

**2007 Municipal Budget
of The Township of Morris,
County of Morris
for the Fiscal year 2007.**

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

General Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2007	2006
1. Surplus	5,400,000.00	4,400,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	6,766,736.98	6,031,884.14
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	400,000.00	300,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	20,002,932.49	19,648,309.84
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	20,002,932.49	19,648,309.84
Total General Revenues	32,569,669.47	30,380,193.98

Summary of Appropriations	2007 Budget	Final 2006 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	13,502,408.20	12,877,922.28
Other Expenses	10,575,564.53	9,693,421.04
2. Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	1,128,502.62	1,062,500.62
3. Capital Improvements	45,000.00	125,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	3,231,397.50	2,664,226.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	4,086,796.62	3,957,124.04
Total General Appropriations	32,569,669.47	30,380,193.98
Total Number of Employees - Full-Time	172	172
- Part-Time	134	134

Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2007	2006
1. Surplus	1,739,823.98	1,386,838.14
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	7,102,419.73	6,939,048.59
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues	8,842,243.71	8,325,886.73
Summary of Appropriations	2007 Budget	Final 2006 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	1,583,234.00	1,529,600.00
Other Expenses	3,222,070.84	2,975,061.48
2. Capital Improvements	24,000.00	35,000.00
3. Debt Service	3,850,007.47	3,647,544.25
4. Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	162,931.40	138,681.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	8,842,243.71	8,325,886.73
Total Number of Employees - Full Time	17	17

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Dedicated Swimming Pool Enterprise Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2007	2006
1. Surplus		13,847.26
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	617,000.00	650,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	79,202.62	86,500.62
Total Revenues	696,202.62	750,347.88
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Summary of Appropriations	2007 Budget	Final 2006 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	358,300.00	325,600.00
Other Expenses	244,845.00	215,584.00
2. Capital Improvements	5,000.00	17,500.00
3. Debt Service	60,647.62	166,263.88
4. Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	27,410.00	25,400.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	696,202.62	750,347.88
Total Number of Employees - Full -Time	1	1
Total Number of Employees - Part -Time	44	44

Dedicated Parking Lot Enterprise Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2007	2006
1. Surplus	58,323.32	94,195.87
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	235,000.00	100,000.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues	293,323.32	194,195.87
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Summary of Appropriations	2007 Budget	Final 2006 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	49,350.00	28,100.00
Other Expenses	157,722.00	90,819.00
2. Capital Improvements	100.00	14,850.00
3. Debt Service	82,375.32	57,726.87
4. Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	3,776.00	2,700.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	293,323.32	194,195.87
Total Number of Employees - Part-Time	3	2

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Balance of Outstanding Debt				
	General	Sewer Utility	Swimming Pool Utility	Parking Lot Utility
Interest	976,397.50	802,812.83	10,647.62	31,375.32
Principal	2,255,000.00	3,047,194.64	50,000.00	51,000.00
Outstanding Balance	24,025,090.00	18,288,762.03	292,000.00	938,425.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris, County of Morris on March 21, 2007.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Township Hall, on April 18, 2007 at 8:00 PM at which time and place objective to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2007 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of the Township Chief Financial Officer, Julia A. Hasbrouck at the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Convent Station, New Jersey, 973-326-7381 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Note: The information above sets forth the minimum information which State law requires to be published by a municipality. The Township Committee, however, wishes the public to have more than the minimum required information and has directed that the following budget message also be published:

The 2007 budget contains a slight increase in the Township portion of the tax rate. This increase is due to state mandated costs, tax appeals that have been finalized by settlements and by the court, as well as pending appeals from prior years. In addition, increased appropriations have been required due to the escalating costs for workers' compensation, health, prescription, dental premiums, pension, and fuel costs. The municipal open space tax rate will remain at \$0.01 for the fourth year in a row, which will generate \$383,000.00.

The estimated tax rates for the Morris School District portion of the budget and the county portion will increase slightly. This includes the County Open Space Trust Tax at \$0.0450 and the County Park Commission's Development Tax of \$0.0025.

Tax Rates

	Estimated 2007	Actual 2006
Morris School District	\$1.318	\$1.274
Morris County Government, including County Open Space and Park Commission Development	\$0.350	\$0.331
Morris Township	* \$0.524	\$0.514
Township Open Space	* <u>\$0.010</u>	<u>\$0.011</u>
	\$2.20	\$2.13

Note: All rates are per \$100 of assessed value.

* Morris Township portion, including open space, represents an overall tax rate increase of 1.71 percent.

Distribution of Your Tax Dollar

2007 Estimated

Morris School District	\$0.60
Morris County Government	** 0.16
Morris Township	** <u>0.24</u>
	\$1.00

** Includes Open Space

This budget provides the resources to continue the high level of services delivered to residents in the past.

Provisions are included to adequately address anticipated increases in the cost of employee compensation and benefits.

Capital Improvement Program

Adequate provisions have been made in the capital budget for 2007 in order to maintain and improve the Township's facilities, infrastructure equipment and vehicular fleet. The budget includes \$1,129,700.00 for general projects, including the road overlay and tree replacement programs, drainage improvements traffic signal installation and modifications and the purchase of computer equipment.

The road improvement program will include the resurfacing of the following roads: Vom Eigen Drive, Copperfield Way, Heritage Lane, Old Turnpike Road, Willow Spring Drive, Ringwood Road, Old Mendham Road (Route 24 to Reed Road), Gaston Road (Sussex Ave. to #62), Stewart Drive, Windward Drive, Dorothy Drive, Fairview Place, Elder Drive, Lake Road (Ketch Road to Mark Twain Drive), Farm House Lane, and Alvord Road. In addition, provisions are included for drainage improvements to Pear Street, Hamilton Avenue, Burnham Road, Armstrong Road and Amy Drive.

Vehicle and equipment improvements/replacements are funded for the Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management. Also, improvements to the parks and playgrounds in the amount of \$306,600 which includes an appropriation for the Ginty Field walking/running track and \$100,000 for improvements to the township's swim pools.

The Township's sewer capital budget totals \$423,600 in 2007 for the purchase of computer equipment, infiltration/inflow/control, purchase of pumps; and improvements to the Woodland Sewer Treatment Plant.