

Evesham Township 2023 Budget

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2023 Budget Highlights

- 7.77 Penny increase on tax rate
 - Revenue being generated is \$4,109,640.73
 - Average household will be impacted \$211.68 Annually or \$17.64 monthly
 - Tax increase is under the property tax cap – maximum allowed is \$5,304,576.73
- No transfer of Open Space Funds to Golf Course
 - \$250,000 transfer of funds from the Golf Course to Current fund to help offset taxes
- Self-Funding Recreational Improvements - \$2,310,689
 - Saves on future debt service costs



Why is a tax increase necessary?

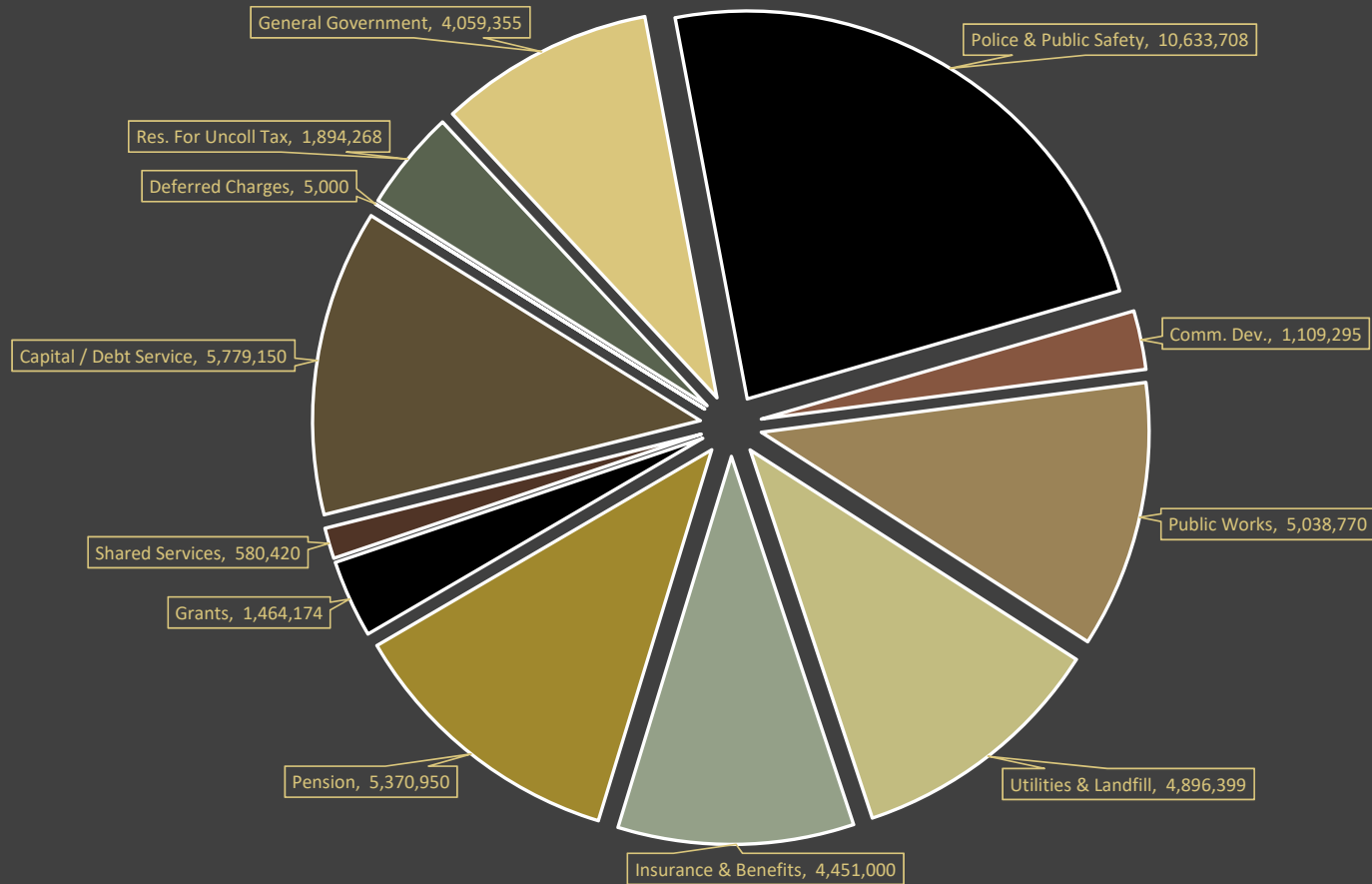
- Increase is necessary to maintain level of municipal services residents have come to expect
- Numerous cost increases have heavily contributed
 - \$215,000 increase in debt service costs
 - \$400,000 increase in health insurance
 - \$440,000 increase in employer pension – amount determined by State of NJ Actuaries and required statutorily
 - \$399,000 increase in police salary & wage
 - For a total of \$1,454,000 that is largely outside of the Township's control
- Declining miscellaneous revenues used to offset tax revenue
- Cost of everyday goods has greatly increased
 - Fuel Costs
 - Vehicle Parts
- Loss of Ratables from Verizon Utility & TDV's

Steps Taken to Mitigate Current and Future Tax Increases

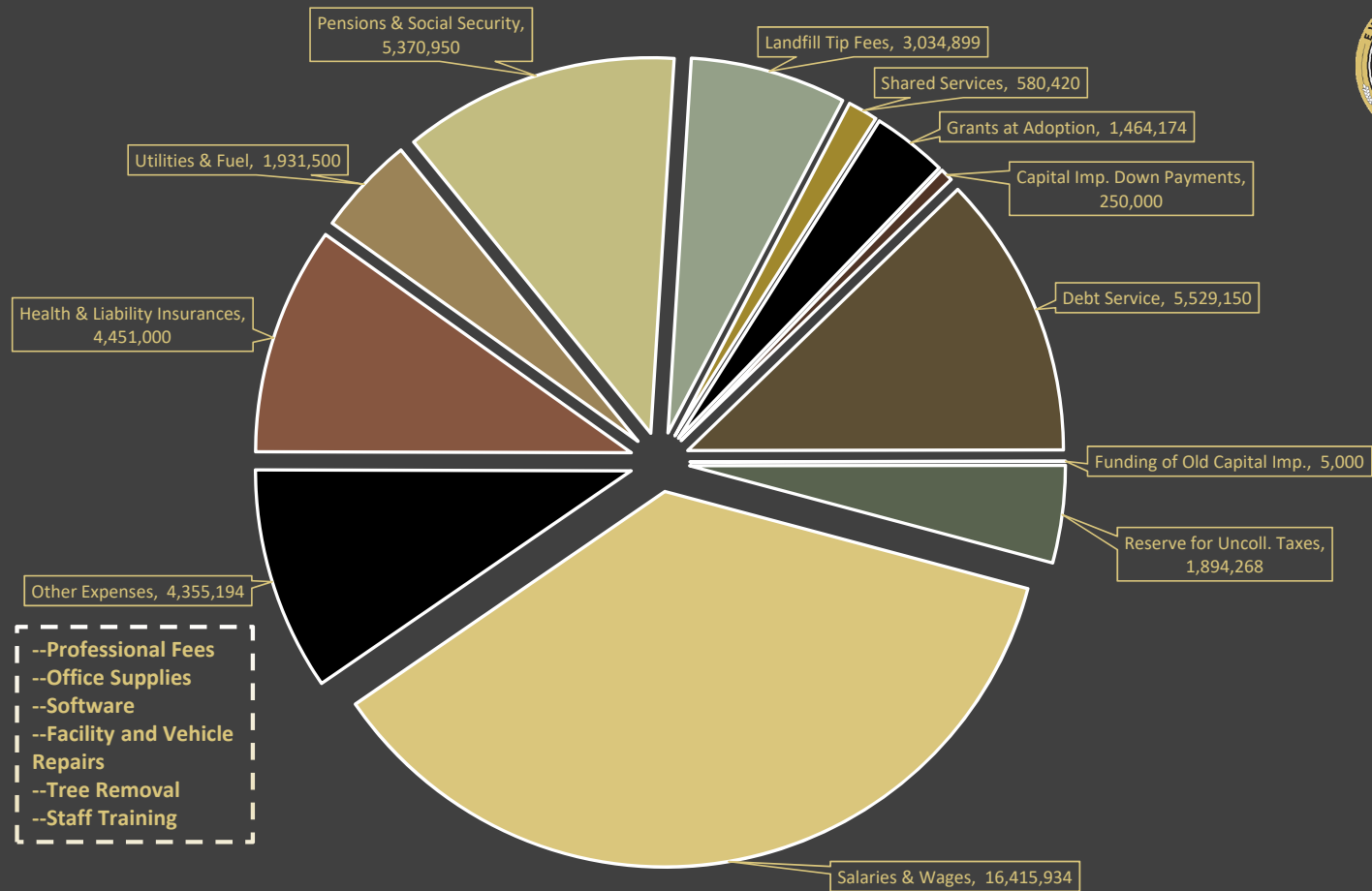


- 3 Administrative positions eliminated
- Investigating possible health insurance alternatives
- Auctioned off surplus assets including land
- Issuing RFP for possible cell tower lease at the Municipal Building
- Solar farm lease at old landfill
- Cannabis taxation
- Sustainable municipal golf course transfer of fund balance
 - Golf Course “Dividend”

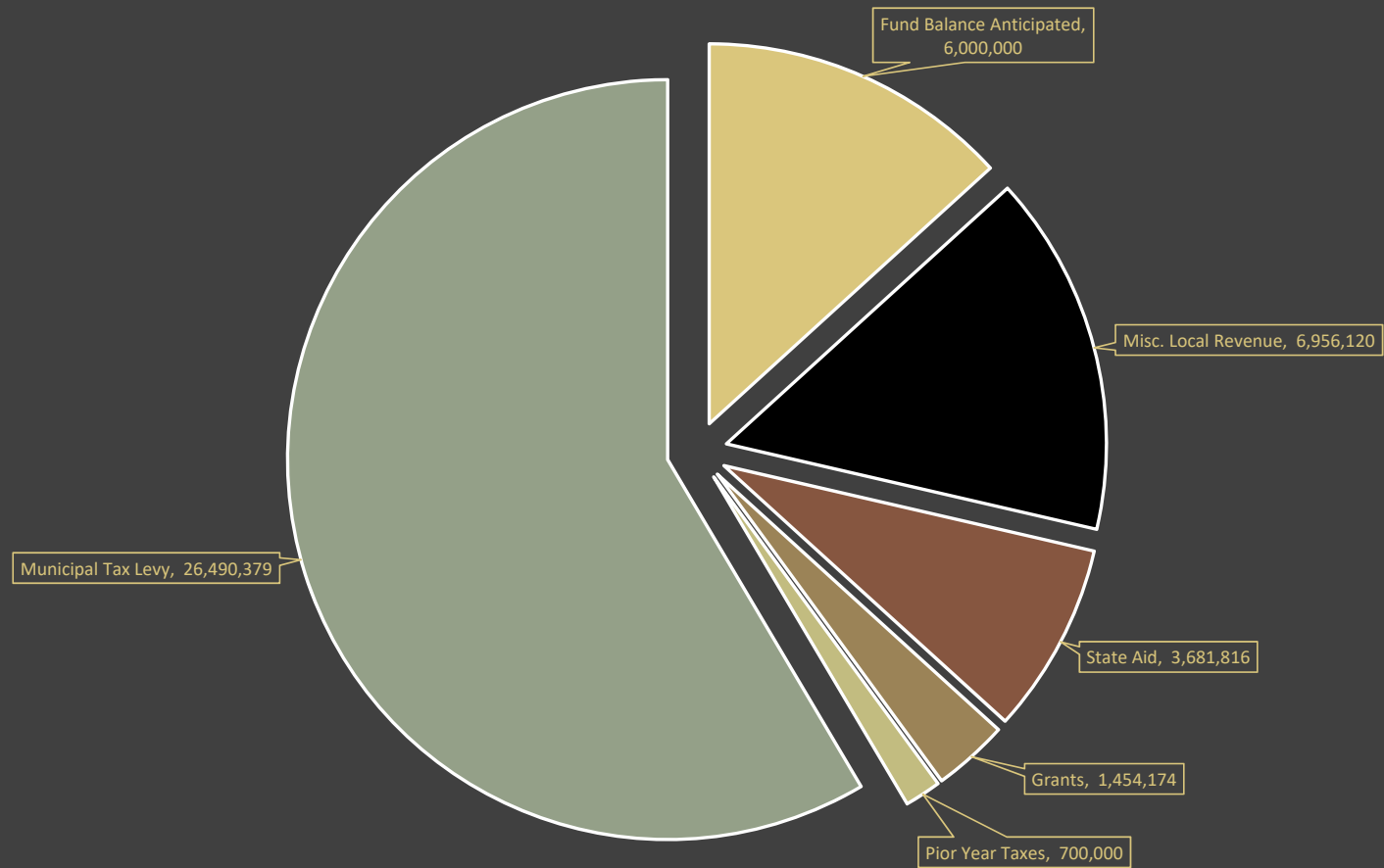
2023 Appropriations - \$45,282,488



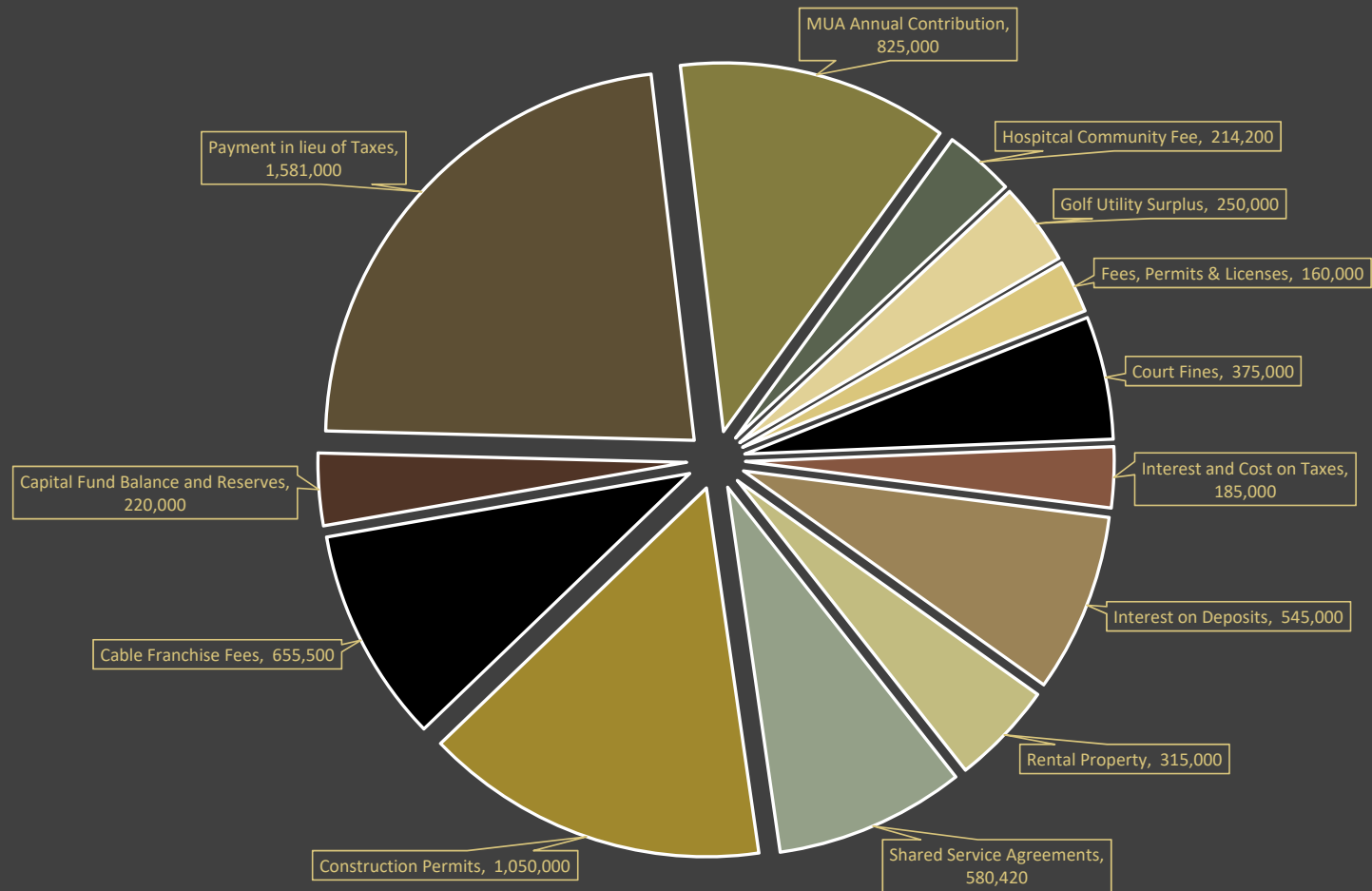
2023 Appropriation Detail



2023 Revenue Anticipated



2023 Miscellaneous Local Revenue Detail



Ongoing Initiatives



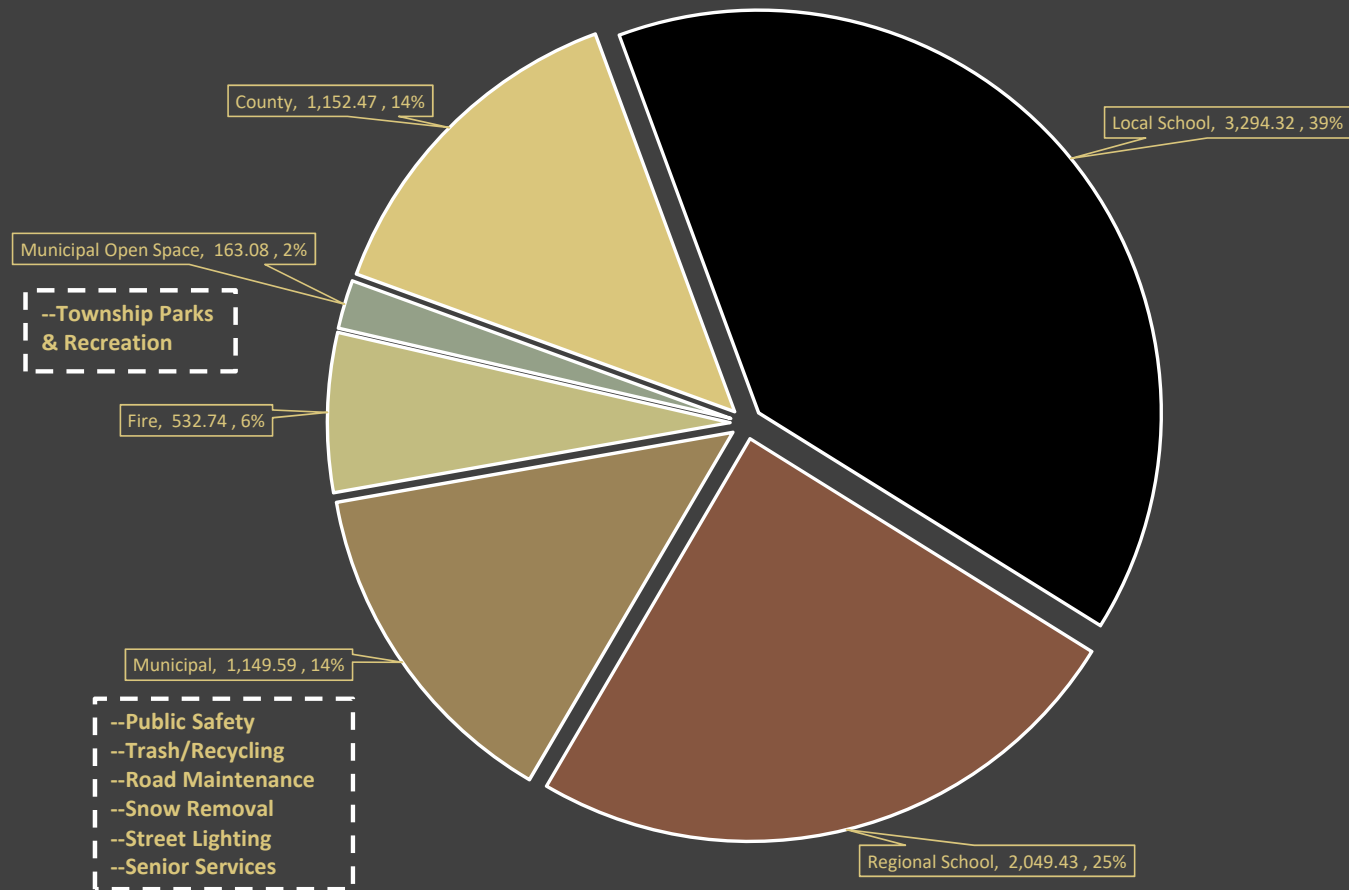
- Investigate each open position for the potential of consolidation and cost savings while balancing the needs of our residents
- Multi-year planning for sustainable capital investment with our professionals involvement and advice
- Self-funding open space and recreation improvements
- Applying for Grants to help offset costs to the taxpayer
- Researching health insurance alternatives to our current self-insured plan for long-term cost control
- Communicating with surrounding governments for potential shared services
- Multi-year financial projections to mitigate material budgetary structural imbalances from year to year



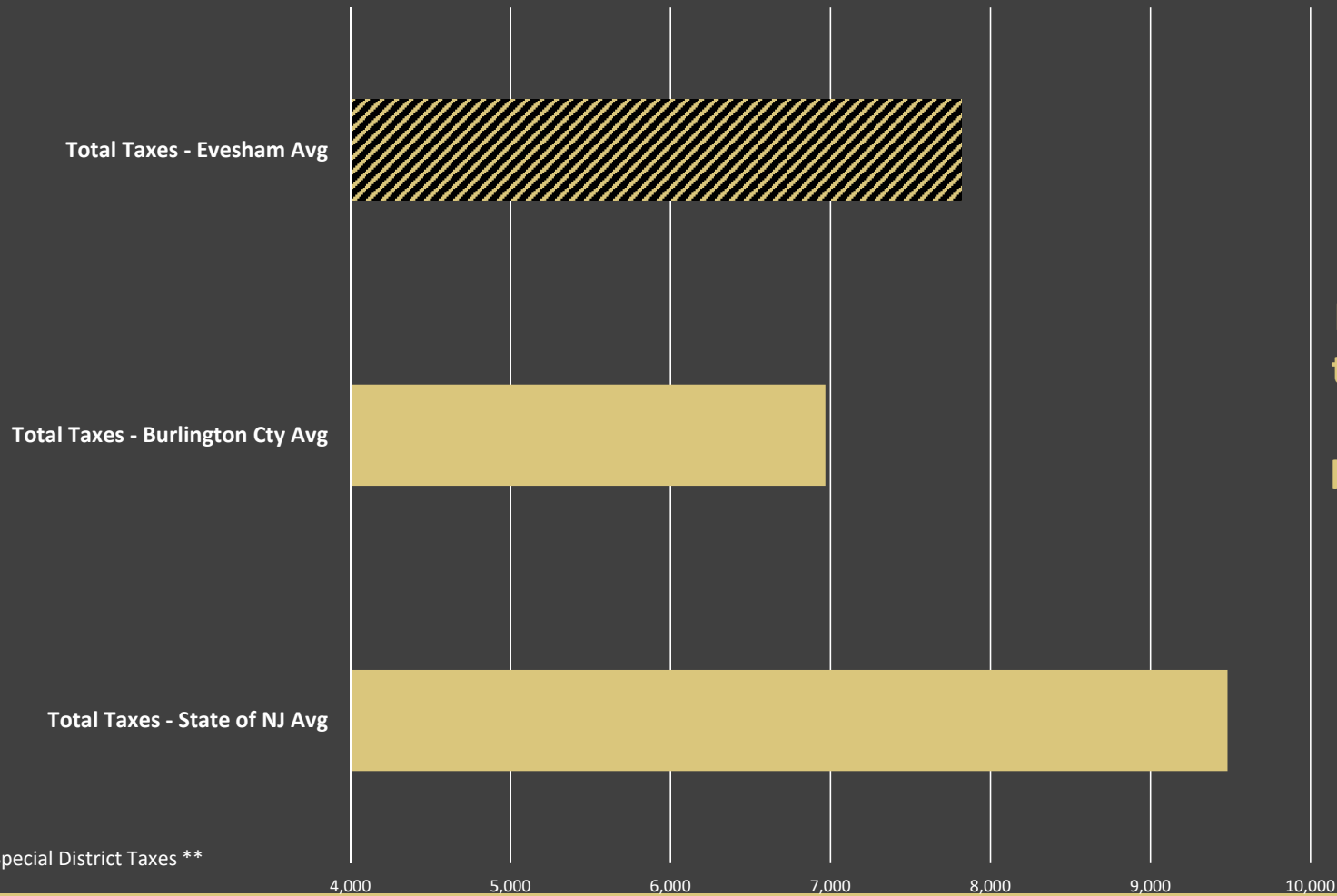
2023 Budget Key Tax Statistics

- 2023 proposed municipal tax rate is 0.501c per \$100 assessed value
- .01c to the average homeowner equates to \$27.26 annually and generates \$529,168 in tax revenue
 - The 2023 municipal tax levied on an average assessed home valued at \$272,571 is \$1,364.50
- Increase amounts to \$17.64 per month in new municipal taxes to the average homeowner

Tax Levy Composition of the Average \$8,342 2022 Tax Bill



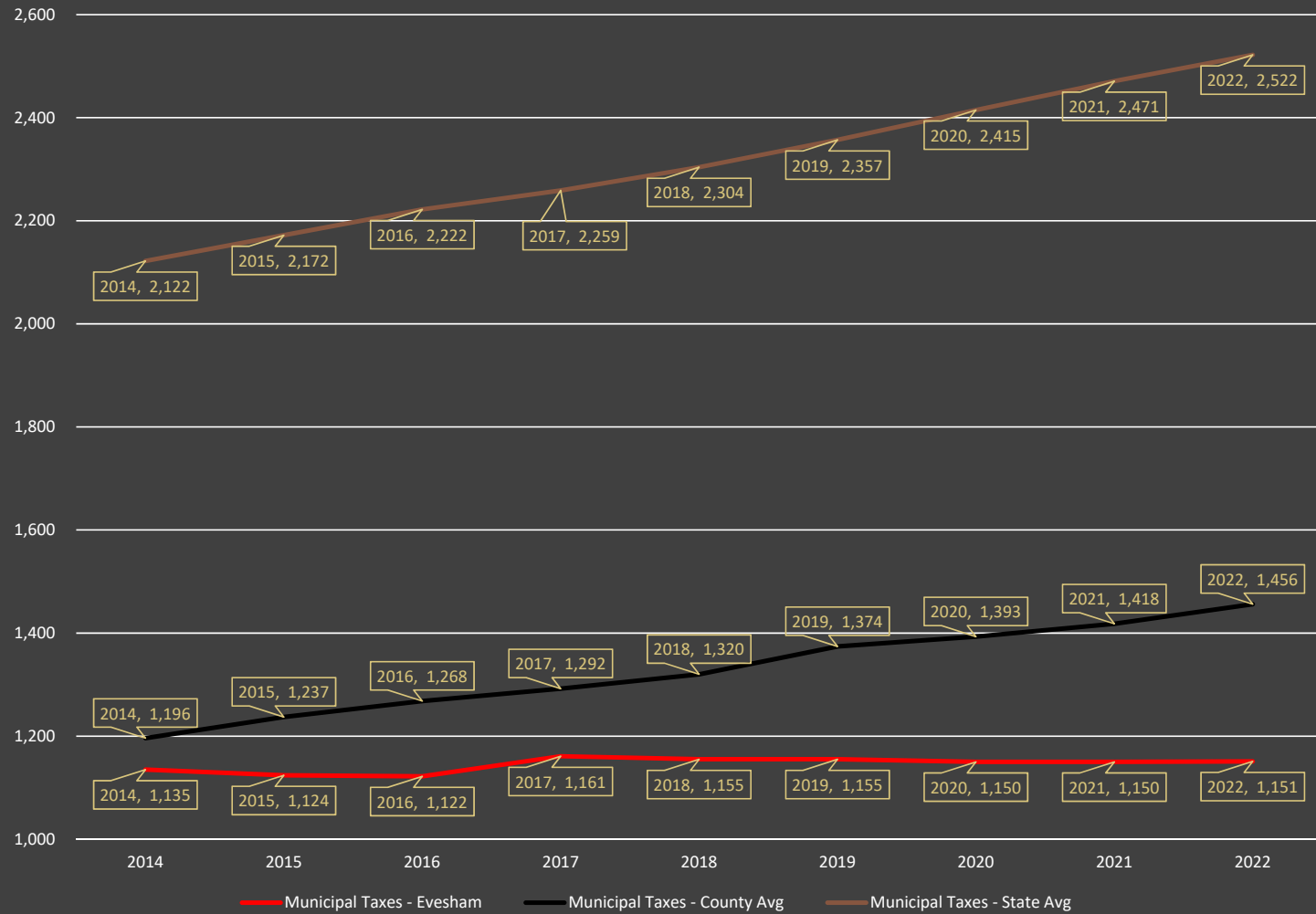
2022 Average Total Property Taxes Paid



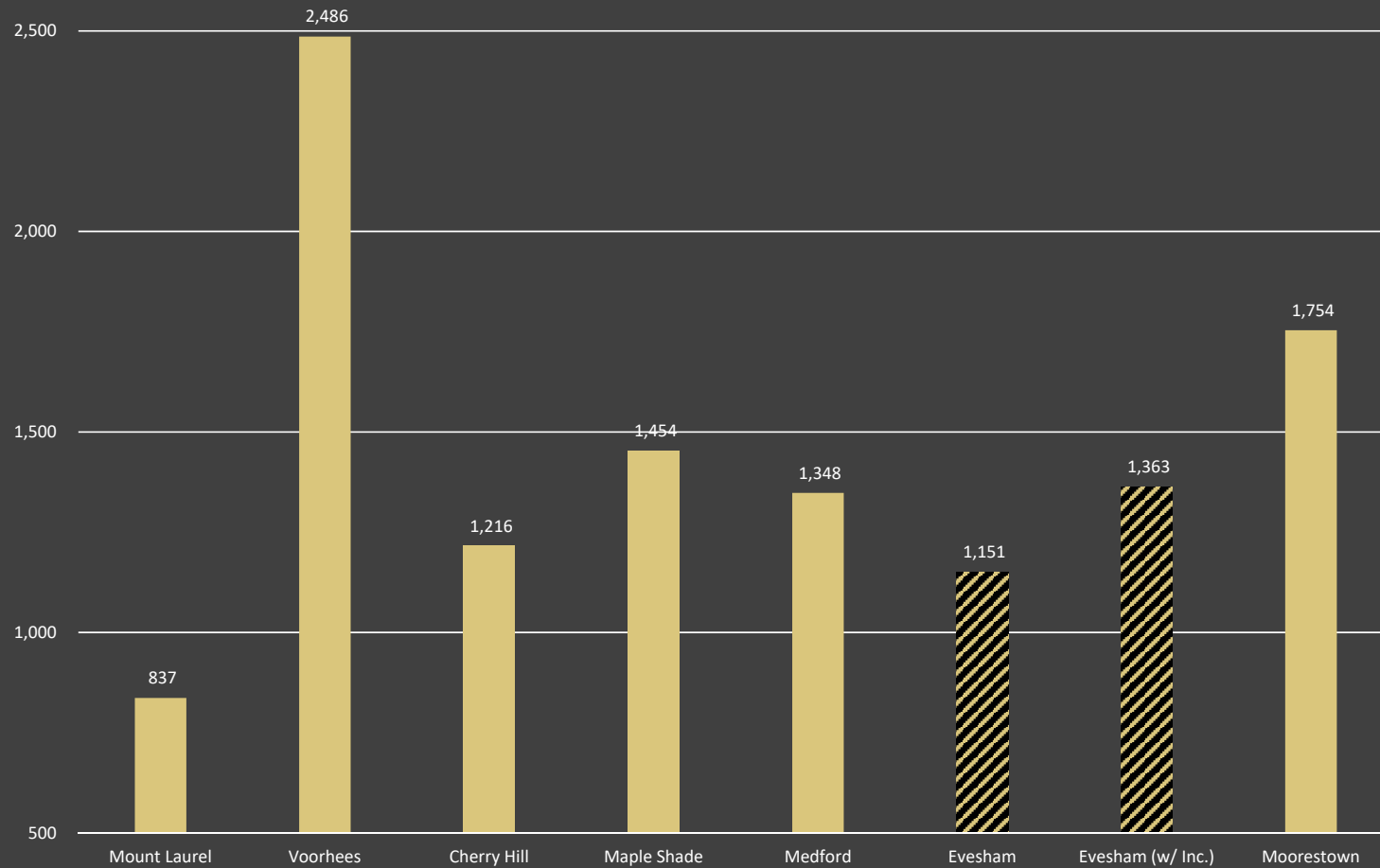
**Evesham ranks
12th out of 40
Burlington County
towns for total tax
burden despite
being the County's
largest
municipality**

**** Does not Include Special District Taxes ****

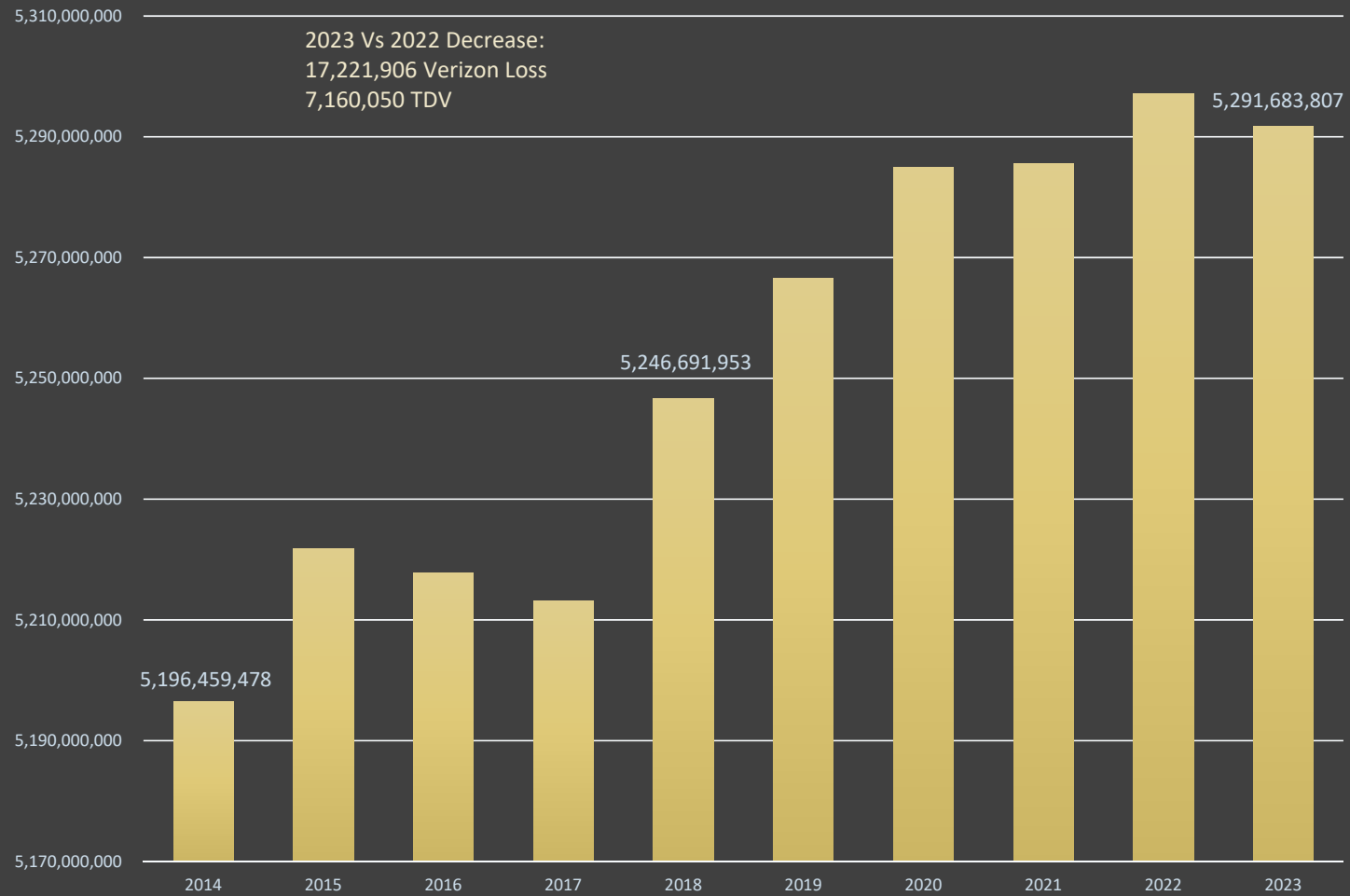
9 Year Trend - Municipal Taxes



Evesham Vs. Neighboring Municipal Levies (2022)



Net Value Taxable



Indian Springs Municipal Golf Course Budget



- Indian Springs had another very strong financial year in 2022
 - Fund balance increased from \$1,179,984 to \$1,314,806 (11.4% increase)
 - 44,421 rounds of golf played – 29,951 played in 2018
 - 45,970 buckets of balls hit – 25,154 hit in 2018
 - 220 golf members
- Another year of no Open Space funding being anticipated as revenue (2nd year)
- \$250,000 Golf Course “Dividend” to Current Fund for tax offset
 - Sustainable amount that can be reasonably expected to continue in the future (recurring revenue source)
- 2023 Budget is \$2,676,648 as compared to \$3,036,748 in 2022
 - One-time \$654,578 of Golf Capital Surplus in 2022 as compared to 2023 – explains decrease

Budget Summary



- Tax increase for the first time since 2017
 - From 2014 – 2022 tax rate increased only .003 net pennies or \$158,751 while the net budget increased \$9,175,182
- Golf Course Dividend to Current Fund
- Municipal share of property tax is only 14% of total property tax bill but impacts 100% of residents in town through DPW, Police, Construction, Capital Improvements, etc.



Future Opportunities

- Debt Service Reduction
 - Indian Springs Municipal Golf Course - \$540,000 in 2025
- New Line of Recurring Revenue - Cannabis Taxation (between 1% and 2% depending upon type of sale)
- Redevelopment
 - Responsible redevelopment will allow for increased ratables which will help to offset residential taxes
 - With the Township approaching “built-out” redevelopment will be necessary in order to increase the tax base and keep areas from becoming distressed and to attract private capital to invest in Evesham
- Leasing of Township properties for possible cell tower and solar farm

Questions
