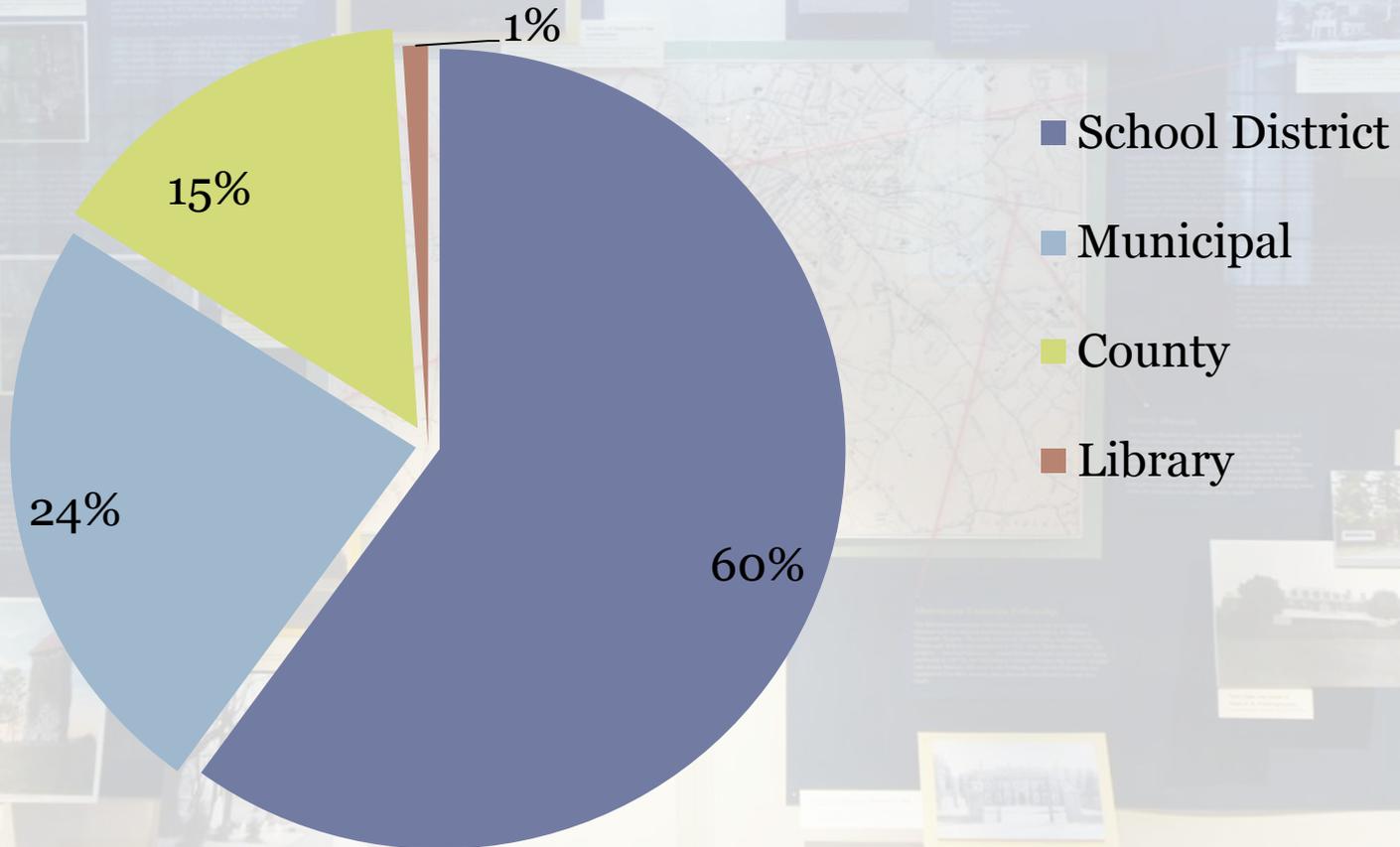
Fund Balance	\$4.9 million
Misc. Revenue	\$5.62 million
Delinquent Tax	\$.60 million
Local Tax	\$22.51 million
Library Tax	\$1.64 million
Total	\$35.27 Million

2016 APPROPRIATIONS

Salary and Wages	\$13.36 million
Operating Expenses	\$8.86 million
Statutory Expenses	\$3.5 million
Joint Public Library	\$1.64 million
Capital Improvements	\$.5 million
Debt Service	\$3.0 million
Res. Uncollected Taxes	\$3.6 million
Deferred Charges	\$.81 million
Total	\$35.27 million

PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

\$0.24 of Every Tax Dollar funds Municipal Government



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016 BUDGET

- 4.4 Million Below the Appropriations Cap
- Tax Rate Decrease
- Below 2% Tax Levy Cap Mandate by 4.35 million
- Equates to a reduction of \$45 for the average homeowner per year (\$560,000 assessment)

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016 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 Authorized But Not Issued Debt)

	2015	2014	2013	2012
General	\$23,463,000	\$24,381,000	\$23,703,453	\$24,090,000
Sewer	\$15,797,874	\$16,771,167	\$17,094,956	\$18,959,709
Swimming Utility	\$3,794,000	\$4,032,000	\$2,128,000	\$259,000
Parking Utility	<u>555,000</u>	<u>\$664,000</u>	<u>\$743,000</u>	<u>\$827,000</u>
Total Debt	\$43,609,874	\$45,848,167	\$43,669,409	\$44,135,709

UTILITIES

SEWER UTILITY \$11.4 MILLION

PARKING LOT UTILITY \$347,344

SWIM POOL UTILITY \$918,377

- Sewer and Parking Utility operated at a surplus for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015

- All expected to operate at a surplus for 2016 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 Sandy and revaluation**
- **Tax appeals**

FUND BALANCE HISTORY

Year	Year End Fund Balance	Amount Used for Following Year Budget
2015	\$8,844,230	\$4,900,000
2014	\$7,905,615	\$5,300,000
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

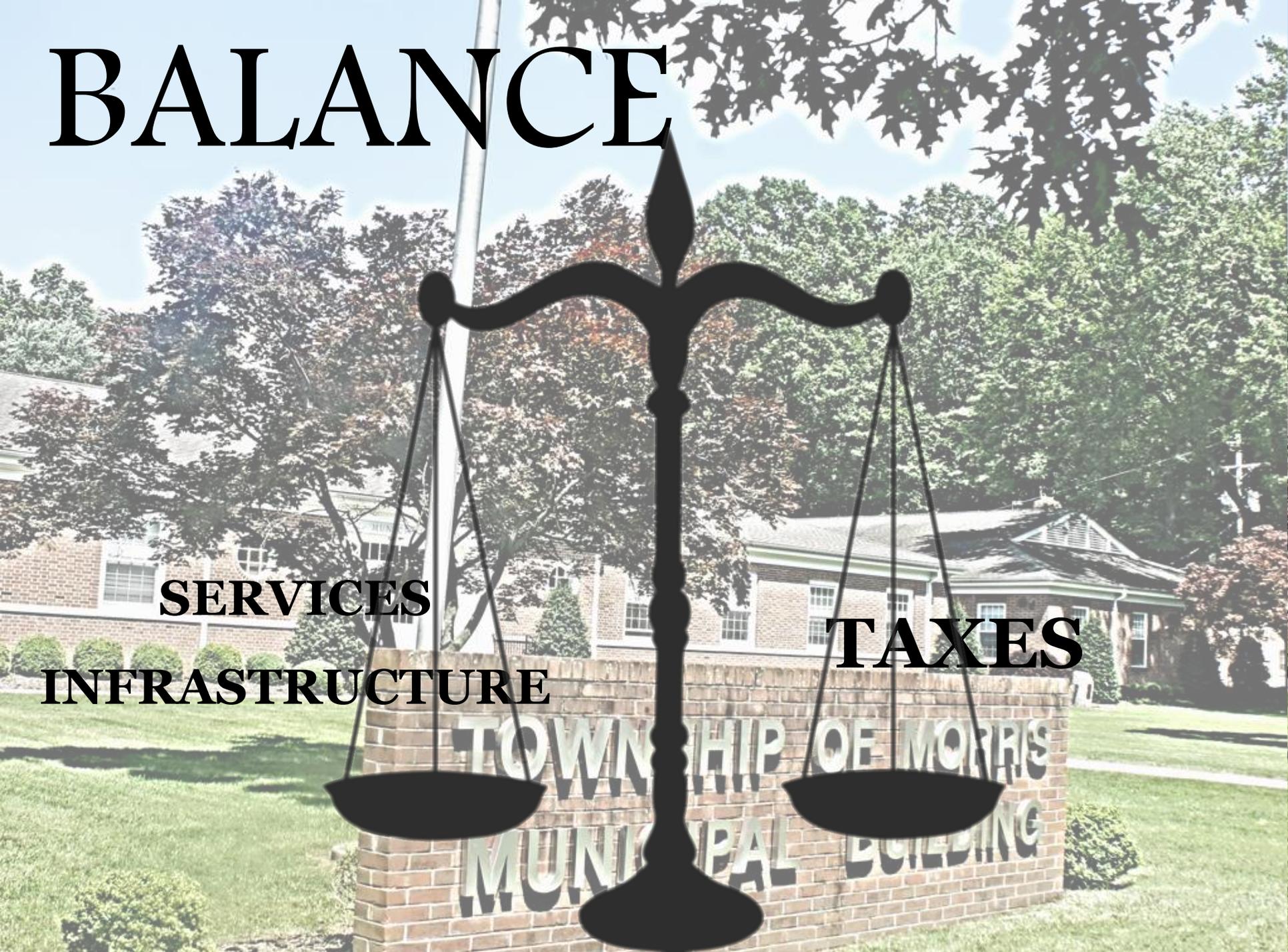
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

2016 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$560,000 NAV (Average)		2015 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$394,000 NAV (Average)		2014 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$394,000 NAV (Average)	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Municipal .4279	\$2,396	Municipal .6109	\$2,444	Municipal .5960	\$2,384
*County .2465	\$1,380	County .3450	\$1,380	County .3400	\$1,360
*School 1.0705	\$5,995	School 1.5320	\$6,036	School 1.5190	\$5,985
Open Space.0020	\$11	Open Space .0020	\$8	Open Space .0020	\$8
Library .0312	\$175	Library .0459	\$180	Library 0.464	\$181
*Total	\$9,957	Total	\$10,048	Total	\$9,918
*Projected Tax Rate	\$1.779	Tax Rate	\$2.536	Tax Rate	\$2.503

2017

- **Expected Fund Balance Reduction**
- **Salary and Wage Increase**
- **Tax appeal Loan Payment**
- **Revenue Projections**
- **Projected impact of:**
 - **State Aid**
 - **Health Benefit Costs**
 - **Pension Costs**
 - **Negotiated Agreements**

BALANCE



SERVICES

INFRASTRUCTURE

TAXES

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