

2024 BUDGET STATEMENT
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners proposes a balanced operating budget for 2024 of \$19,646,947 with a real estate tax rate of 4.516 mills and an earned income tax rate of 1.0%.

2024 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

General Purpose Tax (Max. 30 Mills)	4.516 Mills
Court Approved (Max. 5 Mills)	0 Mills
Special Purpose Taxes	<u>0 Mills</u>
	4.516 Mills

To summarize the impact on the “typical” residential taxpayer as a result of the 2024 budget projections, the taxpayer will realize no change to their 2024 real estate tax, and a \$13.98 increase to the annual refuse service fee. ***The 2024 real estate tax is the same tax rate that was levied in 2021, 2022 and 2023, marking the third year in a row with no tax increase.*** In 2023, the refuse fee was increased by \$12.56, but was reduced by \$6.32 in 2022.

The “typical” household in Springfield Township with a \$175,400 property assessment will pay \$792.10 in real estate taxes in 2024, which is the same as in 2023, 2022 and 2021. The Township is able to maintain the same tax rate as in 2021 due to revenue increases associated with earned income and other local enabling taxes, license and permit fees, and interest earnings. These savings are offset by anticipated increases in employee wages, pension expenses, property and liability insurance premiums, medical benefits and contributions and incentives to the volunteer fire companies.

The 2024 *discounted* refuse service fee will increase from \$238.10 to \$252.08, or 5.9% per household due to increases in recycling processing fees, waste disposal fees, employee wages and vehicle expenses. Pursuant to the terms of a new waste disposal contract with COVANTA Sustainable Solutions, the cost to dispose of household waste will rise from \$75.24 per ton in 2023 to \$79.00 per ton in 2024. The average monthly cost to process and market single stream recyclables was \$35.73 per ton in 2023 but is projected to increase to \$62.05 per ton in 2024. After increasing during the COVID pandemic, the amount of household refuse and recyclables collected by the Township is projected to decrease by approximately 331 tons in 2024.

The Township will continue to fund its general budgetary obligations through traditional revenue sources such as real state tax, earned income tax, real estate transfer tax, mercantile and business privilege tax, licenses and permits, fines and department earnings. In 2019 a local services tax was enacted whereby individuals employed within Springfield Township now pay

\$1 per week or \$52 annually through a payroll deduction. Those who do not earn more than \$12,000 annually are exempt from the tax. The Township anticipates the receipt of an additional \$25,000 in revenues from the local services tax in 2024.

The 2024 preliminary budget will be made available for inspection in the office of the Township Manager, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, and in the Township Library, 8900 Hawthorne Lane, Wyndmoor, beginning 5:00 PM on November 9, 2023. The 2024 preliminary budget will also be posted to the Township website on or before the above date. Summary copies of the budget are also available upon request. The Board of Commissioners will accept questions and comments on the Budget at their workshop meeting on December 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM and again as a part of a budget hearing and budget adoption on December 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM. All aforementioned meetings will be conducted at the Springfield Township Administration Building, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.

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