

2022 BUDGET STATEMENT
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

The Springfield Township Board of Commissioners proposes a balanced operating budget for 2022 of \$18,315,318 with a real estate tax rate of 4.516 mills and an earned income tax rate of 1.0%.

2022 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 2022 budget projections, the taxpayer will realize no change to their 2022 real estate tax, and a reduction of \$6.32 to the annual refuse service fee. The 2021 real estate tax was \$13.15 more than in 2020, and the 2021 refuse service fee was \$8.62 more than the 2020 refuse service fee.

The “typical” household in Springfield Township with a \$175,400 property assessment will pay \$792.10 in real estate taxes in 2022, which is the same as in 2021. The Township is able to maintain the same tax rate as in 2021 due to a decrease in municipal pension obligations and workers compensation insurance premiums. These savings are offset to some degree by anticipated increases in capital expenses, including debt service payments, employee wages and benefits, and property and liability insurance premiums.

The 2022 discounted refuse service fee will decrease from \$231.86 to \$225.54, or 2.7% per household due to a reduction in recycling processing and marketing costs, which are offset to some degree by increases in waste disposal fees and employee wages. After increasing by more than \$45 per ton in 2021, the average monthly cost to process and market single stream recyclables is projected to decrease by \$55.62 per ton in 2022. The resource recovery plant where the solid waste collected by the Township is converted to energy is increasing the waste disposal fees charged to the Township by \$1.22 per ton. The amount of household refuse and recyclables collected by the Township will be about the same as in prior years. After reducing the capital contribution for replacement equipment by one-half in 2021, the 2022 refuse fee restores proper funding for replacement collection and processing equipment.

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 \$45,000 in revenues from the local services tax in 2022.

The 2022 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 12, 2021. The 2022 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 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM and again as a part of a budget hearing and budget adoption on December 8, 2021 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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