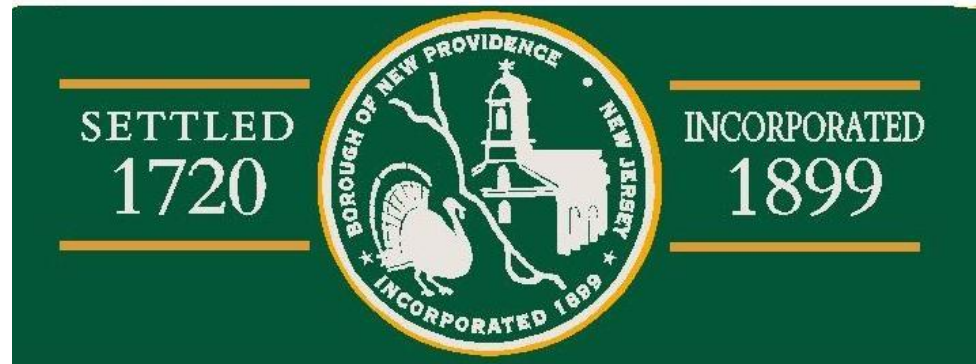


2017 Municipal Budget

Borough of New Providence
April 03, 2017



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 2017 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	19.87%	\$2,679
– Municipal Open Space	.13%	\$ 17
– Library	1.32%	\$ 178
– Union County	21.70%	\$2,925
– Union County Open Space	.60%	\$ 81
– Board of Education	<u>56.38%</u>	<u>\$7,599</u>
	100.00%	\$13,478

Objectives

- ✓ Maintain essential municipal services.
- ✓ Continue to seek out efficiencies to contain operating costs and overhead.
- ✓ Keep municipal tax increases within affordable limits.
- ✓ Seek grants wherever possible to fund operations and capital improvements.
- ✓ Assure 2017 budget provides foundation for future budgets.
- ✓ Assure adequate funding levels of reserve accounts for Tax Appeals, Snow Removal & Insurance.

2016 -2017 Savings & Revenue Enhancements

- ✓ Continuing revenues from Shared Services agreement with Summit for Wastewater services - \$185,000 +/-
- ✓ Continuing Revenues from Lucent Waste Water agreement - \$60,000
- ✓ Continuing the savings from the Reverse Electricity Auction and Natural gas with recent auctions to assure continued savings for next two years..
- ✓ Cooperative Purchasing – UC Solid Waste Agreement - \$40,00 annually

Shared Service

- ✓ Continued shared service with Westfield for Board of Health Services - \$24,000
- ✓ DPW Equipment Sharing – Brine Machine – Cost savings through equipment sharing and Overtime costs associated with snow events.
- ✓ 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. \$90,000.

Municipal Tax Comparison

including Library & Open Space Tax

18 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2017 Tax	\$2,874
1999 Tax	\$1,674
18 Year Tax Increase	\$1,200
18 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 67

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2017 Tax	\$2,874
2016 Tax	\$2,838
1 Year Tax Increase	\$36

County Tax Comparison

including Open Space Tax

18 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2017 Tax	\$3,006
1999 Tax	\$1,288
18 Year Tax Increase	\$1,718
18 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 96

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2017 Tax	\$3,006
2016 Tax	\$2,918
1 Year Tax Increase	\$ 88

School Tax Comparison

18 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2017 Tax	\$7,599
1999 Tax	\$3,696
18 Year Tax Increase	\$3,903
18 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase	\$ 217

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value Home

Avg. Assessed Value	\$282,000
2017 Tax	\$7,599
2016 Tax	\$7,532
1 Year Tax Increase	\$ 67

Total Tax Comparison

18 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value

	Home	
Avg. Assessed Value		\$282,000
2017 Tax		\$13,478
1999 Tax		\$ 6,658
18 Year Tax Increase		\$ 6,820
18 Yr. Avg. Annual Increase		\$ 379

1 Year Impact On Average Assessed Value

	Home	
Avg. Assessed Value		\$282,00
2017 Tax		\$13,478
2016 Tax		\$13,289
1 Year Tax Increase		\$ 189

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Description	2016 Adopted Budget	2017 Proposed	Increase (Decrease)	
			2017 Recommend over 2016 Adopted Budget	
			\$	%
SUMMARY				
PUBLIC SAFETY	4,320,030	4,465,890	145,860	0.77%
PENSION, HEALTH INS. & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,714,966	2,797,290	82,324	0.43%
INFRASTRUCTURE -15	2,304,913	2,408,490	103,577	0.54%
TAX RESERVES	2,100,000	2,275,000	175,000	0.92%
PUBLIC WORKS	2,386,050	2,469,350	83,300	0.44%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,408,180	1,511,500	103,320	0.54%
GARBAGE COLLECTION & RECYCLING	955,000	960,000	5,000	0.03%
SEWER TREATMENT & DISPOSAL	735,000	790,000	55,000	0.29%
STREET LIGHTS & UTILITIES	590,000	590,000	0	0.00%
LAND USE & REGULATORY	497,475	491,350	(6,125)	-0.03%
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS	311,134	380,534	69,400	0.37%
INSURANCE	495,000	515,000	20,000	0.11%
PUBLIC HEALTH	138,475	139,475	1,000	0.01%
GRANTS & DONATIONS	57,287	36,347	(20,940)	-0.11%
TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	19,013,510	19,830,226	816,716	4.30%
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	827,184	853,727	26,543	0.13%
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	59,165	81,170	22,005	0.11%
TOTAL MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS	19,899,859	20,765,123	865,264	4.35%

New Providence 2016 Taxes Among the Lowest When Compared to Union County Peer Communities

Average <i>Municipal</i> Taxes						Total
			Av Mun Txs	Garbage	Sewer	Municipal
1	Berkeley Heights		2,135.00	420	0	2,555.00
2	Scotch Plains		1,810.00	520	250	2,580.00
3	New Providence		2,670.00	0	0	2,670.00
4	Westfield		2,497.00	360	0	2,857.00
5	Cranford		2,422.00	275	250	2,947.00
6	Mountainside		2,914.00	180	0	3,094.00
7	Springfield		3,254.00	0	0	3,254.00
8	Summit		3,365.00	0	177	3,542.00

Future Investment

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

- ▶ **Recreation Improvements: Oakwood Park, Grove Terrace renovation & Greenhouse remediation/renovation.**
- ▶ **DPW Vehicles & Police Cars**
- ▶ **Road Paving – Southgate Road, Elkwood, Central**
- ▶ **Sidewalk Repairs and installation of missing links.**
- ▶ **Energy Efficiency Upgrades.**
- ▶ **Enhancements to tennis courts, fitness trail**
- ▶ **Fire Department SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)**
- ▶ **Additional Video Surveillance equipment**

Capital Projects - 2017

	Estimated Cost	Operating Budget	Improvement Fund	Capital Surplus	Other Funds	Debt
Public Works Total	835,000		41,750			793,250
Wastewater Treatment Total	0	0	0			0
Computers & Networking Total	27,000	0	1,350			25,650
Community Activities - Recreation Total:	1,750,000	0	87,500			1,662,500
Senior Citizen Center		0	0			0
Fire Department Total	170,000	0	8,500			161,500
Borough Clerk Total		0	0			0
Rescue Squad Total	0	0	0			0
Emergency Management Total	10,000	0	500			9,500
Police Total	100,000	0	5,000			95,000
SECTION 20 EXPENSES			0			
TOTAL	2,892,000	0	144,600			2,747,400