

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON



2009 INTRODUCED BUDGET

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON

2009 Budget

Public Hearing

May 19, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Governing Body

Scott McDonald Mayor

Council

David Higgins	Councilperson
Patrick Boyle	Councilperson
Victor Cioni	Councilperson
Charles T. Housel	Councilperson
John Valentine	Councilperson
Christina Woykowski	Councilperson

Municipal Officials

Kristine Blanchard	Clerk
Kay F. Stasyshan	Tax Collector
Tom Kane	Acting Chief Finance Officer
Richard P. Cushing	Borough Attorney

Explanatory Statement

In order to lessen the tax burden on all taxpayers in Washington Borough, the following outlines both short-term and long-term changes that have/will/may be made to help reduce overall costs and stabilize the Borough's finances:

1. Reduction of departmental budgets to amounts reflecting 5 – 20 percent from the 2008 budget.
2. Creation of separate accounts for Current Fund, General Capital, Sewer Operating & Sewer Capital for better financial oversight.
3. Instituted a hiring and promotion freeze.
4. Salaries of all part-time/seasonal/temporary employees will remain at or below 2008 amounts
5. Elimination of all non-essential overtime.
6. Elimination of overnight stays and meal allowances associated with meeting/conferences and conventions.
7. Elimination of all non-essential capital projects/purchases requested for 2009.
8. Total restructuring of Finance department to ensure proper oversight while allowing separation of duties.
9. Restructuring of existing staff in more efficient ways.
10. Application for Extraordinary Aid to the NJ State Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$550,000
11. Possible merging of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment into one Municipal Land Use Board to increase efficiency.
12. Consolidation of Borough Police Department into Washington Township Police Department, to which the Township will provide police services via Shared Service Agreement (Approved via Resolution 114-2009 on June 3, 2009)
13. Possible Future Shared Services:
 - a. The Borough Municipal Courts to serve both the Borough and Township of Washington
 - b. The Borough Department of Public Works serve both the Borough and Township of Washington

With the above in mind, it is important for all who read this document to understand that the costs associated with the 2009 “Introduced” Budget are subject to change. This is due to the fact that all municipalities that apply for Extraordinary Aid funding MUST introduce a budget before submitting an application to the NJ State Department of Community Affairs. If the Borough is successful in receiving the Extraordinary Aid requested from the State, the dollar amounts listed in the “Introduced” budget will change significantly.

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2009	Net Valuation Taxable	<u><u>\$ 376,386,626.00</u></u>
2008	Net Valuation Taxable	<u><u>\$ 383,362,790.00</u></u>
	Decrease	<u><u>\$ (6,976,164.00)</u></u> or <u><u>(1.82) %</u></u>

Budget Analysis

2009	Borough Budget	<u><u>\$ 6,873,129.64</u></u>
2008	Borough Budget	<u><u>\$ 6,721,185.99</u></u>
	Increase	<u><u>\$ 151,943.65</u></u> or <u><u>2.26 %</u></u>

1 point = \$ 37,638.66

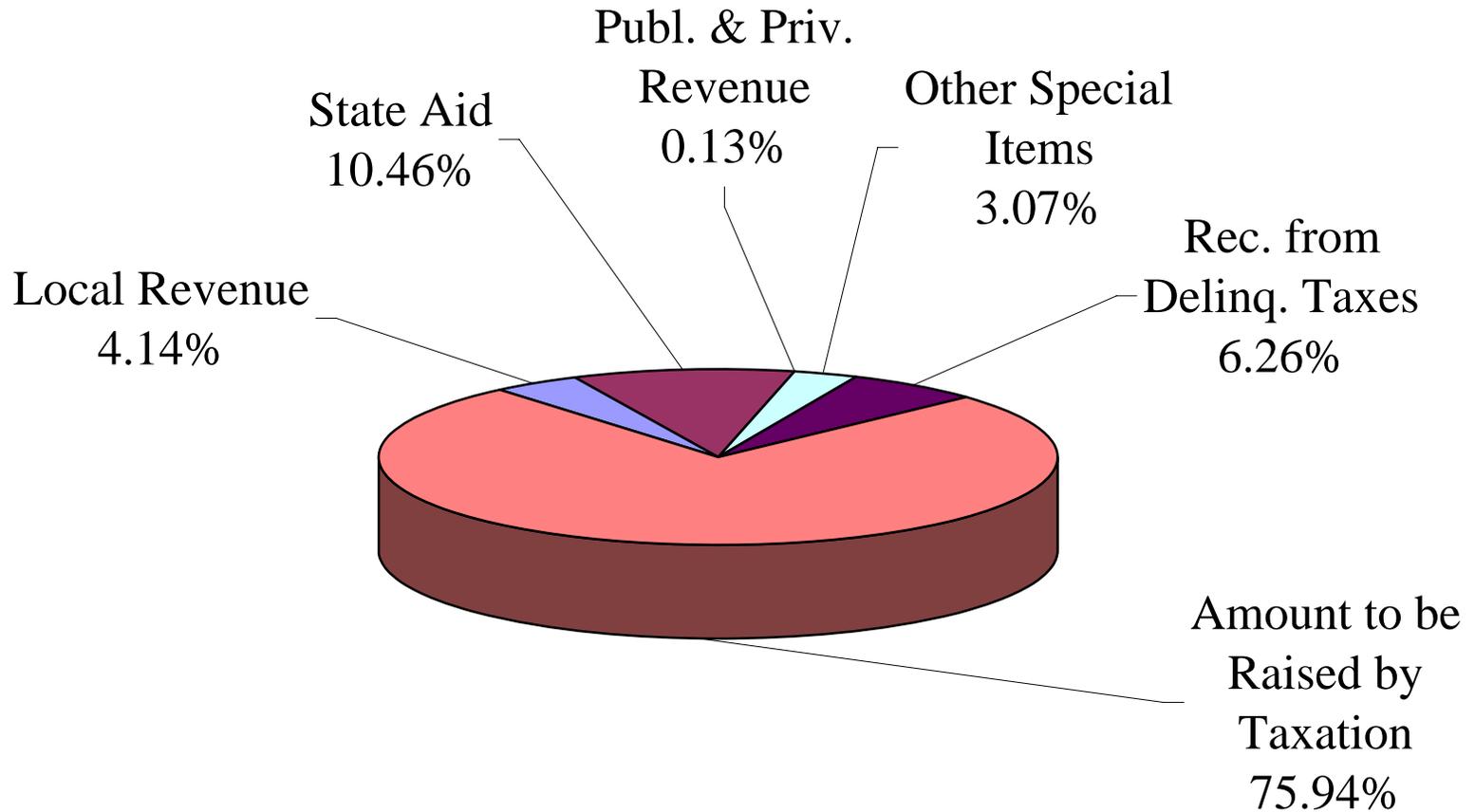
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Analysis of Revenues

Revenue	Anticipated 2009	2008	Increase <Decrease>	%
Surplus	\$ -	\$ 525,000.00	\$ (525,000.00)	(100.00) %
Local Revenue	284,832.00	433,388.00	(148,556.00)	(34.28) %
State Aid	718,808.00	787,239.00	(68,431.00)	(8.69) %
Public & Private Revenue	9,320.00	443,828.99	(434,508.99)	(97.90) %
Other Special Items	210,934.00	136,964.00	73,970.00	54.01 %
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	430,000.00	352,295.00	77,705.00	22.06 %
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>5,219,235.64</u>	<u>4,042,471.00</u>	<u>1,176,764.64</u>	<u>29.11 %</u>
	<u>\$ 6,873,129.64</u>	<u>\$ 6,721,185.99</u>	<u>\$ 151,943.65</u>	<u>2.26 %</u>

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON 2009 REVENUES



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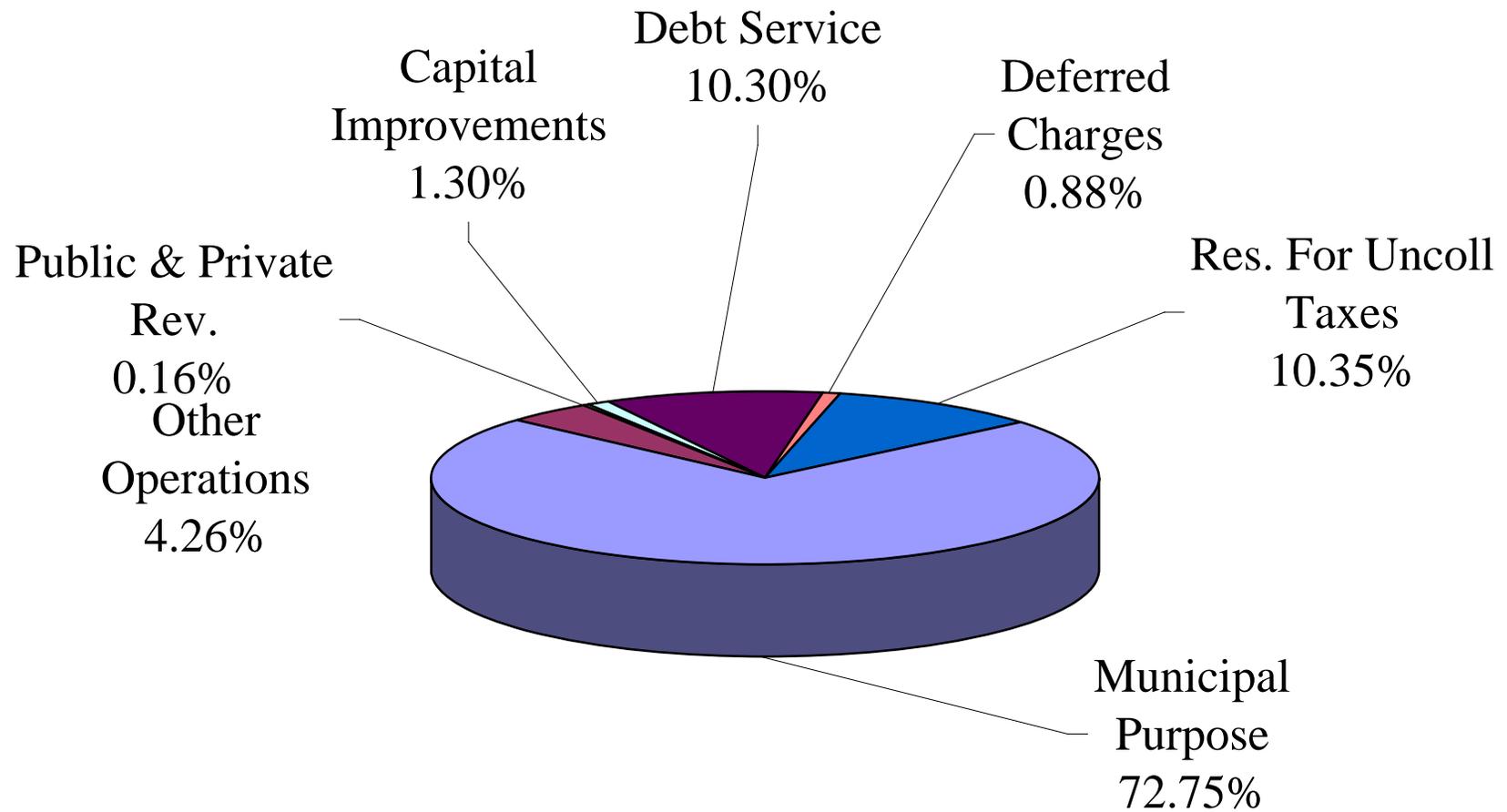
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Budget Appropriations

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>Increase <Decrease></u>	<u>%</u>
Municipal Purpose	\$ 5,000,150.00	\$ 4,646,524.00	\$ 353,626.00	7.61 %
Other Operations	292,840.00	581,146.00	(288,306.00)	(49.61) %
Public & Private Rev.	10,900.00	445,408.99	(434,508.99)	(97.55) %
Capital Improvements	88,974.00	20,700.00	68,274.00	329.83 %
Debt Service	708,075.00	506,271.00	201,804.00	39.86 %
Deferred Charges	60,655.64	-	60,655.64	100.00 %
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>711,535.00</u>	<u>521,136.00</u>	<u>190,399.00</u>	<u>36.54 %</u>
	<u>\$ 6,873,129.64</u>	<u>\$ 6,721,185.99</u>	<u>\$ 151,943.65</u>	<u>2.26 %</u>

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2009 APPROPRIATIONS



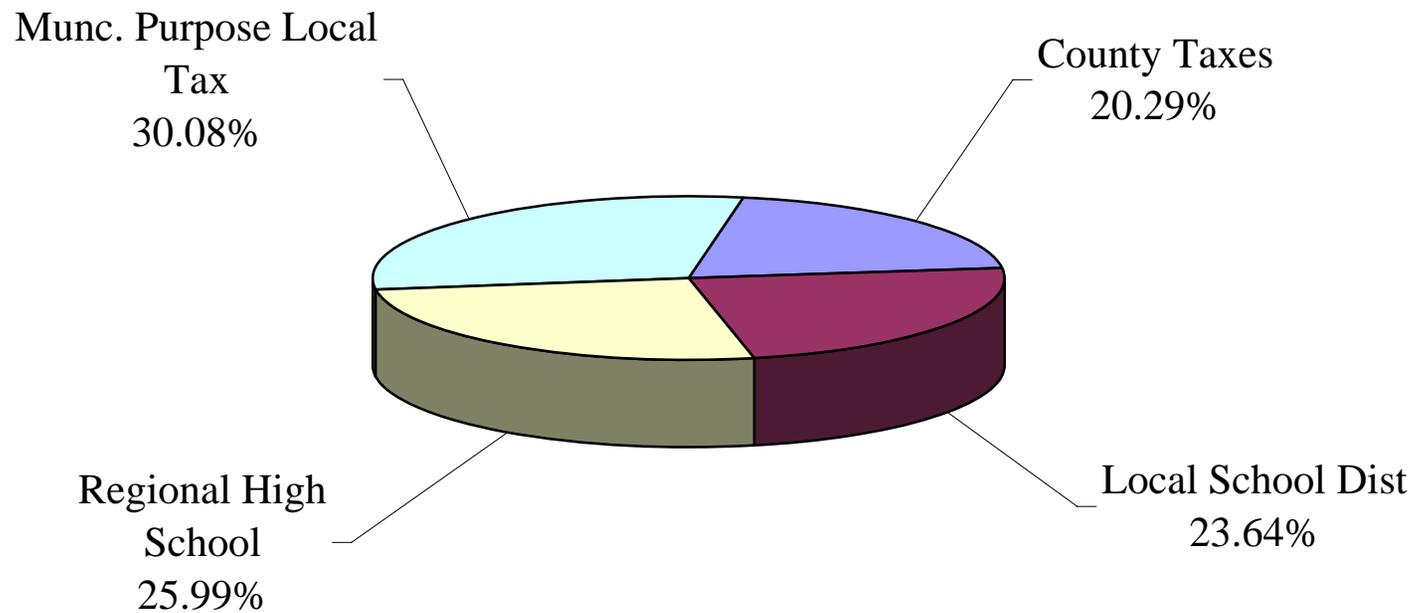
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2009 Estimated Levy and Tax

	Estimated		Actual		Increase or Decrease	%
	2009 Levy	2009 Tax Rate	2008 Levy	2008 Tax Rate		
County Taxes	\$ 3,373,259.33	\$ 0.896	\$ 3,307,116.99	\$ 0.864	\$ 0.032	3.70 %
Local School Dist	3,928,983.90	1.044	3,851,945.00	1.005	0.039	3.89 %
Regional High School	4,320,653.38	1.148	4,235,934.69	1.104	0.044	3.99 %
Munc. Purpose Local Tax	<u>5,000,150.00</u>	<u>1.328</u>	<u>4,042,471.00</u>	<u>1.054</u>	<u>0.274</u>	<u>26.00 %</u>
	<u><u>\$ 16,623,046.61</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4.416</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,437,467.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4.027</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0.389</u></u>	<u><u>9.66 %</u></u>

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2009 ESTIMATED TAX RATE



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2009 Sewer Utility Budget Analysis

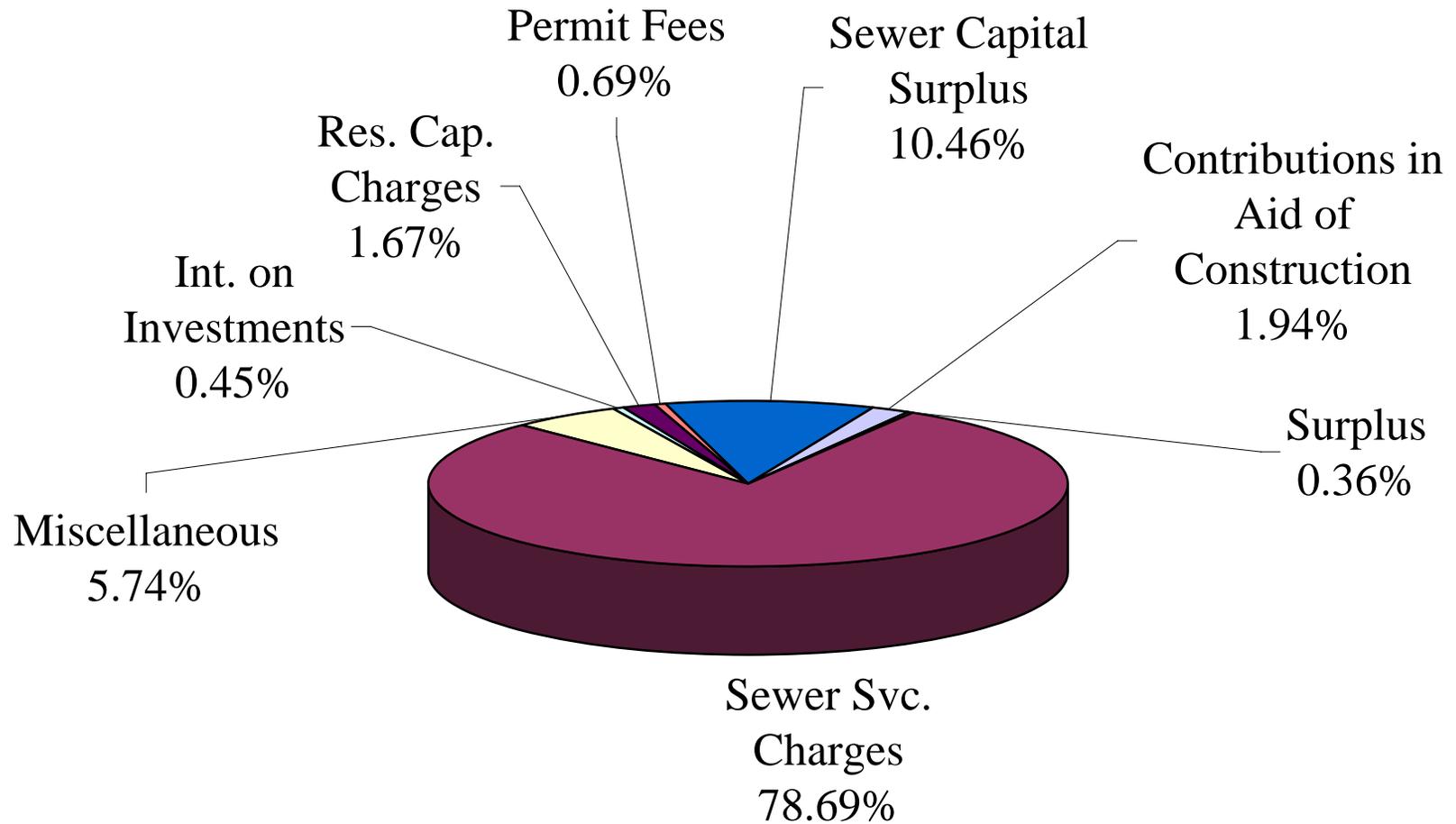
2009	Sewer Budget	<u><u>\$2,578,319.35</u></u>	
2008	Sewer Budget	<u><u>\$2,383,004.00</u></u>	
	Difference - Increase	<u><u>\$195,315.35</u></u>	<u><u>8.20 %</u></u>

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2009 Sewer Utility Revenue

	Anticipated			
	2009	2008	Difference	%
Surplus	\$ 9,167.55	\$ -	\$ 9,167.55	100.00 %
Sewer Svc. Charges	2,029,000.00	2,065,131.00	(36,131.00)	(1.75) %
Miscellaneous	148,000.00	91,713.00	56,287.00	61.37 %
Int. on Investments	11,500.00	47,000.00	(35,500.00)	(75.53) %
Reserve Capacity Charges	43,113.00	71,880.00	(28,767.00)	(40.02) %
Industrial/Commercial Permit Fees	17,880.00	107,280.00	(89,400.00)	(83.33) %
Sewer Capital Surplus	269,658.80	-	269,658.80	100.00 %
Res. For Contributions in Aid of Construction	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	100.00 %
Total	\$ 2,578,319.35	\$ 2,383,004.00	\$ 195,315.35	8.20 %

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2009 Sewer Utility Appropriations

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>%</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,163,828.00	\$ 1,110,966.00	52,862.00	4.76 %
Capital Improv.	-	4,500.00	(4,500.00)	(100.00) %
Debt Service	1,360,190.00	1,255,038.00	105,152.00	8.38 %
Deferred Charges	44,864.35	3,046.00	41,818.35	1,372.89 %
Stat. Expenditures	<u>9,437.00</u>	<u>9,454.00</u>	<u>(17.00)</u>	<u>(0.18) %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,578,319.35</u>	<u>\$2,383,004.00</u>	<u>\$ 195,315.35</u>	<u>8.20 %</u>

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON 2009 SEWER UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS

