

Borough of Mount Penn

2018 Budget

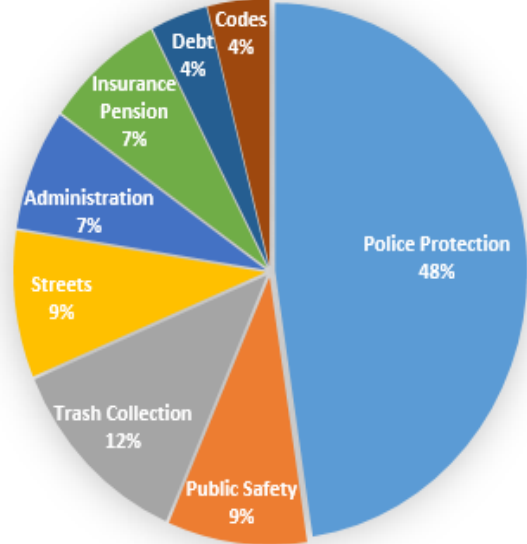
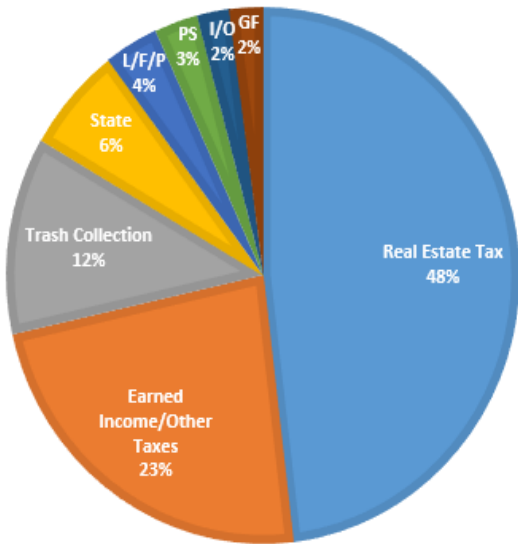
Borough Council has approved a 2018 budget of \$2,053,300. To produce needed revenue, a total property tax rate of 10.5 mills has been established. The general purposes tax millage increases from 8 to 9 while the 1.25 mill fire tax and 0.25 mill ambulance tax are unchanged. As a result, the owner of a property assessed at the borough average of \$68,970 will pay \$724.

Revenue

Real Estate Taxes	\$988,100
Earned Income/Other Taxes	\$478,800
Trash Collection	\$245,000
State Shared Revenue	\$130,700
General Fund	\$41,800
Public Safety	\$56,000
Licenses/Fines/Permits	\$70,000
Interest/Other	<u>\$42,900</u>
	\$2,053,300

Expenditures

Police Protection	\$977,800
Public Safety	\$183,400
Trash Collection	\$248,500
Streets	\$181,200
Administration	\$150,200
Insurance/Pension	\$155,900
Debt Service/Misc.	\$74,700
Zoning/Codes	<u>\$81,600</u>
	\$2,053,300



Notes:

- The additional one mill should generate about \$90,000, which is essentially the same amount that costs for police coverage will increase in 2018.
- The borough approached Lower Alsace Township to consider changing the annual police cost-sharing formula from a straight 50/50 split to a per capita split of 59/41 (based on populations of 4,500 in LAT and 3,100 in MPB). This method, which is used by Robesonia and Wernersville for the Western Berks Police Department, would have saved the borough about \$172,000 in 2018. LAT rejected the proposal.
- Trash is included in the budget only because the borough contracts for municipal trash, recycling, and yard waste service and collects the annual per dwelling fee, which will be \$195 in 2018.