A photograph of the Morris Township Municipal Building, a two-story brick structure with a central entrance and a white cupola on the roof. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn. In the foreground, a paved road with yellow and blue lines is visible. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area.

**2018**  
**MORRIS TOWNSHIP**  
**=**  
**FISCAL**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**

# 2018 PRIORITIES

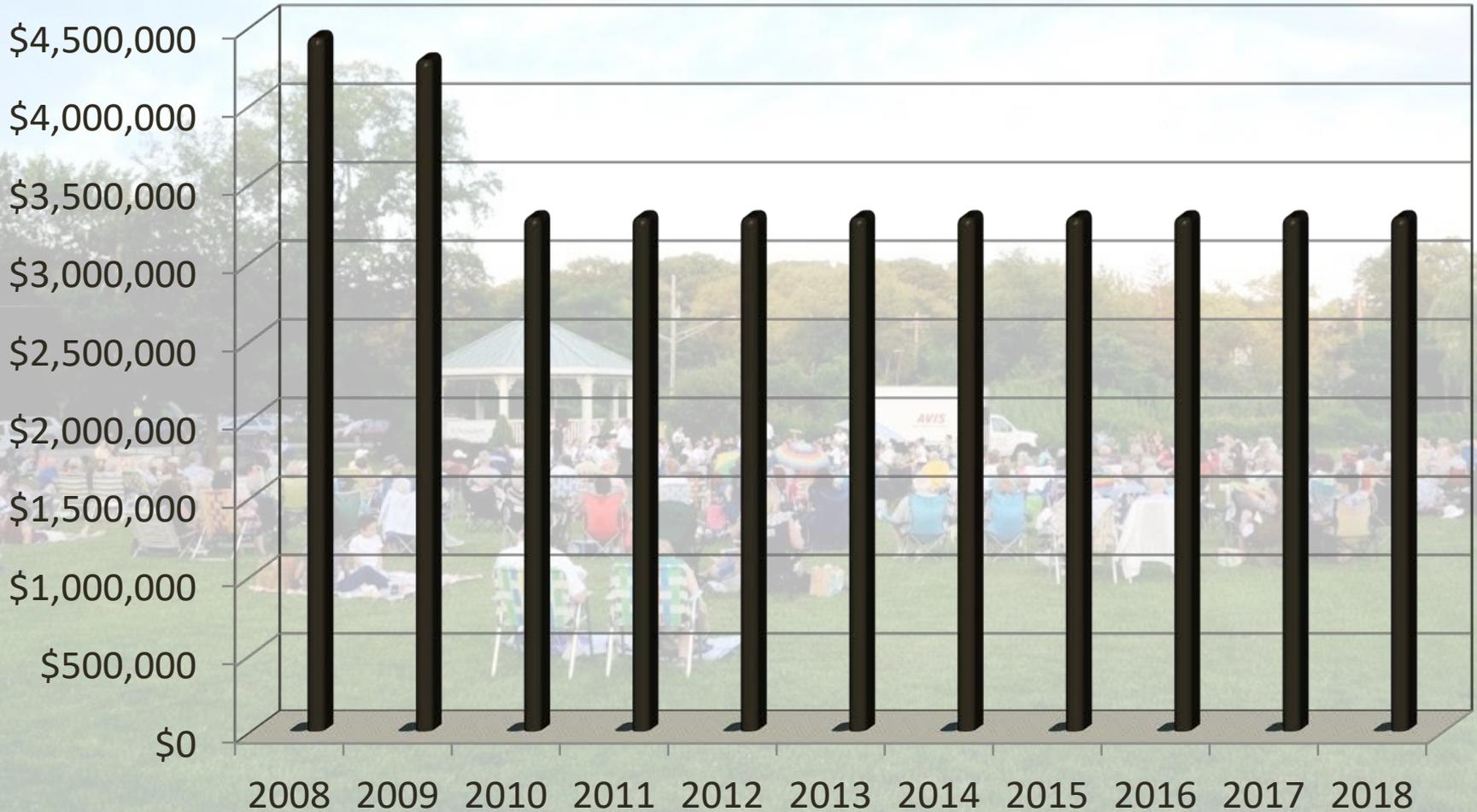
- **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE**
- **MAINTAIN / INCREASE SERVICES**
- **STRENGTHEN AND MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **CYBER SECURITY**

# BUDGET CHALLENGES

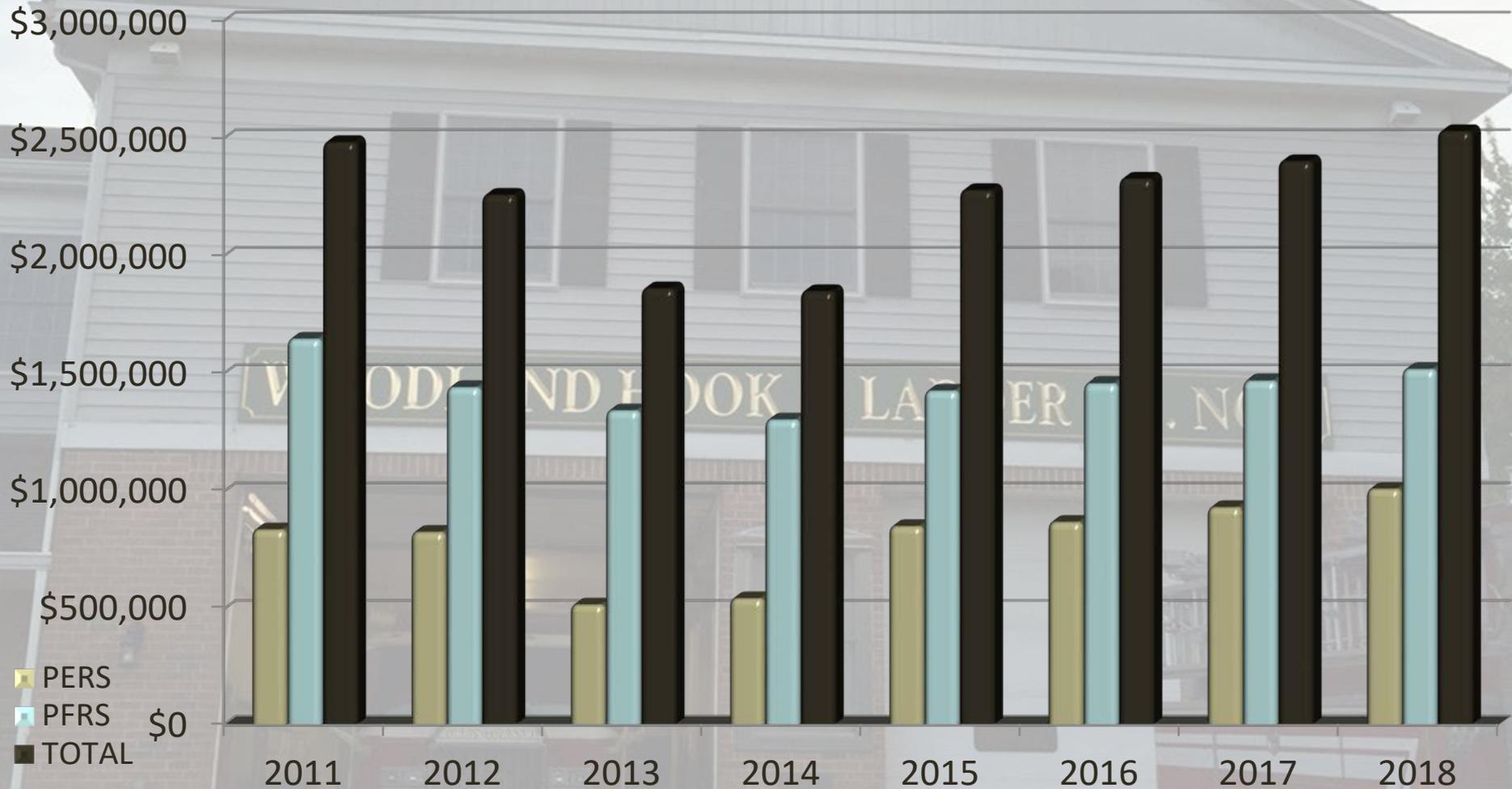
A photograph of a brick municipal building entrance with a white door and a sign above it that reads "MUNICIPAL BUILDING". The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

- **EMPLOYEE COSTS**
  - SALARY AND WAGES
  - HEALTH INSURANCE
  - PENSION
- **CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING**
- **TAX APPEALS**
- **PROPERTY REVALUATION**

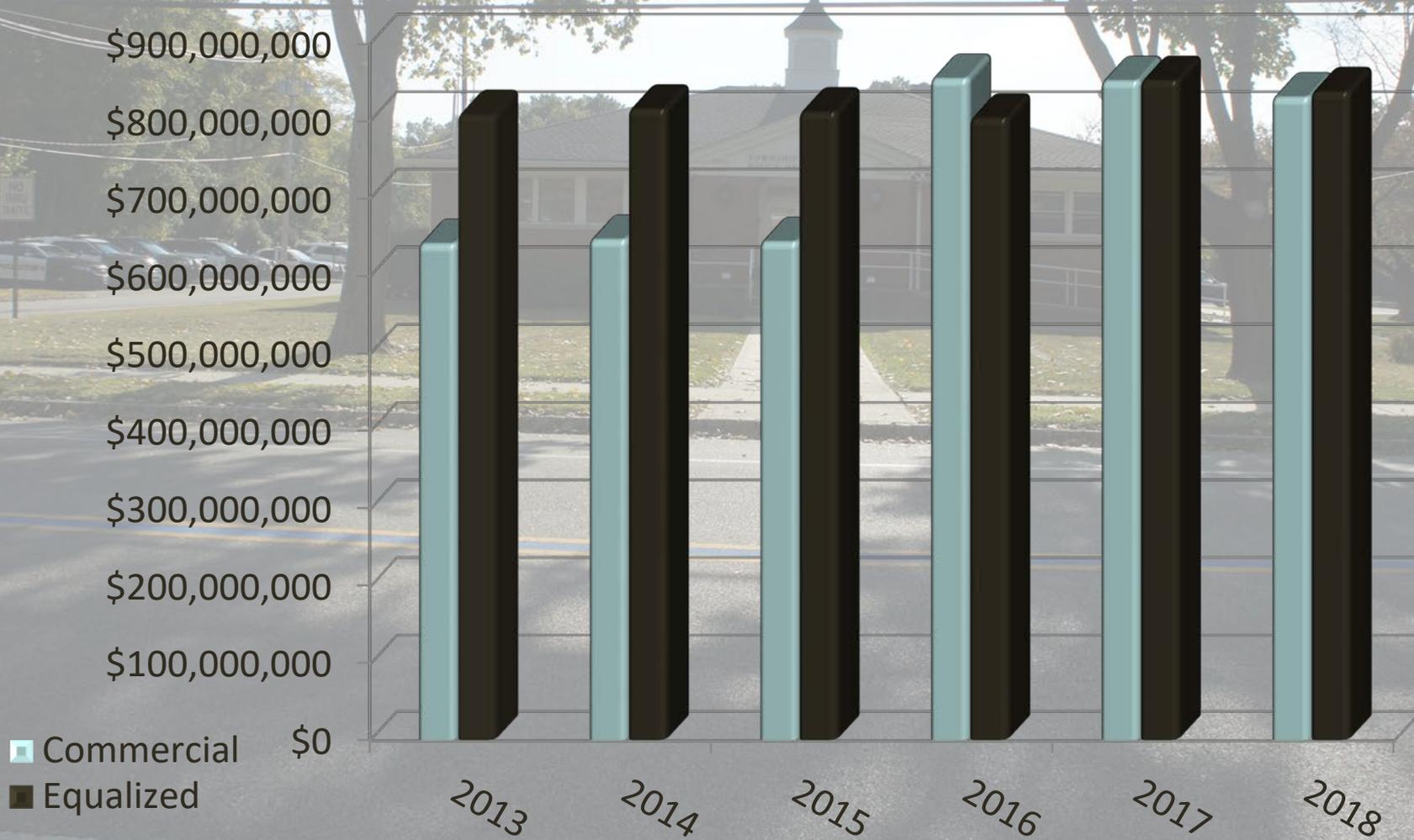
# STATE AID REDUCTION



# PENSION COSTS



# COMMERCIAL ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUES



# COST OF STATE MANDATES

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	'17-'18 Dollar Increase/ Decrease
Public Employees Retirement Fund	\$648,751	\$517,360	\$544,158	\$657,177	\$671,041	\$719,319	\$777,689	\$58,370
Police and Fire Retirement Fund	\$1,441,976	\$1,343,141	\$1,304,255	\$1,427,100	\$1,458,007	\$1,469,354	\$1,516,823	\$47,469
Social Security	\$990,000	\$1,008,900	\$1,008,900	\$1,000,000	\$1,010,000	\$1,020,000	\$1,040,000	\$20,000
Group Health Insurance	\$2,568,262	\$2,341,657	\$2,335,682	\$2,429,109	\$2,516,000	\$2,545,750	\$2,545,750	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,648,989</b>	<b>\$5,211,058</b>	<b>\$5,192,995</b>	<b>\$5,513,386</b>	<b>\$5,655,048</b>	<b>\$5,754,423</b>	<b>\$5,880,262</b>	<b>\$125,839</b>

# OTHER VARIABLES

- **LOW INTEREST RATES ON CASH RESERVES**
- **INCREASE IN REVENUE**
- **UNION LABOR CONTRACTS**
- **CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- **DEBT SERVICE**

# High Level Services

- **POLICE, FIRE, EMS, OEM**
- **HEALTH SERVICES**
- **WASTE DISPOSAL, RECYCLING, ROAD MAINT.**
- **RECREATION-ENHANCED PROGRAMS**
- **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

# SHARED SERVICES

- **JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MADISON, CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, CHATHAM BORO, AND HARDING TOWNSHIP**
- **SEWER CONTRACTS WITH NEIGHBORING TOWNS**
- **JOINT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY –COMMUNICATIONS, MUTUAL AID AND SHARED RESOURCES**

# Key Savings

- **\$150,000 JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT**
- **\$890,000 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH CARE**
- **FINAL PAYMENT OF \$558,000 FOR TAX APPEALS IN 2017**
- **\$200,000 COUNTY COMMUNICATONS**

# 2018 ANTICIPATED REVENUES

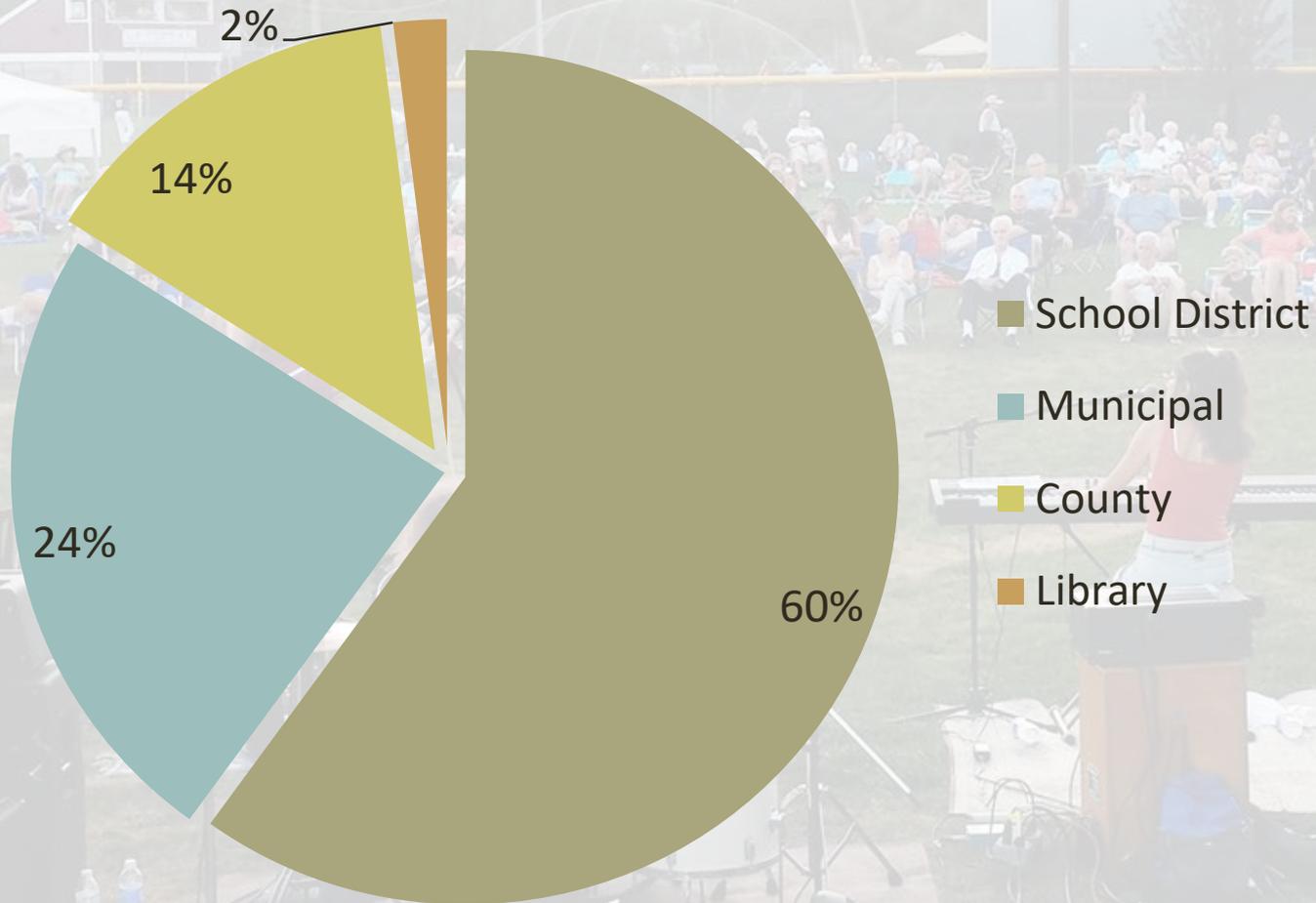
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$5.30 million</b>
<b>Misc. Revenue</b>	<b>\$5.76 million</b>
<b>Delinquent Tax</b>	<b>\$.50 million</b>
<b>Local Tax</b>	<b>\$22.15 million</b>
<b>Library Tax</b>	<b>\$1.77 million</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35.48 Million</b>

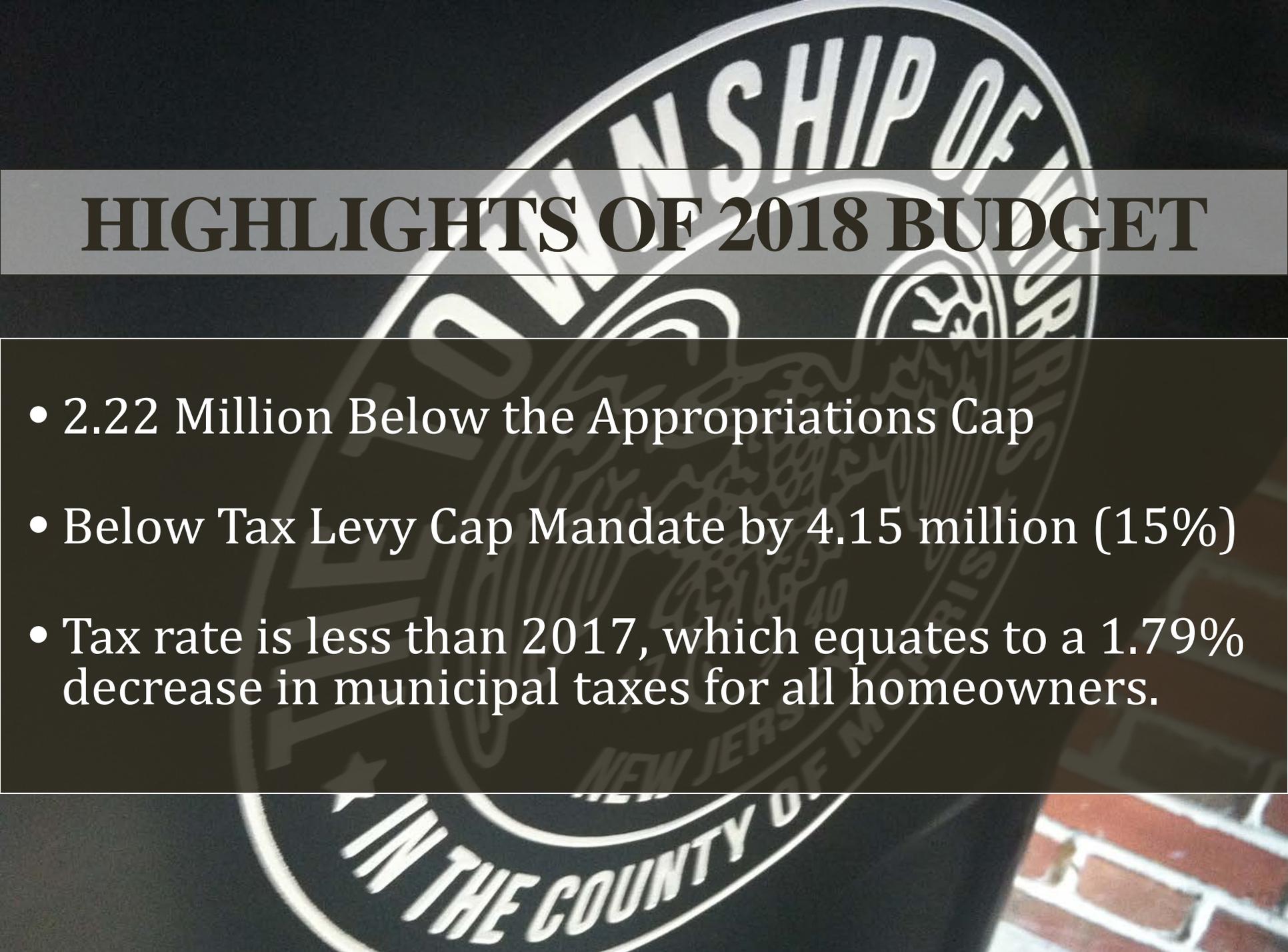
# 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

<b>Salary and Wages</b>	<b>\$13.60 million</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$9.18 million</b>
<b>Statutory Expenses</b>	<b>\$3.71 million</b>
<b>Joint Public Library</b>	<b>\$1.77 million</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$.76 million</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$3.10 million</b>
<b>Res. Uncollected Taxes</b>	<b>\$3.20 million</b>
<b>Deferred Charges</b>	<b>\$.16 million</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35.48 million</b>

# PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

\$0.23 OF EVERY TAX DOLLAR FUNDS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



The background of the slide features a large, semi-transparent seal of the Township of Morris, New Jersey. The seal is circular and contains the text "TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS" at the top and "IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS" at the bottom. In the center, there is a smaller seal with the text "NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY". The seal is set against a dark background with a brick wall visible in the bottom right corner.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018 BUDGET

- 2.22 Million Below the Appropriations Cap
- Below Tax Levy Cap Mandate by 4.15 million (15%)
- Tax rate is less than 2017, which equates to a 1.79% decrease in municipal taxes for all homeowners.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018 BUDGET

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Road Reconstruction
- Maintain Infrastructure
- Overlay and Drainage Projects
- Automated Trash/Recycling Collection Program
- Purchase of Equipment
- Recreation, Fire Department, OEM
- Sewer Utility Improvements
- Swim Pools

# MUNICIPAL DEBT AT YEAR END

(Including Authorized But Not Issued Debt)

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>General</b>	<b>\$23,485,925</b>	<b>\$23,655,025</b>	<b>\$23,931,500</b>	<b>\$24,381,000</b>	<b>\$23,703,453</b>
<b>Sewer</b>	<b>\$13,350,264</b>	<b>\$14,323,809</b>	<b>\$15,797,874</b>	<b>\$16,771,167</b>	<b>\$17,094,956</b>
<b>Swimming Utility</b>	<b>\$3,885,050</b>	<b>\$3,973,000</b>	<b>\$3,794,000</b>	<b>\$4,032,000</b>	<b>\$2,128,000</b>
<b>Parking Utility</b>	<b><u>376,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$451,500</u></b>	<b><u>555,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$664,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$743,000</u></b>
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>41,097,739</b>	<b>\$42,402,334</b>	<b>\$43,609,874</b>	<b>\$45,848,167</b>	<b>\$43,669,409</b>

# UTILITIES

- **SEWER UTILITY** **\$8.52 MILLION**
- **PARKING LOT UTILITY** **\$320,700**
- **SWIM POOL UTILITY** **\$1,053,075**

- **Sewer and Parking Utility have operated at a surplus for over 10 years.**
- **All expected to operate at a surplus for 2018 for salary and wages and operating expenses**

# FUND BALANCE

- **ROLL FUND BALANCE TO AVOID TAX SPIKE**
- **MAINTAIN TAX LEVY CAP OF 2%**
- **FUND BALANCE IS ALSO INSURANCE AGAINST LOSS OF REVENUE**
- **AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS HURRICANE SANDY AND REVALUATION**
- **TAX APPEALS**

# FUND BALANCE HISTORY

Year	Year End Fund Balance	Amount Used for Following Year Budget
2017	\$10,196,834	\$5,300,000
2016	\$9,979,776	\$5,300,000
2015	\$8,844,230	\$4,900,000
2014	\$7,905,615	\$5,300,000
2013	\$8,101,780	\$5,079,076
2012	\$6,946,876	\$4,100,000
2011	\$6,426,000	\$3,626,000
2010	\$5,504,671	\$3,500,000
2009	\$6,388,265	\$4,471,000
2008	\$8,155,881	\$6,500,000
2007	\$7,501,706	\$6,000,000

# TAX COLLECTION RATE VS RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES

## Tax Collection Rate

- 2013 98.97%
- 2014 99.21%
- 2015 99.19%
- 2016 99.30%
- 2017 99.33%

## Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

- 2014 96.10%
- 2015 96.15%
- 2016 96.18%
- 2017 96.24%
- 2018 96.66%



# PROPERTY VALUES

	<b>ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE</b>	<b>EQUALIZED RATIO</b>	<b>EQUALIZED VALUE</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>\$5,268,836,538</b>	<b>99.19%</b>	<b>5,311,862,625</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>\$5,265,245,538</b>	<b>99.98%</b>	<b>\$5,266,298,798</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>\$5,261,923,200</b>	<b>106.03%</b>	<b>\$4,962,673,960</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>\$3,686,054,495</b>	<b>72.48%</b>	<b>\$5,085,616,025</b>

# TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

2018 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$560,000 NAV (Average)		2017 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$560,000 NAV (Average)		2016 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$560,000 NAV (Average)		2015 Tax Rate Per \$100 \$394,000 NAV (Average)	
		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Municipal .42041	\$2,354	Municipal .4280	\$2,397	Municipal .4280	\$2,397	Municipal .6109	\$2,444
*County .2665	\$1,492	County .2640	\$1,478	County .2413	\$1,351	County .3450	\$1,380
*School 1.0947	\$6,130	School 1.0760	\$6,026	School 1.0704	\$5,994	School 1.5320	\$6,036
Open Space .0020	\$11	Open Space .0020	\$11	Open Space .0020	\$11	Open Space .0020	\$8
Library .0336	\$188	Library .0333	\$186	Library .0310	\$175	Library .0459	\$180
*Total	\$10,175	Total	\$10,098	Total	\$9,928	Total	\$10,048
*Projected Tax Rate	\$1.8172	Tax Rate	\$1.8010	Tax Rate	\$1.773	Tax Rate	\$2.536

# 2019

- **Salary and Wage Increase**
- **Capital Projects**
- **Revenue Projections**
- **Projected impact of:**
  - **State Aid**
  - **Health Benefit Costs**
  - **Pension Costs**
  - **Negotiated Agreements**

# BALANCE

