

2018 Municipal Budget

Borough of New Providence
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B O R O U G H O F
NEW PROVIDENCE

SETTLED IN 1720

Overview

- Owners of real property in New Providence pay real estate taxes based upon the assessed valuation of their property.
- Municipal governments collect the property tax for the benefit of three taxing entities;
 - **The Municipality** - *The Mayor and Council control only this portion of your taxes.*
 - **Local Schools** - *The school tax is determined by the Board of Education .*
 - **Union County** - *The County budget is established by the County Freeholders.*

Overview Continued

- The estimated 2018 breakdown of the total tax bill between the Municipal, County and Board of Education, based on the property tax on the average home is as follows:

– Municipal	19.79%	\$2,726
– Municipal Open Space	.14%	\$ 19
– Library	1.34%	\$ 184
– Union County	21.91%	\$3,018
– Union County Open Space	.60%	\$ 83
– Board of Education	<u>56.22%</u>	<u>\$7,742</u>
	100.00%	\$13,772

Objectives

- ✓ Maintain essential municipal services.
- ✓ Continue to seek out efficiencies to contain operating costs and overhead.
- ✓ Keep municipal tax increases within predictable and affordable limits.
- ✓ Seek grants wherever possible to fund operations and capital improvements.
- ✓ Assure 2018 budget provides foundation for future budgets.
- ✓ Assure adequate funding levels of reserve accounts for Tax Appeals, Snow Removal & Insurance.

2017 -2018 Savings & Revenue Enhancements

- ✓ Continuing revenues from Shared Services agreement with Summit for Wastewater services - \$150,000 +/-
- ✓ New Item of Revenue for Police Escort Fees - \$45,000.
- ✓ Continuing the savings from the Reverse Electricity Auction and Natural gas with recent auctions to assure continued savings for next two years.
- ✓ Shared Service with Summit for Municipal Court Operations \$205,000.
- ✓ New Grant for Safe Routes to Schools - \$462,000.

Shared Services

- ✓ Shared Dispatch Center operational providing high levels of efficiency and professionalism.
- ✓ Continuing agreement with Berkeley Heights to provide all services related to their Municipal Court. \$92,000.
- ✓ New \$310,000 Department of Transportation paving grant for Livingston Avenue.

Municipal Tax Comparison

including Library & Open Space Tax

19 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$2,929
1999 Tax	\$1,692
19 Year Tax Increase	\$1,237
19 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 65

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$2,929
2017 Tax	\$2,874
1 Year Tax Increase	\$55

County Tax Comparison

including Open Space Tax

19 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$3,018
1999 Tax	\$1,297
19 Year Tax Increase	\$1,721
19 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 90

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$3,018
2017 Tax	\$2,966
1 Year Tax Increase	\$ 52

School Tax Comparison

19 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$7,742
1999 Tax	\$5,132
19 Year Tax Increase	\$2,512
19 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 137

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$7,742
2017 Tax	\$7,599
1 Year Tax Increase	\$ 143

Total Tax Comparison

19 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value

Home	
Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2018 Tax	\$13,689
1999 Tax	\$ 6,712
19 Year Tax Increase	\$ 6,908
19 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 367

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value

Home	
Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,00
2018 Tax	\$13,689
2017 Tax	\$13,440
1 Year Tax Increase	\$ 249

APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

Description	2017 Adopted Budget	2018 Proposed Budget	Increase or (Decrease) From 2017	Percentage
Public Safety	4,247,990	4,447,990	200,000	4.71%
Pension, Health Ins. & Employee Benefits	2,794,790	2,956,695	161,905	5.79%
Infrastructure	2,408,490	2,690,425	281,935	11.7%
Tax Reserves	2,000,000	2,053,380	53,380	2.67%
Public Works	2,366,850	2,387,850	21,000	0.89%
General Government	1,925,500	2,015,500	90,000	5.58%
Garbage Collection & Recycling	960,000	1,010,000	50,000	5.20%
Sewer Treatment & Disposal	790,000	815,000	25,000	3.23%
Street Lights & Utilities	590,000	600,000	10,000	1.69%
Land Use & Regulatory	491,350	498,600	7,250	1.47%
Community Activities & Events	355,450	370,450	15,000	4.22%
Insurance	515,000	535,000	20,000	3.88%
Municipal Court	187,900	351,175	163,275	86.89%
Public Health	139,475	141,475	2,000	1.43%
Grants & Donations	57,431	549,729	492,298	857.20%
Total Budget Appropriations	19,830,222	21,423,269	1,593,047	8.03%
Municipal Library	853,727	898,786	45,059	5.28%
Municipal Open Space	81,170	94,832	13,662	16.38%
Total Municipal Appropriations	20,683,953	22,416,887	1,651,764	7.95%

New Providence 2017 Taxes Among the Lowest When Compared to Union County Peer Communities

			Av Mun Tx\$	Garbage	Sewer	Municipal
1	Scotch Plains		1,841.00	520	250	2,611.00
2	Berkeley Heights		2,187.00	500	0	2,687.00
3	New Providence		2,766.00	0	0	2,766.00
4	Westfield		2,696.00	360	0	3,056.00
5	Cranford		2,510.00	275	250	3,035.00
6	Mountainside		3,006.00	180	0	3,186.00
7	Springfield		3,397.00	0	0	3,397.00
8	Summit		3,467.00	0	177	3,644.00

Future Investment

The Mayor and Council will continue to invest in the Borough's future through initiatives such as:

- ▶ **Recreation Improvements: Resurface Tennis Courts.**
- ▶ **DPW & Emergency Service Vehicles.**
- ▶ **Road Paving –Elkwood, Livingston.**
- ▶ **Sidewalk Repairs and installation of missing links of sidewalks.**
- ▶ **Funding for a School Resource Officer.**
- ▶ **Energy Efficiency Upgrades.**
- ▶ **Emergency Services – Upgrade Radio Equipment.**
- ▶ **Additional Video Surveillance equipment.**
- ▶ **Municipal Center/Library HVAC Upgrades.**

Capital Projects - 2018

Borough of New Providence 2018 Capital Budget & 5 Year Forecast

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:						
Public Works	845,000	485,000	360,000	380,000	950,000	3,020,000
Wastewater Treatment	450,000	400,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,450,000
Computers & Networking Equipment	38,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	43,000	165,000
Community Activities/Recreation	125,000	15,000	25,000	75,000	75,000	315,000
Borough Clerk		5,000		15,000	0	20,000
Rescue Squad	0					0
Fire	190,000	20,000	45,000	820,000	145,000	1,220,000
Rescue Squad	0	0	0	50,000	0	50,000
Emergency Management	595,000	10,000	75,000	10,000	15,000	705,000
Police	33,000	88,000	0	75,000	70,000	266,000
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Total	2,276,000	1,051,000	733,000	1,653,000	1,498,000	7,211,000