



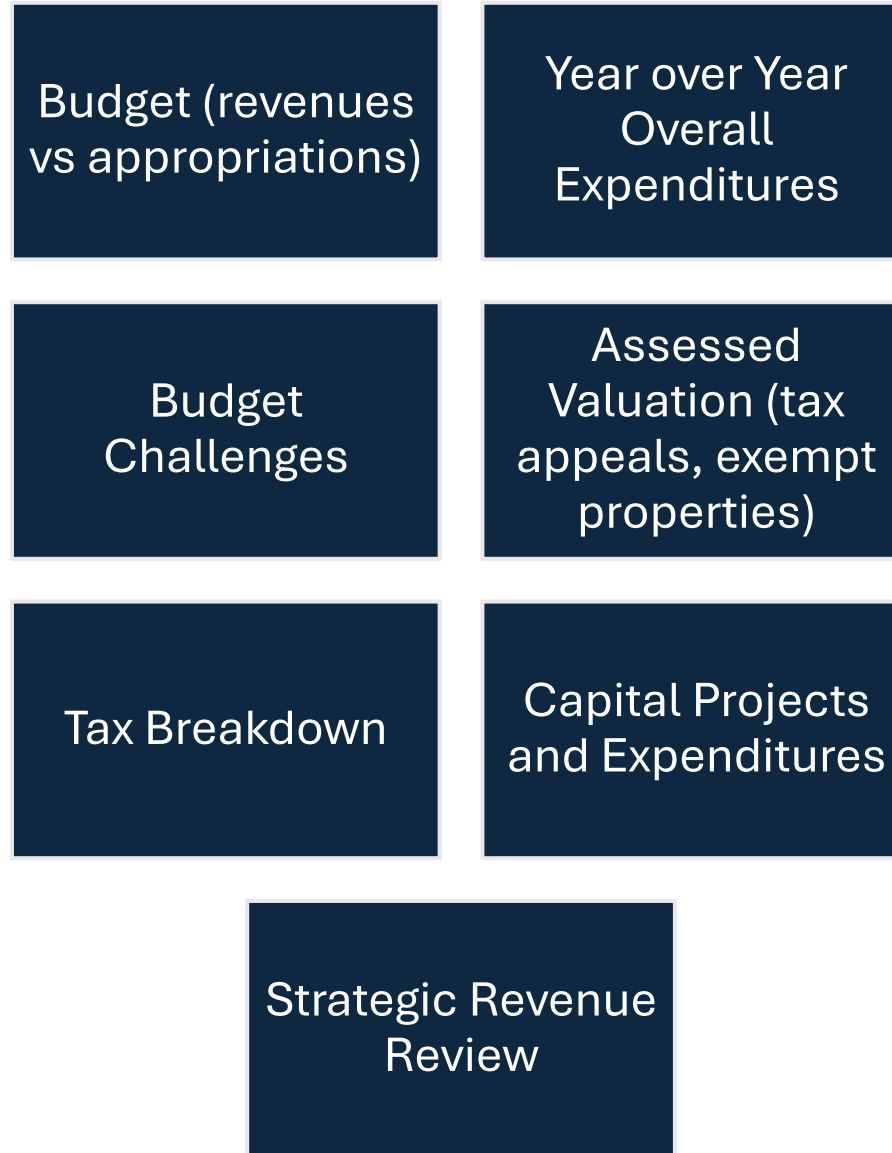
Budget Presentation

2026

Governing Body

- Mayor John D'Amato
- Council President Ray Yazdi
- Councilman David Bronkhurst
- Councilman Dominic Catalano
- Councilman John Graziano
- Councilwoman Jenifer Hagin
- Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert

Talking Points



2026 Proposed Budget

PROPOSED
MUNICIPAL
BUDGET
FOR 2026:

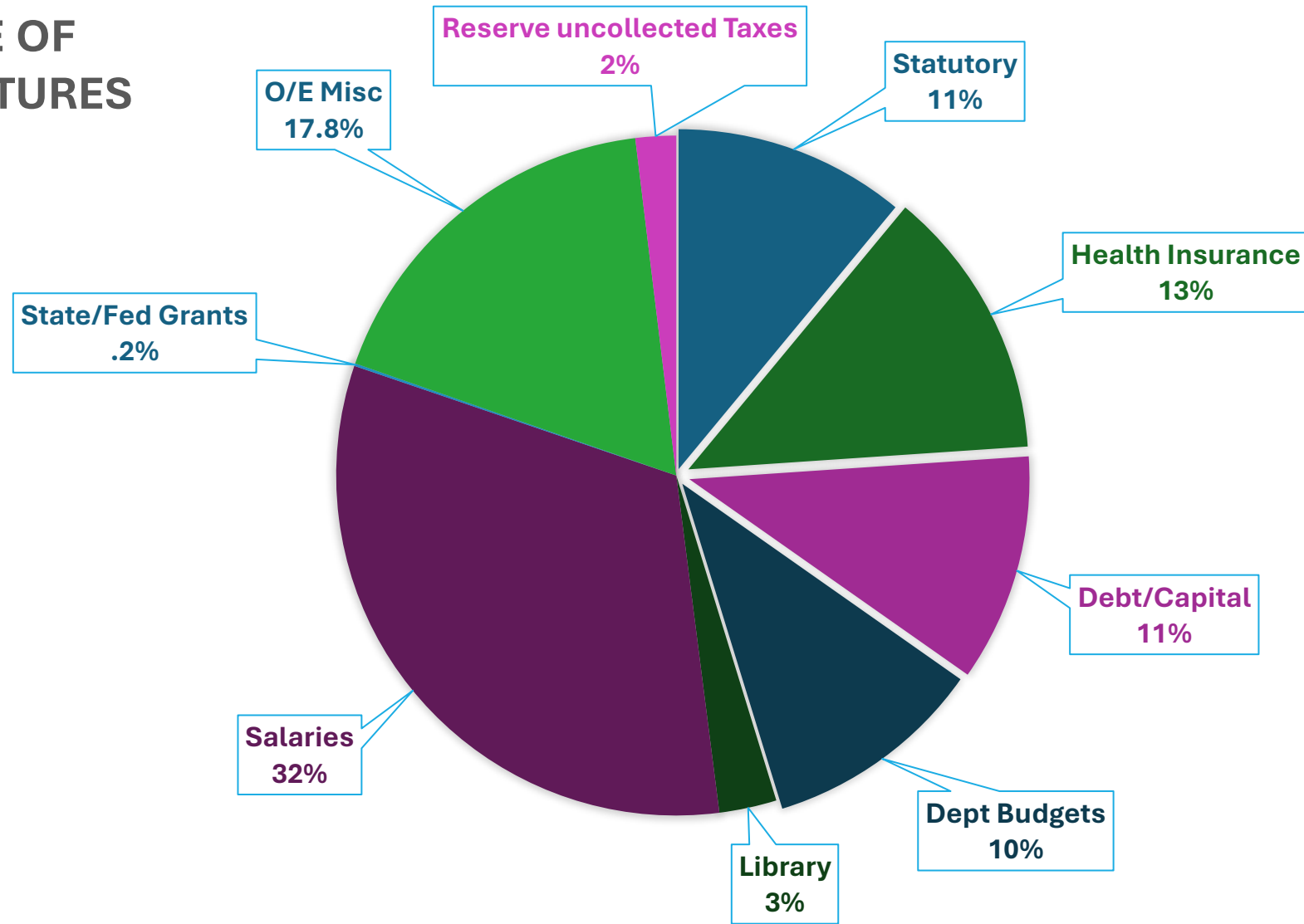
\$16,628,784

“Appropriations”

What the Borough
spends money on.



PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES

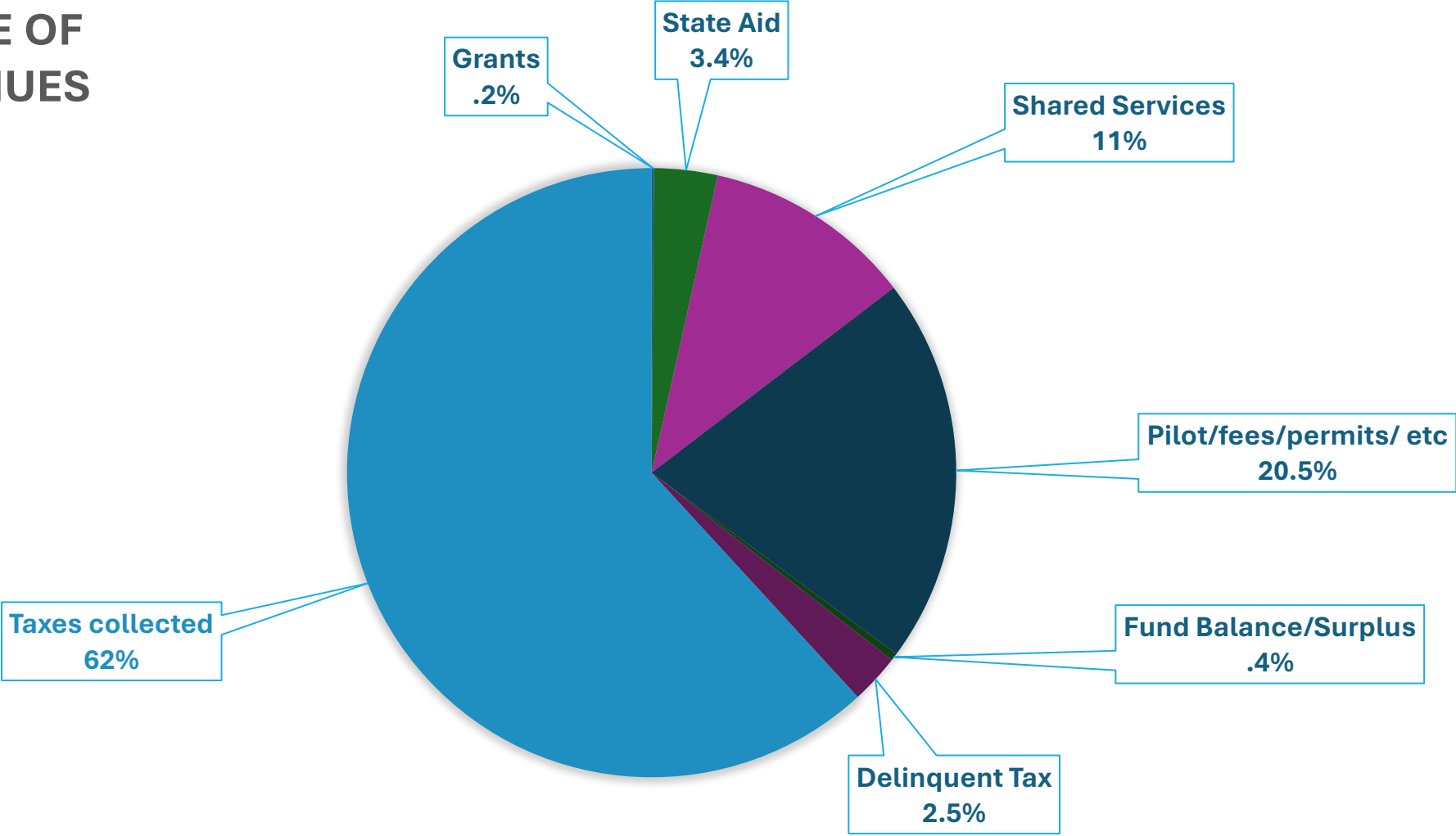


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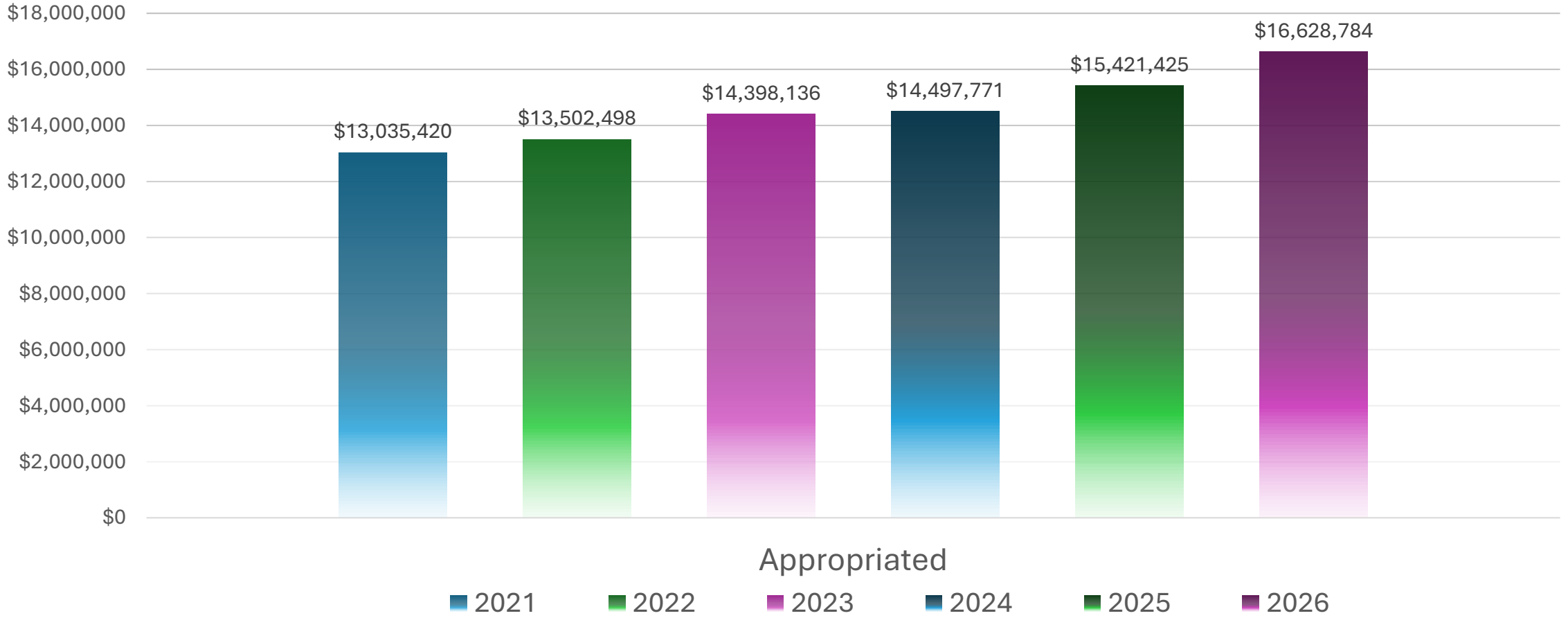
How the Borough
Raises money.



PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUES

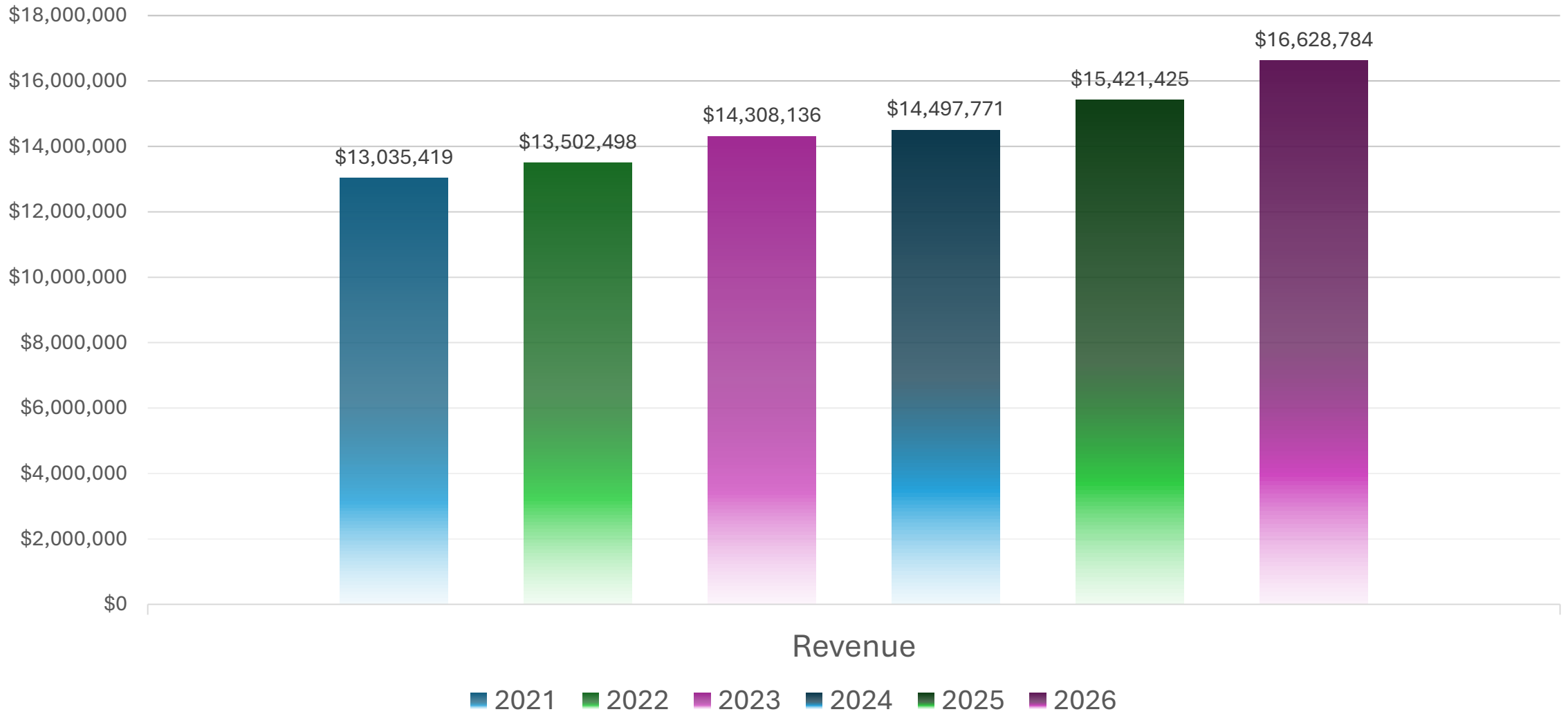


MULTI-YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVIEW



• 2026 \$1,207,359 Increase or 7.8% over 2025

MULTI- YEAR REVENUE REVIEW



APPROPRIATIONS

	2026 Budget	%+/-	\$ change
Salaries – All Staff	\$5,362,794	8.6%	\$426,094
OE (operating expenses)			
• Individual Dept Budgets	\$1,745,493	.7%	\$11,483
• Health Insurance	\$2,149,000	24.6%	\$424,000
• Library	\$453,705	10.5%	\$43,292
• Shared Services /util/Insu/misc	\$2,947,102	4.6%	\$129,609
State/Federal Grants	\$20,491	-58.8%	(\$29,182)
Statutory Expenditures			
• Unemployment insurance, Pensions, SS, etc...	\$1,830,150	-5.23%	(\$101,032)
Capital/Debt Service			
• Vehicles Lease (inc sweeper payment)	\$367,725	21%	\$64,200
• Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,431,768	9.7%	\$127,001
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$320,556	53.6%	\$111,895
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$16,628,784	7.8%	\$1,207,359

REVENUES

	2026 Budget	%+/-
• General Revenue		
• Grants	\$20,491	-57.4%
• State Aid	\$560,164	0.0%
• Library	\$453,705	10.6%
• Shared Services	\$1,850,243	2%
• Pilot/Land Sale/ fines/licensing/ fees/permits/etc...	\$3,414,288	17%
• Fund Balance/Surplus	\$65,000	-90%
• Delinquent Tax	\$437,654	145%
• Amount to be raised by Taxes	\$9,827,239	11.6%
• TOTAL REVENUE	\$16,628,784	7.8%

Budget Challenges



Health Insurance Increases

Rising Carrier
Premiums



Tax Collection

A drop in collection rates
from 99.40% to 98.63%.
We opted to use the three-
year average of 99.12% to
help reduce the costs.



Emergency Weather
Two major blizzard
events in January
and February.



Fund Balance/Surplus
Down 78.7% used
90% less than last
year.



One-time Revenue
used to balance
budget

Health Insurance Increases

\$424 K - 2026

\$355 K - 2025


Mandatory Contractual Obligations

This increase is a fixed cost required to satisfy existing labor agreements. It is a market-driven escalation that must be absorbed within the operating budget to protect our workforce and service delivery.

Tax Collection & Reserve Gap

The statutory Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (RUT) must expand to cover the shift in historical collection efficiency.

- Historical Average (99.4%) RESERVE \$208,661.27
- Current Trend (99.12%) RESERVE \$320,556.09



The .28% drop in collections mandates a \$111,894.89 budgetary increase to comply with statutory cash-basis requirements.

Unforeseen Snow Operations

\$109,000 Blizzard Impact

Public safety and infrastructure access are nonnegotiable. The two severe blizzard events necessitated immediate spending on:

- Emergency overtime for DPW crews
- Surge in salt/de-icing consumables



FUND BALANCE / SURPLUS HISTORY

YEAR	AVAILABLE FUNDS	FUNDS USED	BALANCE	250k HOUSE AVG TAX INC.
2020	\$1,160,504	\$965,000	\$195,504	\$23.00 / 2.2%
2021	\$985,767	\$985,000	\$767	\$25.00 / 0.7%
2022	\$1,030,383	\$1,000,000	\$30,383	-\$6.00 / -0.2%
2023	\$1,712,731	\$1,400,000	\$312,731	\$18.00 / 0.3%
2024	\$1,352,588	\$1,250,000	\$102,588	\$58.00 / 2.2%
2025	\$715,067	\$650,000	\$65,067	\$204.00 / 7.2%
2026	\$152,397	\$65,000	\$87,397	\$356.00 / 11.6%
TOTAL		\$6,315,000		\$97.00 avg / 3.43% 7 years

2026 Assessed Value – Net Valuation

Type of Property	Properties	Total Assessment	Average Assessment	Percent of Tax Base	Tax \$'s Accounted For
Vacant Land	79	\$21,837,700	\$276,427	3%	\$1,092,759
Residential	2445	\$626,976,400	\$256,432	86.1%	\$31,373,900
Farm	18	\$1,521,700	\$84,539	.2%	\$76,145
Commercial	114	\$77,474,500	\$679,600	10.7%	\$3,876,825
Net Valuation Taxable (2026)	2656	\$727,810,300		100%	
Exempt	96	\$72,326,400	\$753,400		\$3,619,213
TOTAL	2752	\$800,136,700			
Town Owned not public zoned		\$5,635,800			\$282,000
Exempt-Vet	19	\$5,277,600	\$277,768		\$264,091

Tax Rate Computations

3rd Qtr Computation

$$\frac{\text{Assessed House Value}}{100} \times \text{Est Tax Rate} = \text{Yearly Tax Total (YTT)}$$

$$\text{YTT} - (\text{Qtr 1} + \text{Qtr 2}) = \text{2nd Half Balance Due}$$

$$(\text{2nd Half Bal Due} / 2) = \text{3rd Qtr Payment}$$

4th Qtr Computation

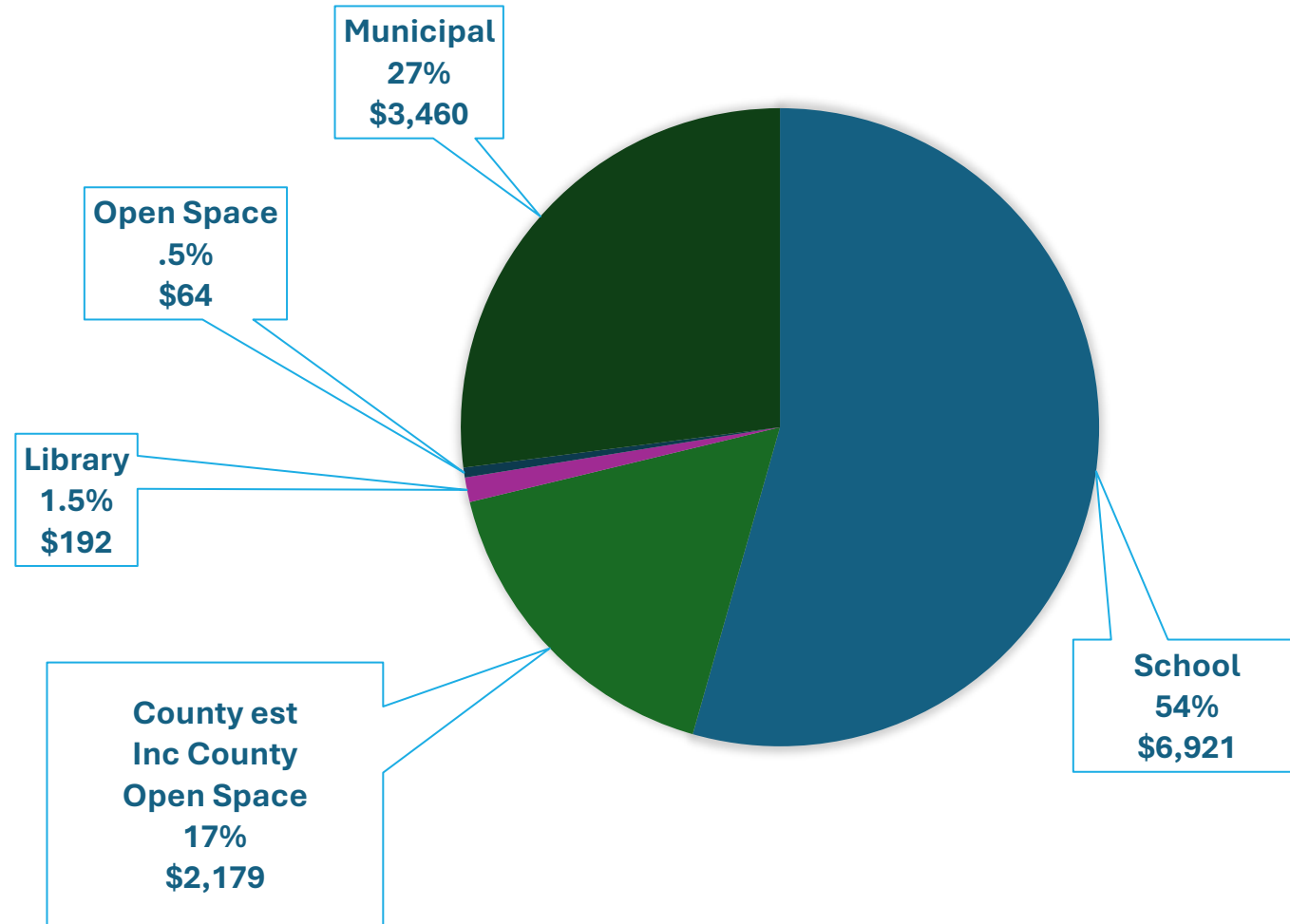
$$\frac{\text{Assessed House Value}}{100} \times \text{Cert. Tax Rate} = \text{Official Yearly Tax Total (OYTT)}$$

$$\text{OYTT} - (\text{Qtr 1} + 2 + 3) = \text{4th Qtr Balance Due}$$

$$(\text{OYTT} / 4) = \text{1st and 2nd Qtr Payments following year}$$

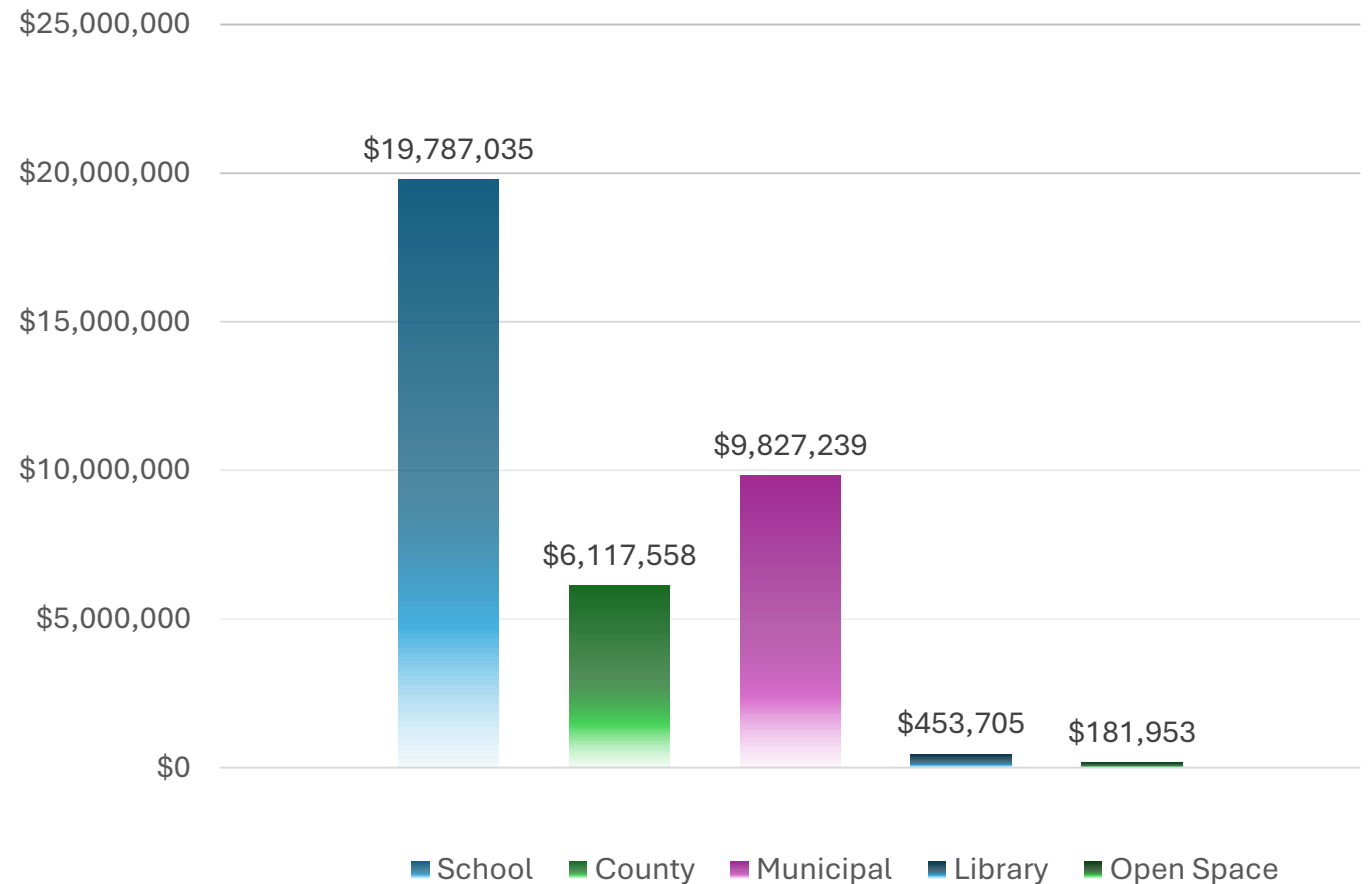
TAX BREAKDOWN AVERAGE HOUSE

- Average assessed house value \$256,432
- **Est Tax rate 4.998**/\$100 assessed value
- 2026 Total yearly tax \$12,816 est



While the Borough is required to collect all property taxes, only 27% goes toward municipal services. A majority of the taxes are dispersed to Bloomingdale Public Schools, Passaic County, Bloomingdale Library and the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund, all of whom independently set their own budgets which impacts taxes beyond the Borough's control.

\$36,367,490 TAX BREAKDOWN



The average home pays \$3,460 in municipal taxes or \$9.50/day, and for that you receive...

- Public Safety
 - Police Protection
 - Fire Safety
 - First Aid Support
 - Building and Code Enforcement
 - Emergency Response
 - Lost / missing Persons
 - Flood Mitigation
 - Office of Emergency Management
 - Public Works Emergency response
 - Community Events & Programming
 - Youth Programs
 - Senior Programs
 - Public Events
 - Public Parks
 - Water Features
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- Public Works
 - Garbage pickup 2x a week
 - Vegetative waste pickup daily
 - Recycling pickup
 - Street sweeping
 - Plowing and salting
 - Stormwater management
 - Field Maintenance
 - Administration of Government
 - Management of Elections
 - Vital Statistics
 - Pet Licensing
 - Free mulch and Topsoil
 - Infrastructure
 - Catch Basin Repairs
 - Paved Roads
 - Enhanced Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

Capital Improvement Projects

Current & Pending Projects

Ann and Elm

Senior Center Floor

Delazier Playground

Storm Water Improvements

Reeves

Chestnut Culvert

Hillcrest/Cook Ct

Fichter, Lakeside, Lower
Woodward

Delazier Bathrooms

Completed Projects

Bogue Playground

Catherine & Bailey Rd
Improvements

Star Lake Rd Storm Water
Improvements

- **STRATEGIC INVESTMENT**

- We are prioritizing infrastructure work that prevents asset depreciation. This includes critical roadwork and stormwater system upgrades that are essential for long-term municipal viability.
- By investing wisely today, we protect the tax base of tomorrow and avoid the "Emergency Multiplier" costs shown in our data analysis.



- **THE MASSIVE COST OF DEFERRAL**

- Halting maintenance today to "save money" creates a predatory loan against future taxpayers.

Asset Category	Proactive Maintenance (Now)	Emergency Replacement (Later)	Risk Factor
Road Infrastructure	\$100,000 (Paving)	\$400,000 (Reconstruction)	4.0x Cost Increase
Utility Main Repairs	\$50,000 (Surgical)	\$250,000 (Emergency)	5.0x Cost Increase
Vehicle Fleet Service	\$5,000 (Planned)	\$45,000 (Failure Replacement)	9.0x Cost Increase

THE DEBT REALITY

You cannot 'un-pave' a road to save the interest. Current debt is the fulfillment of past infrastructure promises that are now serving our residents.

Debt service is a **Fixed Statutory Obligation**. These are already incurred charges for assets the public currently utilizes, and they must be honored by law.



STRATEGIC REVENUE REVIEW

Shared Services

- Full audit of agreements to ensure rates reflect 2026 insurance and labor costs.
- Look into additional shared services without adding any additional expenses.
- Ensure that future contracts have ability to revisit the set % increase each year based on all variables.

Fee Schedule

- Updating administrative fees to ensure applicants cover costs—not general taxpayers.
- Internal audit of vendor agreements to eliminate potential redundancy in services.

New Streams

- Imperative to focus on diversifying our tax base through business attraction and commercial redevelopment.
- Borough owned land sales. 1 time revenue plus yearly tax ratable (current exempt properties)
- Evaluating ordinances for licensing and regulatory fee opportunities.

Goals

01

Balance Budget

02

Increase Revenues

03

Stabilize Debt
Service Payments
Without Sacrificing
Infrastructure
Improvements

04

Manage Fund
Balance/Surplus

SUMMARY

85% of the increase to the 2026 Municipal Budget is comprised of the following uncontrolled and/or limited controlled variables:

- Storm Expenses
- RUT
- Health Insurance
- Contractual Salaries
- Library Obligation
- Debt Service Obligations



Questions / Discussions

Thank You!

