

**2009 Municipal Budget
of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, for the fiscal year 2009.**

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

| Summary of Revenues | | 2009 |
|---|--|------------|
| 1. Surplus | | 6,500,000 |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues | | 6,296,260 |
| 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes | | 600,000 |
| 4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes | | 21,242,370 |
| b) Addition to Local District School Tax | | |
| Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes | | 21,242,370 |
| Total General Revenues | | 34,638,630 |

| Summary of Appropriations | | 2009 Budget |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Operating Expenses: | Salaries & Wages | 14,410,000 |
| | Other Expenses | 10,108,480 |
| 2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | | 2,896,410 |
| 3. Capital Improvements | | 173,000 |
| 4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes) | | 3,180,490 |
| 5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | | 3,870,230 |
| Total General Appropriations | | 34,638,630 |
| Total Number of Employees: | Full time | 172 |
| | Part time | 134 |

| 2009 Dedicated | Sewer | Utility Budget | |
|--|-------|----------------|-----------|
| Summary of Revenues | | | 2009 |
| 1. Surplus | | | 1,509,950 |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues | | | 7,496,460 |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget) | | | |
| Total General Revenues | | | 9,006,410 |
| Summary of | | | 2009 |

| Appropriations | | Budget |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Operating Expenses: | Salaries & Wages | 1,704,753 |
| | Other Expenses | 3,285,830 |
| 2. Capital Improvements | | 50,000 |
| 3. Debt Service | | 3,666,440 |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | | 299,380 |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget) | | |
| Total General Appropriations | | 9,006,413 |
| Total Number of Employees | | 17 |

| 2009 Dedicated | Swimming Pool | Utility Budget |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Summary of Revenues | | 2009 Budget |
| 1. Surplus | | |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues | | 620,000 |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget) | | 84,200 |
| Total General Revenues | | 704,200 |
| Summary of Appropriations | | 2009 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: | Salaries & Wages | 355,560 |
| | Other Expenses | 252,750 |
| 2. Capital Improvements | | 6,250 |
| 3. Debt Service | | 58,280 |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | | 31,360 |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget) | | |
| Total General Appropriations | | 704,200 |
| Total Number of Employees: | Full time | 1 |
| | Part time | 4 |

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of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, for the fiscal year 2009.
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| 2009 Dedicated | Utility Budget | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------|------------|
| Summary of Revenues | | Anticipated | |
| | | 2009 | 2008 |
| 1. | Surplus | 70,448 | |
| 2. | Total Miscellaneous Revenues | 235,000 | |
| 3. | Deficit (General Budget) | | |
| Total General Revenues | | 305,448 | |
| Summary of Appropriations | | 2009 Budget | Final 2008 |
| 1. | Operating Expenses: | 71,900 | |
| | | 136,926 | |
| 2. | Capital Improvements | 1,250 | |
| 3. | Debt Service | 85,285 | |
| 4. | Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | 10,087 | |
| 5. | Surplus (General Budget) | | |
| Total General Appropriations | | 305,448 | |
| Total Number of Employees | | 30 | |

| Balance of Outstanding Debt | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | General | Sewer Utility | Swimming Pool Utility | Park Utility |
| Interest | 802,762 | 435,006 | 7,285 | |
| Principal | 2,377,730 | 3,231,435 | 50,995 | |
| Outstanding Balance | 19,504,305 | 11,945,558 | 192,995 | |

| | <u>Tax Rate</u> | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|
| | 2009 | | 2008 Actual | |
| | Amount | Tax Rate | Amount | Tax |
| Local Taxes | 21,242,370 | \$0.5621 | 20,502,537 | |
| Open Space Tax | 75,578 | <u>\$0.0020</u> | 376,586 | |

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the governing body of the Township of Morris, County of Morris, on May 20, 2009.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at Township Hall, on June 17, 2009 at 8:00 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax resolution for the year 2009 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Julia A. Hasbrouck, Township Chief Financial Officer, at the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Convent Station, New Jersey, (973) 326-7381 during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Note: The information above sets forth the minimum information which State law requires to be published by the 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 2009 budget contains a one cent increase in the Township portion of the tax rate including the 8/10 of a cent decrease in the Open Space Tax from \$0.010 to \$0.002 which will generate \$75,578. This increase is due to the decrease in state aid in the amount of \$178,529.00 which represents one-half cent of the one cent increase in the municipal portion of the tax rate. Other increases are caused by the tax appeals settled by the court from prior years, state mandated costs such as pensions and the escalating costs for workers' compensation, health, prescription and dental premiums, fuel, and utility costs.

| | <u>Tax Rates</u> | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>2009</u> |
| Morris School District | \$1.370 | \$1.346 |
| Morris County Government, including County Open Space and Park Commission | | |
| Development Tax | 0.340 | 0.340 |
| Morris Township | 0.544 | 0.562 |
| Township Open Space | <u>0.010</u> | <u>0.002</u> |
| | 2.264 | 2.250 |

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

Morris Township portion, including open space, represents an overall tax rate increase of 1.83 percent.

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 2009 in order to maintain and improve the Township's facilities, infrastructure, and vehicular fleet. The budget includes \$3,370,500 for general projects, including the road overlay and reconstruction program, drainage improvements, curb replacement and repairs, improvements to parks and playgrounds, a 2,500 square foot modular classroom building for 35 Woodland Avenue (\$125,000), a pole barn for the Florence Avenue garage, purchase of fire apparatus and a special assessment for the Jockey Hollow Water Main.

The road improvement and reconstruction program will include the total reconstruction (i.e. curbs, drainage and repaving) of Armstrong Road and Locust Street and the resurfacing of the following roads: Burnham Parkway, Dellwood Avenue, Amy Drive, Center Avenue, Lake Valley Road, Raleigh Court, Dwyer Lane, Woodland Avenue and Frederick Place.

Vehicle and equipment replacements are funded for the Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Police. Improvements to the parks and playgrounds in the amount of \$56,500 will include appropriations for the Collinsville, Butterworth, Green and Ginty playgrounds as well as fencing for the Lake Road, Bleckicki, Green, Frelinghuysen and Ginty at South Street fields.

The Township's Sewer Capital Budget totals \$3,589,300 in 2009 for Egbert Hill Project Phase 2, Gaston Road Force Main, Lindsley Drive Pump Station and infiltration/inflow/control for Watnong Road at Holloway Place, Cory Road, Fox Chase Run and Herms Place.

The Township's Swim Pool Capital Budget totals \$125,000 to include various improvements, including an ultraviolet light disinfection system at Ginty Pool and bathhouses and vortex slides at both the Ginty and Streeter pools.