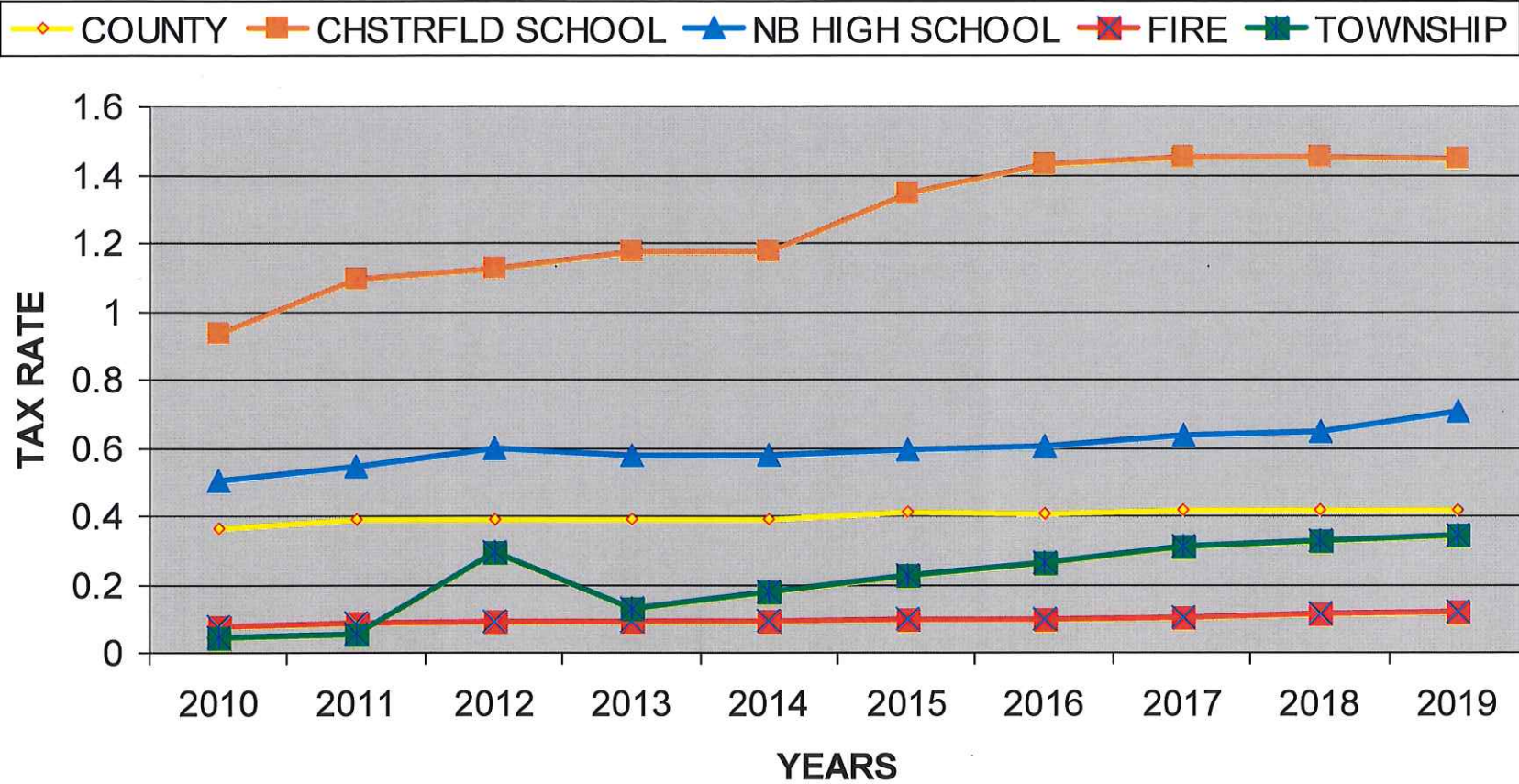

2020
MUNICIPAL BUDGET
for the
TOWNSHIP OF
CHESTERFIELD

10 YEAR TAX HISTORY

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2019 BREAKDOWN OF TAXES

TAXING ENTITY	RATE	% OF TOTAL
TOWNSHIP	.339	11.22 %
FIRE (Average)	.117	3.87 %
CHESTERFIELD SCHOOL	1.444	47.80 %
NB HIGH SCHOOL	.705	23.34 %
COUNTY (All)	.416	13.77 %
TOTAL	3.021	100.00 %

2019 Average House \$391,516

Total Paid \$11,827.70, PAID TWP \$1,327.24

2020 PROJECTED

- 1/1/20 Beginning Surplus \$ 4,159,603.43
 - 2020 Municipal Budget \$ 5,381,500.00
 - Surplus Utilized \$ 1,416,000.00
 - Surplus After Budget \$ 2,743,603.43
 - The Township has completed permitting for the Development Area for Traditions, issuing the last permits in January 2020. The Township is further looking at 2020-2021 as the completion of the Crestwood proposed development area. In 2020, the resulting impact is a 50% reduction in Construction Fees in the 2020 budget.
 - The use of surplus continues to be examined with multi-year projections with a thorough review concerning the final completion of the development and the corresponding reduction of added taxes on the yearly surplus balance and the further reduction of Construction Fees in future budgets
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2020 – THE BUDGET PROCESS

- Department Heads submit budgets
 - Submitted to Finance for compilation
 - Detail Expenses are distributed to Township Committee
 - Budget department discussions with Township Administrator and Department Heads
 - Budget Meetings with Budget Advisory Committee
 - March 12, 2020 Budget Introduced
 - April 22, 2020 Local Finance Board on 1977 CAP Waiver – Waiver Granted
 - April 23, 2020 Public Hearing on Introduced Budget
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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Thanks to the Budget Advisory Committee for all their hard work and dedication.
 - Members
 - Swetang Brahmhatt
 - Jeffrey Kolakowski
 - Duhan Malali
 - Michael Stein
 - A main focus was that the Township should actively search for additional revenues and support projects that have little to no impact on the schools.
 - The Governing Body takes all their suggestions into consideration when making budget decisions.
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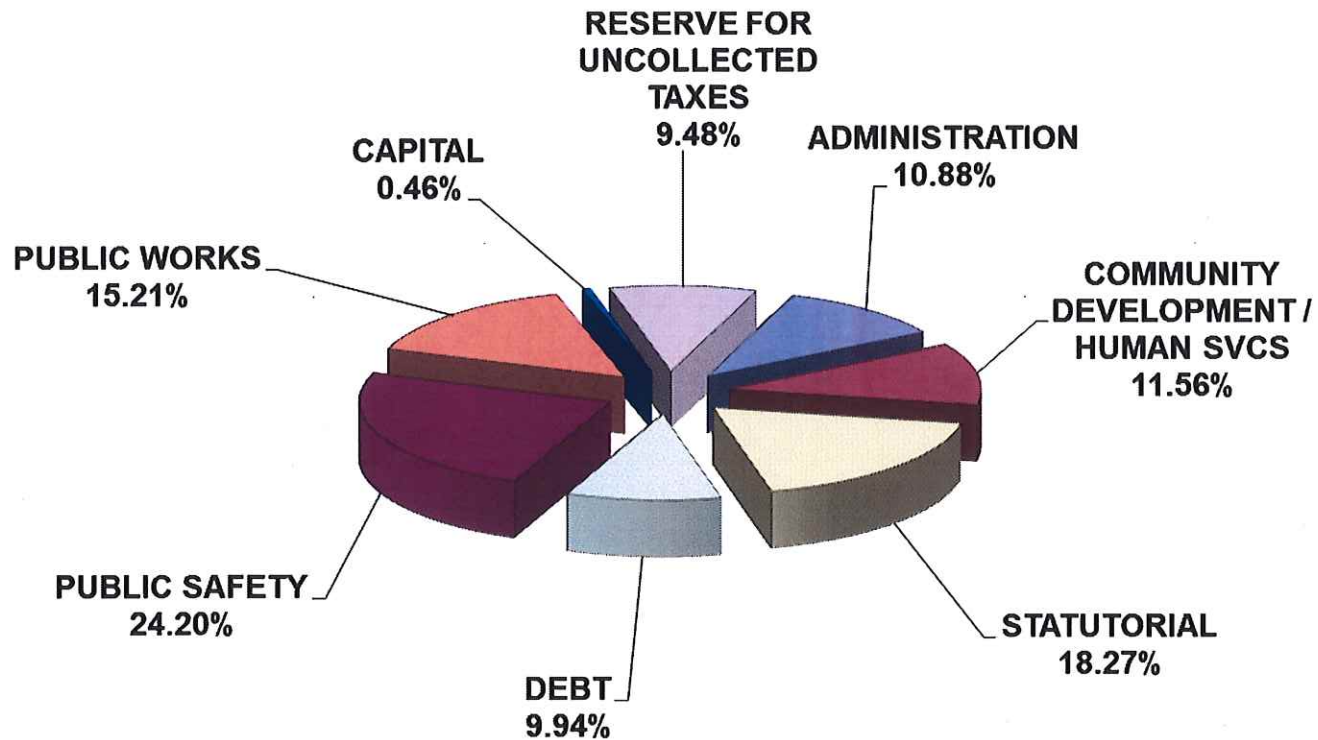
2019 & 2020 REVENUE

REVENUE	2019	2020
SURPLUS	1,312,000.00	1,416,000.00
LOCAL REVENUE	267,000.00	275,500.00
STATE AID	512,715.00	512,715.00
CONSTRUCTION	165,000.00	80,000.00
GRANTS	3,362.52	1,409.57
SPECIAL REVENUE	105,360.00	105,120.00
DELINQUENT TAXES	200,000.00	200,000.00
AMOUNT RAISED	2,724,562.48	2,790,755.43
TOTAL	5,290,000.00	5,378,500.00

TOWNSHIP SERVICE AREAS

- **PUBLIC SAFETY - CHIEF, 9 F/T OFFICERS, 1 P/T OFFICERS, 1 SECRETARY**
 - POLICE, FIRST AID, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 - **PUBLIC WORKS – 1 DIRECTOR, 1 FOREMAN, 4 EMPLOYEES**
 - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, STREETS & ROADS, SNOW, RECYCLING, MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES, UTILITIES,
 - **ADMINISTRATION**
 - COMMITTEE, ADMIN, CLERK, FINANCE, TAX, PROFESSIONALS
 - **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / HUMAN SERVICES**
 - PARKS & RECREATION, CONSTRUCTION, PLANNING, ZONING, LIBRARY, CCA, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, COURT, BOARD OF HEALTH, SENIORS, DOG
 - **STATUTORIAL**
 - INSURANCE, PENSION, SOCIAL SECURITY, UNEMPLOYMENT
 - **DEBT**
 - **RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES**
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TOWNSHIP BUDGET AREAS



NOTED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

■ LEGAL

- Reduction due to Pipeline Settlement. Settlement returned all multi-year legal expenses which was returned to surplus and created a Community Impact Fund for unforeseen future costs.

■ ENGINEERING

- Reduction due to Pipeline Settlement.

■ PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

- Increase in the area of Field Maintenance.

■ CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

- Move to P/T Construction Official since development completion.

■ AMBULANCE SERVICES

- The Township has prepared for a change in the event it is needed.
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TOWNSHIP SHARED SERVICES

- Provided To Chesterfield

- Municipal Court – Bordentown Twp – This was a change in 2019.

 - 2020 Projected Savings - \$15,000.00

- Animal Control Services – Bordentown Twp

- Provided By Chesterfield

- Snow and Landscaping Services – Chesterfield School
 - Fuel Supplied – Chesterfield School & Fire Districts
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BUDGET and COVID-19

- Budget Introduction March 12, 2020
 - Introduced with a one cent tax increase which would create a \$39.06 tax increase on the average house
 - COVID-19 impacts the world and the economy.
 - Township Committee wants to best assist the residents during this time.
 - At completion of Public Hearing, will plan to adopt a budget amendment utilizing more surplus and reducing the amount to be raised by taxes to the same 2019 amount, thereby keeping the tax rate flat. **NO INCREASE !**
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2020 TOWNSHIP TAX

2020 Proposed Tax Rate

33.9 cents

Increase in Tax Rate

0.00 cents

Tax on Average House of \$390,612

\$ 1,324.17

2020 Increase on Average House

\$ 0.00

To Calculate Individual Local Impact
Assessed Value divided by 100 times .340

THE CAP STORY

- NJ HAS 2 “CAPS” LAWS
 - 1977 APPROPRIATION CAP LAW
 - This law places a CAP Limit over the Prior Year Appropriations less certain exclusions
 - 2010 LEVY CAP LAW
 - This law limits the Tax Levy from increasing 2% over the Prior Year Levy, plus an increase for new ratables, and certain exclusions.
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THE APPROPRIATION CAP

- Every Year since 2005 the Township requests a waiver of the 1977 Appropriation CAP Law
 - The Waiver is for Police Salary & Wage and Ambulance Services
 - The Waiver must be approved by the NJ Local Finance Board at a Public Meeting
 - 2020 Waiver was approved by the Local Finance Board on April 22nd in an Electronic/Conference Call meeting.
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THE APPROPRIATION CAP

■ 2019 Appropriations	\$ 5,290,000.00
■ Less: Allowable Modifications including Interlocals, Grants, Capital, Debt, etc	<u>(\$ 1,973,053.00)</u>
■ Amount on Which 2.5% CAP is Applied	\$ 3,316,947.00
■ Allowable By State – 2.5%	\$ 82,923.68
■ Index Rate Ordinance – 1%	\$ 33,169.47
■ New Construction 20,854,400 x .339	<u>\$ 70,696.42</u>
■ Maximum CAP Allowable to 2020	<u>\$ 3,503,737.77</u>
■ Waiver Request	\$ 644,763.00

THE LEVY CAP

■ 2019 Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	\$ 2,724,562.00
■ PLUS: 2% CAP Increase	\$ 54,491.24
■ PLUS: Allowable Exclusions	
Pension, Debt, Cancellations	\$ 19,762.25
■ New Construction 20,854,400 x .339	\$ 70,696.42
■ Levy CAP Bank	<u>\$ 1,993.00</u>
■ Maximum Allowable for 2020	\$ 2,871,504.91
■ Utilized in 2020 budget with Amendment	\$ 2,790,755.43
■ Balance to be Placed in 3 year Bank and must be utilized no later than 2023	\$ 80,749.48

AFFECT OF CAPS ON 2020 BUDGET

- The 2020 budget was prepared in conjunction with a 5 year forecast of the CAPs effect.
 - The Township plans to address the Appropriation CAP if and when a referendum is needed for the Levy Cap.
 - This budget addresses the tax rate so that large spikes do not occur between years. The Township will seek to spread the increase from the flat tax rate this year over the course of the next three years.
 - Current forecasts show that the cap referendum may occur in 2022-2023.
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TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION SERVICE AREAS

The following Outside Organizations support your Community. Now these organizations need your support. Please volunteer, fundraise, donate or support the operations in any way you can.

■ **CROSSWICKS LIBRARY**

- (609)298-6271 crosswicks@bcls.lib.nj.us
- Provides Library services to enrich the lives of citizens.

■ **CROSSWICKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

- (609)379-2341 CrosswicksHouse@gmail.com
- Enhance Community life by providing Cultural & Social activities.

■ **CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- (609)298-3700 chesterfieldtwphistoricalsoc@gmail.com
- Dedicated to the collection, preservation and promotion of the Township's history.

■ **CHESTERFIELD KEENAGERS**

- 12:00PM Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month at the Municipal Building
- Provide Senior Citizen topics and speakers of points of interest

■ **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

- ctaasports.org
 - Provide safe, affordable Recreational Athletic Opportunities for Chesterfield Youth.
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PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Improvements to Harker Road
 - Cricket Field
 - Saddle Way Gazebo
 - Dog Park
 - Batting Cages
 - Walking Trails Signage
 - Picnic Tables in Various Township Parks
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FUTURE PROJECTS

- Tennis Wall
 - Volleyball Courts
 - Fenton Lane Bathrooms
 - Upgrade to Recycling Area
 - Upgrade to Public Works Building
 - Sykesville Road Paving
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- All Future Projects are considered in conjunction with Grant opportunities
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