

2010

Washington Borough Budget Summary

In a continued effort to provide residents with clear and detailed information regarding the Borough revenues and expenditures, this Budget Summary has been created.

The Borough Tax Rate increase is 18 cents or 5.03%

- * This translates into an increase in the average tax bill of \$242 per year.
- * State Aid decreased 17.45% from 2009
- * Received \$400,000 in Transitional Aid

A Few of the Budget Considerations:

- Restrict spending in an unstable economy (current departmental spending levels are that of 2008)
- Tried to lower the tax rate without eliminating services
- Increase in the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (2009: \$690,638.00 to 2010: \$882,990.60) as a result of a **drop** in the tax collection rate – **94.78%**
- Increase in existing debt obligations and pensions
- Ongoing decrease in revenues

Some of the Actions Taken by Council:

- Reduced introduced budget by \$223,227.72
- No new debt issued since 2008.
- New Garbage contract with lower fees and removal of bulk garbage
- November referendum question on whether or not the Borough should privatize garbage
- Implemented Shared Service Agreement for the Municipal Court which will result in annual savings of \$55,000-65,000 per year

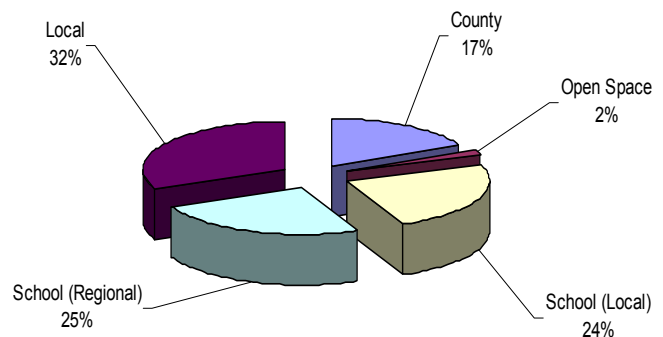
2010 Tax Rate

Warren County	.780
Open Space	.094
School (Local)	1.081
School (Regional)	1.118
Municipal	1.415

TOTAL 4.488

*Per \$100 of assessed valuation

Where Your Taxes Go



Moving Forward:

- Investigating the feasibility of a debt restructuring bond to allow the Borough to reduce its annual debt obligations
- Continue to explore the potential for cost savings from additional shared services and consolidation wherever possible
- Pursue grant monies and actively seek ways to increase revenues
- Rebuild our surplus fund

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2011 will find the Borough facing even more financially challenging times as the State enforces a new 2% levy CAP; no CAP waivers and the potential for no State aid.

Washington Borough Expenditures

	Total 2010 Departmental Budget	Total 2009 Departmental Budget	% of change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Administrative and Executive	148,180	209,241	-29.18%
Mayor and Council	17,798	22,923	-22.36%
Municipal Clerk	73,556	73,895	-0.46%
Financial Administration	134,755	65,828	104.71%
Revenue Administration	159,941	98,561	62.28%
Assessment of Taxes	60,177	68,713	-12.42%
Legal Services and Costs	69,000	105,958	-34.88%
Engineering Services and Costs	47,500	47,200	0.64%
Downtown Redevelopment	-	10,000	-100.00%
Local Code Enforcement	49,675	51,611	-3.75%
Public Library	194,280	217,840	-10.82%
Parks & Recreation	125,818	199,518	-36.94%
Municipal Court	143,903	139,255	3.34%
Local Municipal Alliance	5,000	4,570	9.41%
Celebration of Public Events	500	500	0.00%
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION			
Planning Board	11,383	44,271	-74.29%
Board of Adjustment	9,835	8,006	22.85%
INSURANCE			
	498,715	614,854	-18.89%
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Fire	101,319	93,319	8.57%
Police	72,100	1,394,826	-94.83%
Municipal Prosecutor	21,600	24,000	-10.00%
Public Defender	6,000	1,000	500.00%
First Aid Organization	19,300	19,300	0.00%
Fire & Safety Code Enforcement	26,544	23,700	12.00%
Office of Emergency Management	4,015	7,000	-42.64%
Shared Services Agreement for Police Services	2,085,000	-	100.00%
Animal Control	10,108	10,060	0.48%
PUBLIC WORKS			
Road Repair & Maintenance:	476,516	481,439	-1.02%
Shade Tree Commission:	8,939	16,034	-44.25%
Public Buildings and Grounds:	40,876	38,292	6.75%
Solid Waste Collection:	270,500	344,400	-21.46%
Solid Waste Disposal	170,000	180,000	-5.56%
P.E.O.S.H.A. (P.L. 1983, C.516)	1,000	2,600	-61.54%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
	882,991	690,638	27.85%
UNCLASSIFIED			
Electricity	53,000	62,000	-14.52%
Natural Gas	27,000	28,000	-3.57%
Heating Oil	9,000	11,000	-18.18%
Street Lighting & Traffic Lights	83,500	72,000	15.97%
Telephone	35,000	40,000	-12.50%
Water	6,500	6,000	8.33%
Sewerage Disposal	-	5,000	-100.00%
Gasoline and Diesel Fuel	13,000	50,000	-74.00%
STATUTORY			
Public Employees' Retirement System	73,887	66,868	10.50%
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	101,369	118,239	-14.27%
Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension	10,103	-	100.00%
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	-	122,029	-100.00%
Unemployment Insurance	20,000	15,000	33.33%
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	500	3,140	-84.08%
MUNICIPAL DEBT			
	829,716	725,475	14.37%

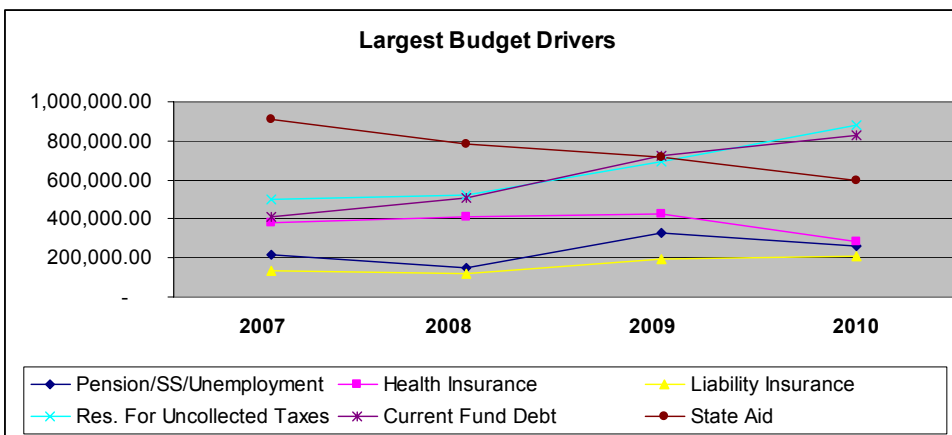
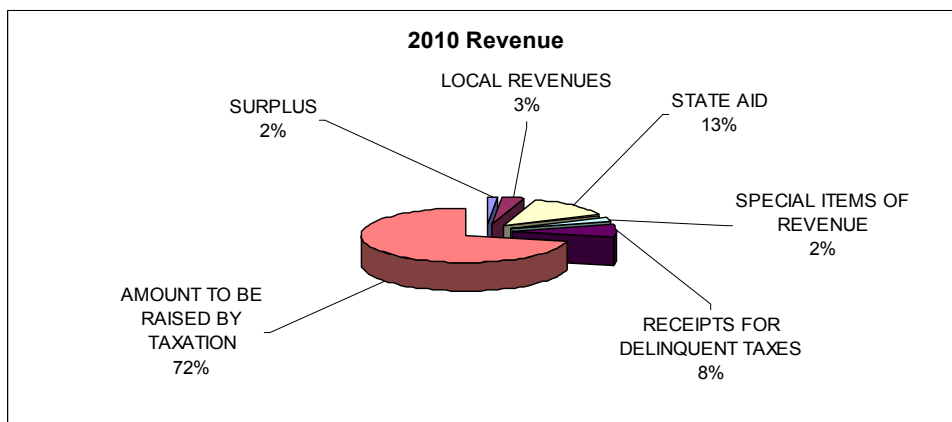
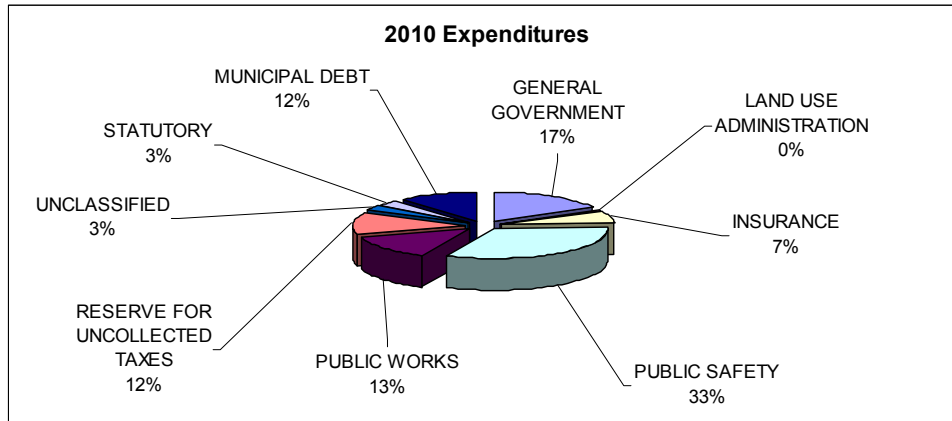
Washington Borough 2010 Revenues

General Revenues

	Anticipated		Realized in Cash in 2009
	2010	2009	
Surplus Anticipated	130,000.00	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Local Revenues	244,300.00	284,832.00	258,134.05
State Aid	993,376.00	1,268,808.00	1,268,808.00
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated (Grants)	94,838.04	68,197.55	68,197.55
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated (Cable TV, Uniform Fire Safety)	64,170.00	210,934.00	149,953.36
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	581,000.00	430,000.00	457,515.88
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget			
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes)	5,294,709.57	4,665,738.64	4,528,687.82
Total General Revenues	7,402,393.61	6,928,510.19	6,731,296.66

We continue to face an unstable economy with recession-like qualities. Revenues have dropped by 9.97% from 2009 – 2010.

Financial Data



To view the entire 2010 budget, as well as other important financial documents, please visit the Borough's website at www.washingtonboro-nj.org.

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