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Morris Township's 2006 Budget

By Mayor Robert E. Nace & Deputy Mayor Richard A. Watson

Morris Township's Finance Committee is pleased to report that our 2006 Municipal budget, for the 2nd year in a row, involves a tax increase at less than the rate of inflation. The budget has been available for viewing on our website since its introduction on April 5, 2006. You can review it in more detail by going to www.morristwp.com.

People are sometimes surprised to learn that the municipal portion of your property tax bill, for which you get police and fire protection, recreation and health services, garbage pickup, road plowing, the public library, and various other services, represents only about 25% of the total tax bill. The balance goes to Morris County (15%) and the three-town Morris School District (60%).

We are pleased to be able to offer this budget which was achieved in spite of the following pressures which are dictated either by market forces or by law:

- A decrease in state aid to municipalities.
- A slight decline in our base of commercial 'ratables'.
- A 25% increase in fuel and utility costs.
- NJ State mandates, including extra pension contributions, an 8% increase in our library contribution, an 11% increase in health care costs, and a labor arbitration system that mandates wage increases for certain unions in excess of the inflation rate.

To place our budget in another perspective – with all the financial pressures we've experienced, *YOUR MUNICIPAL TAX IS LESS THAN HALF WHAT YOU WOULD PAY FOR A HOUSE OF THE SAME FAIR MARKET VALUE IN MORRISTOWN.*