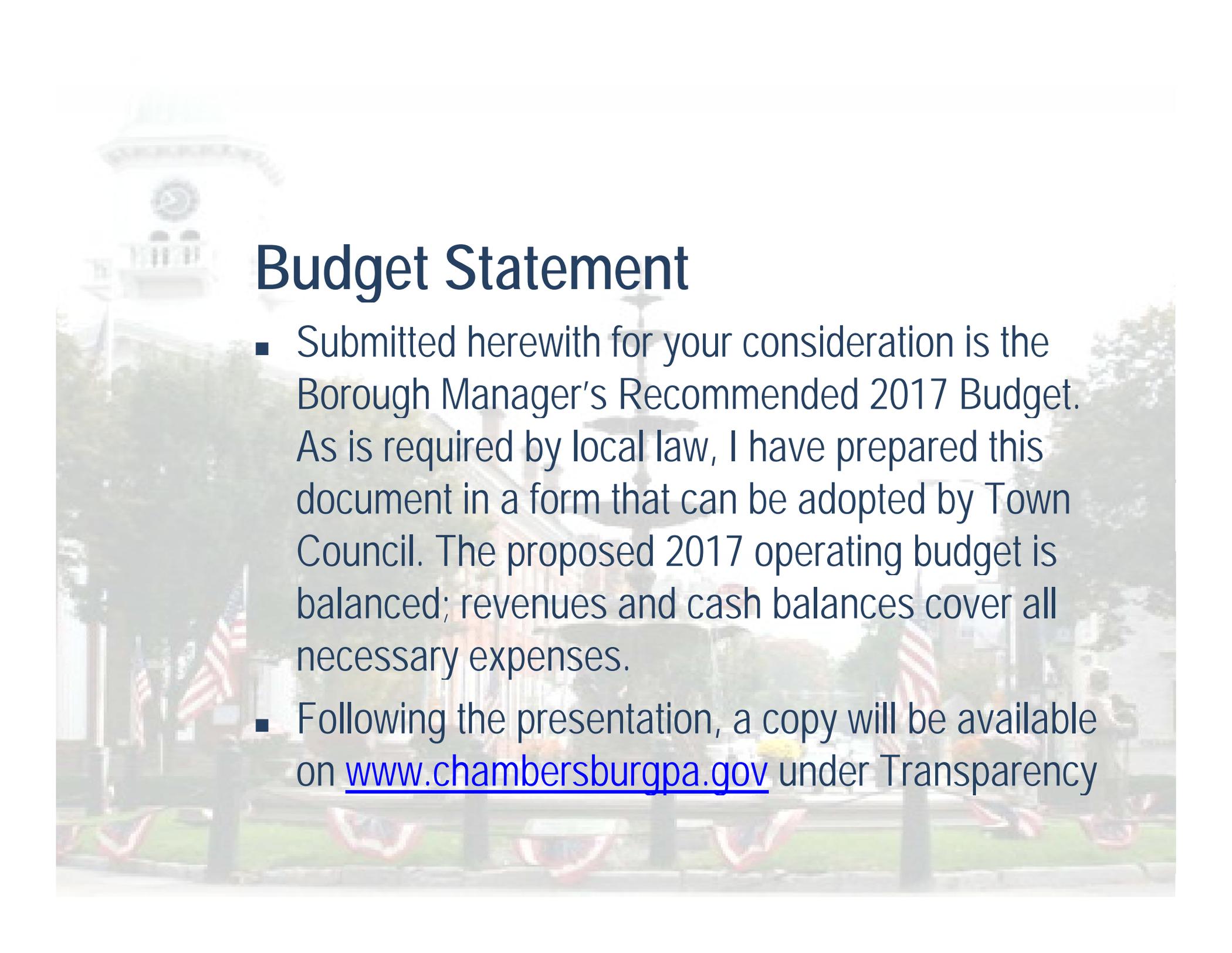


# **Borough of Chambersburg**

Borough Manager's Proposed  
2017 Budget



# Budget Statement

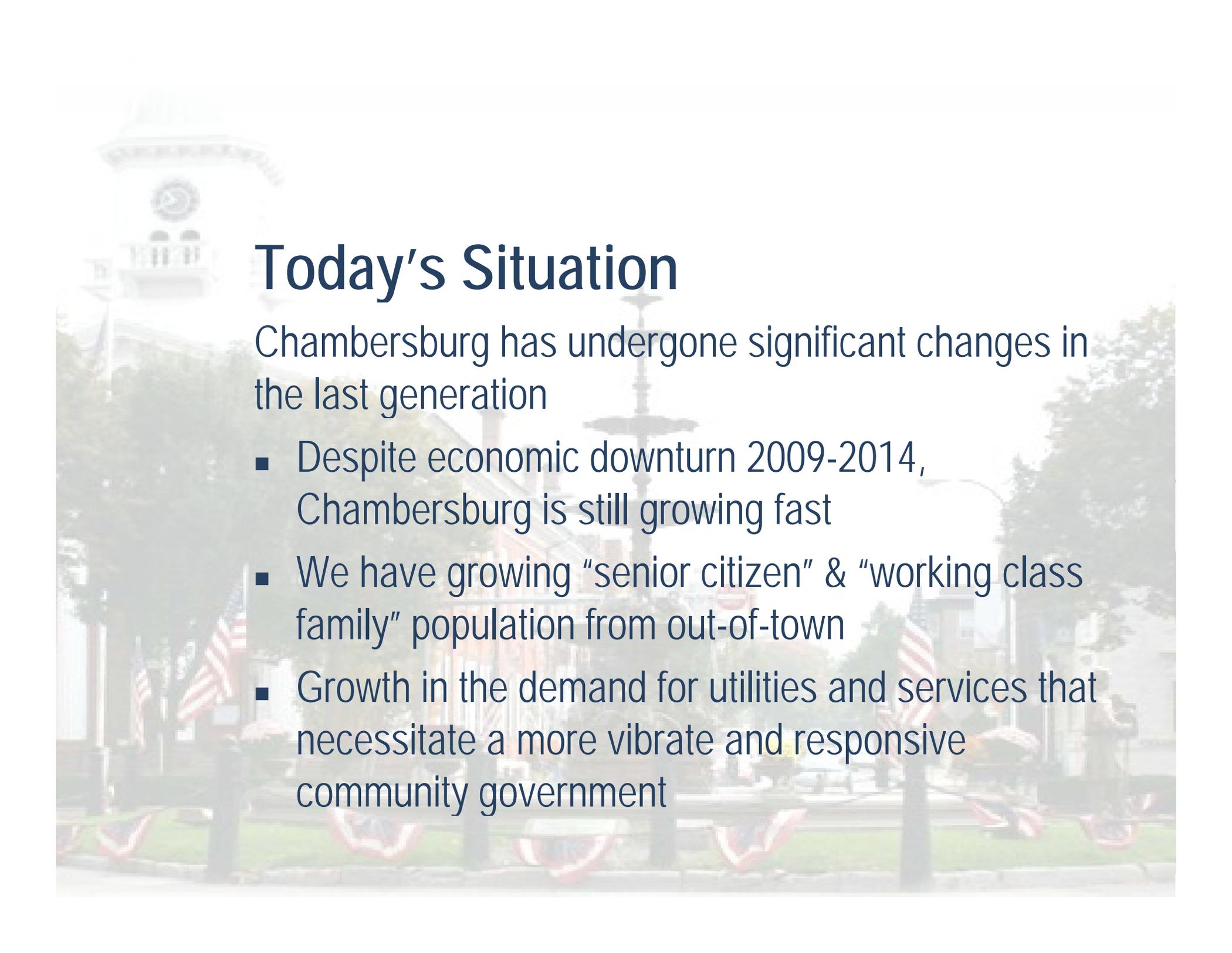
- Submitted herewith for your consideration is the Borough Manager's Recommended 2017 Budget. As is required by local law, I have prepared this document in a form that can be adopted by Town Council. The proposed 2017 operating budget is balanced; revenues and cash balances cover all necessary expenses.
- Following the presentation, a copy will be available on [www.chambersburgpa.gov](http://www.chambersburgpa.gov) under Transparency



# 2017 Budget Goals

A budget is a spending plan – a strategic plan

- Major municipal construction projects
- A safe, clean, green and healthy community
- Expanding municipal services for everyone's benefit
- Keep taxes and utility rates low for everyone

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# Today's Situation

Chambersburg has undergone significant changes in the last generation

- Despite economic downturn 2009-2014, Chambersburg is still growing fast
- We have growing "senior citizen" & "working class family" population from out-of-town
- Growth in the demand for utilities and services that necessitate a more vibrant and responsive community government

# How Did We Get Here?

2000 population: 17,838

2013 population: 20,508 (15% growth)

2026 population: 23,500

Family Housing

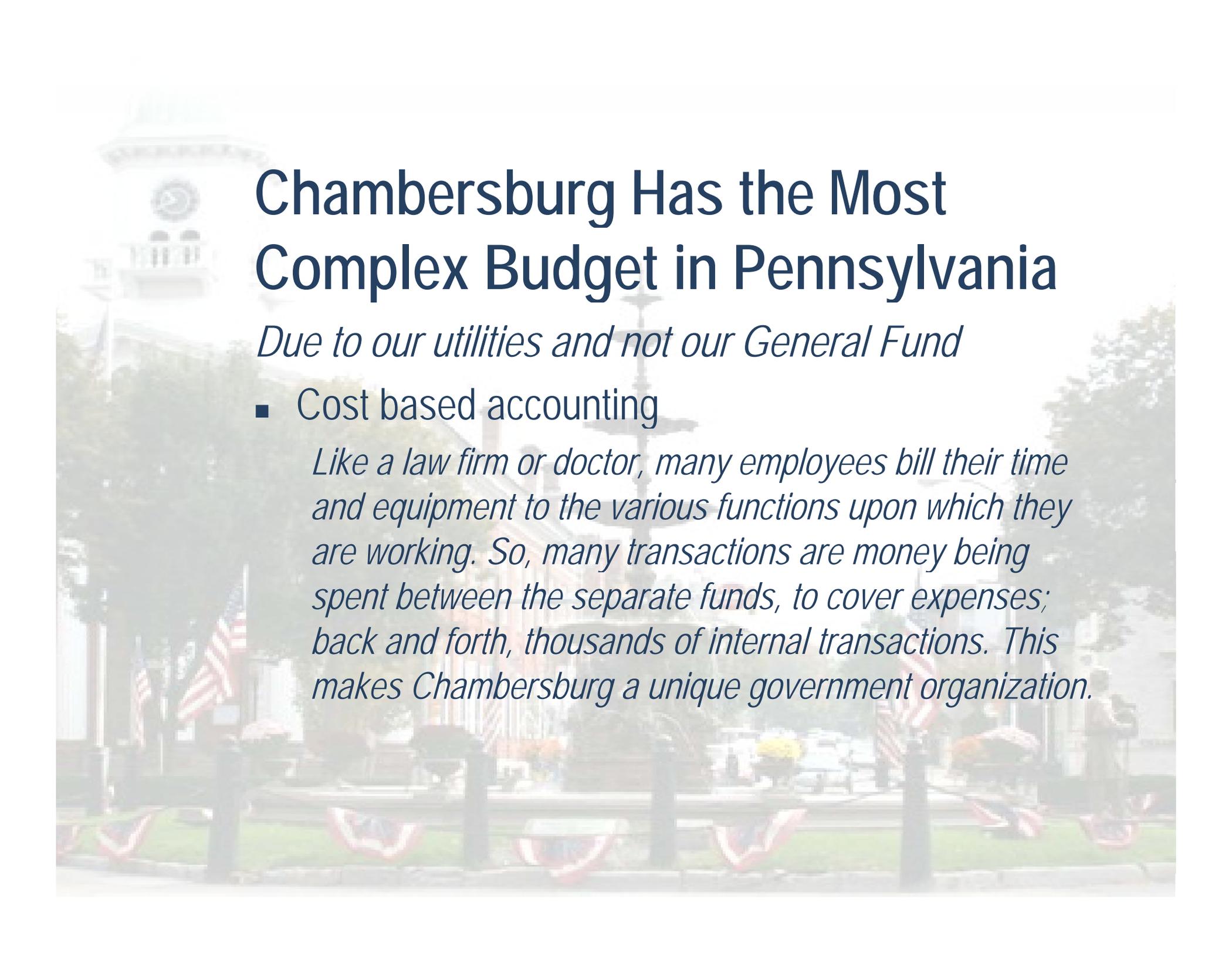


Nicholson Square Apartments

Senior Housing



The Enclave Single Family Home



# Chambersburg Has the Most Complex Budget in Pennsylvania

*Due to our utilities and not our General Fund*

- Cost based accounting

*Like a law firm or doctor, many employees bill their time and equipment to the various functions upon which they are working. So, many transactions are money being spent between the separate funds, to cover expenses; back and forth, thousands of internal transactions. This makes Chambersburg a unique government organization.*

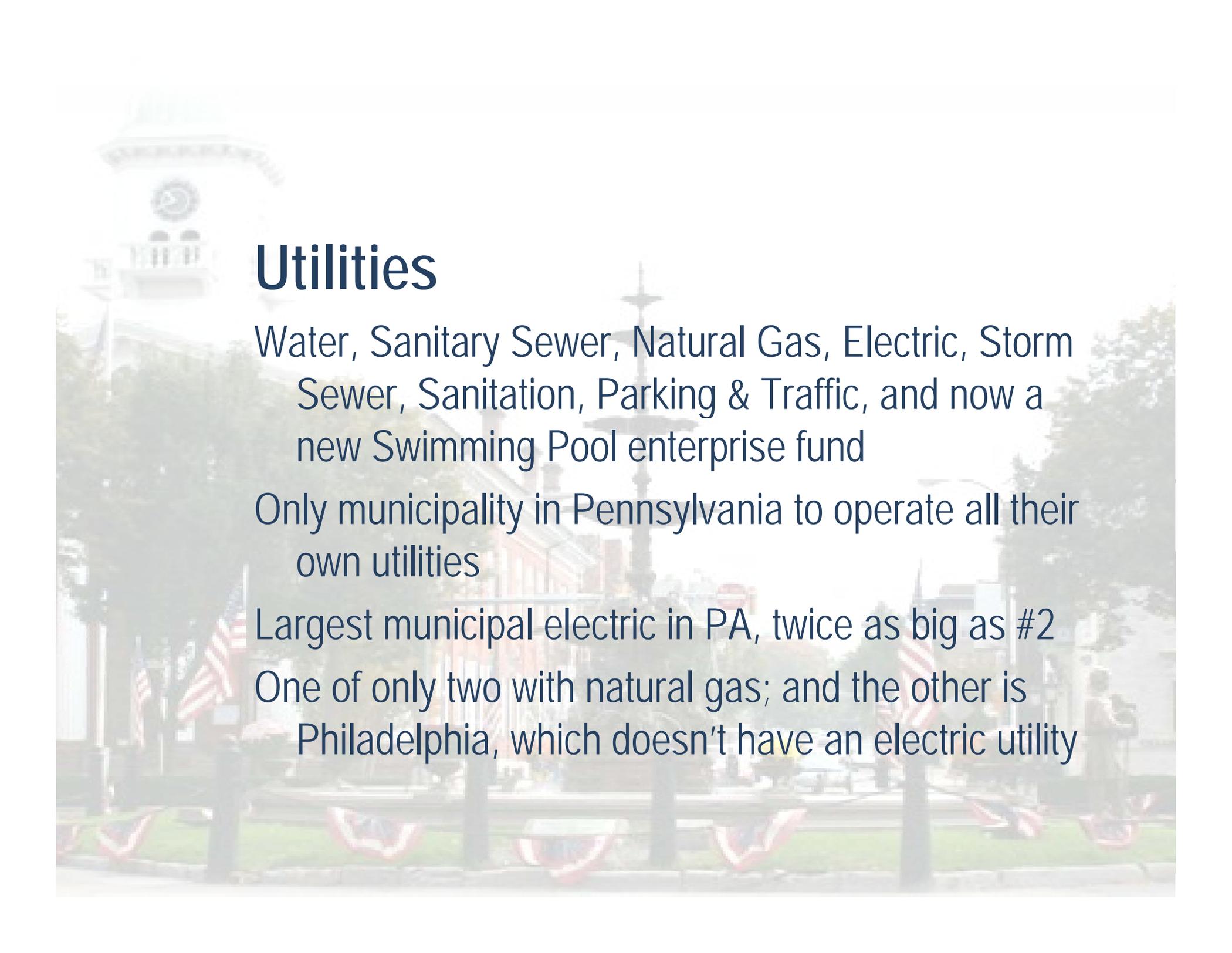
	<b>Largest Municipalities in Pennsylvania (2014)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>
1	Philadelphia City	Philadelphia	\$8,122,410,000
2	Pittsburgh City	Allegheny	\$773,179,259
3	Bethlehem City	Northampton	\$250,099,539
4	Reading City	Berks	\$225,710,609
5	Lancaster City	Lancaster	\$203,438,486
6	Allentown City	Lehigh	\$172,866,522
7	Scranton City	Lackawanna	\$125,546,362
8	Erie City	Erie	\$123,069,276
9	Harrisburg City	Dauphin	\$110,421,880
10	Lower Merion Township	Montgomery	\$102,551,558
11	Chambersburg Borough	Franklin	\$94,612,447
178	Waynesboro Borough	Franklin	\$12,311,186
282	Shippensburg Borough	Cumberland/Franklin	\$7,787,495
705	Greencastle Borough	Franklin	\$2,034,164

**Chambersburg is the 11<sup>th</sup> Largest (\$) Municipality in PA,  
in 2014 – the most recent year with PA DCED records**

For example:

Waynesboro is No. 178, Shippensburg is No. 282, and Greencastle is No. 705

Chambersburg is by far the largest Borough (in \$) in Pennsylvania

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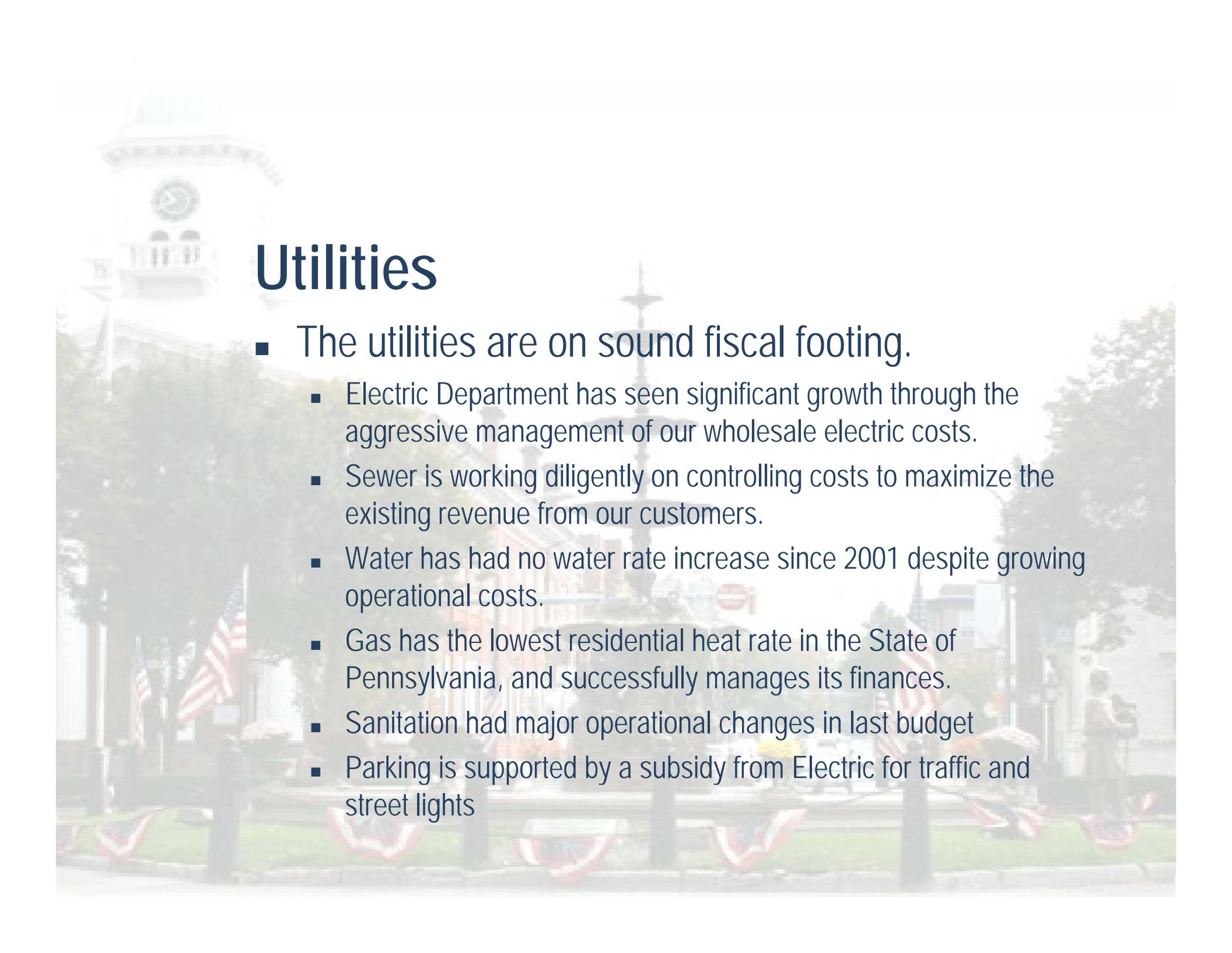
# Utilities

Water, Sanitary Sewer, Natural Gas, Electric, Storm Sewer, Sanitation, Parking & Traffic, and now a new Swimming Pool enterprise fund

Only municipality in Pennsylvania to operate all their own utilities

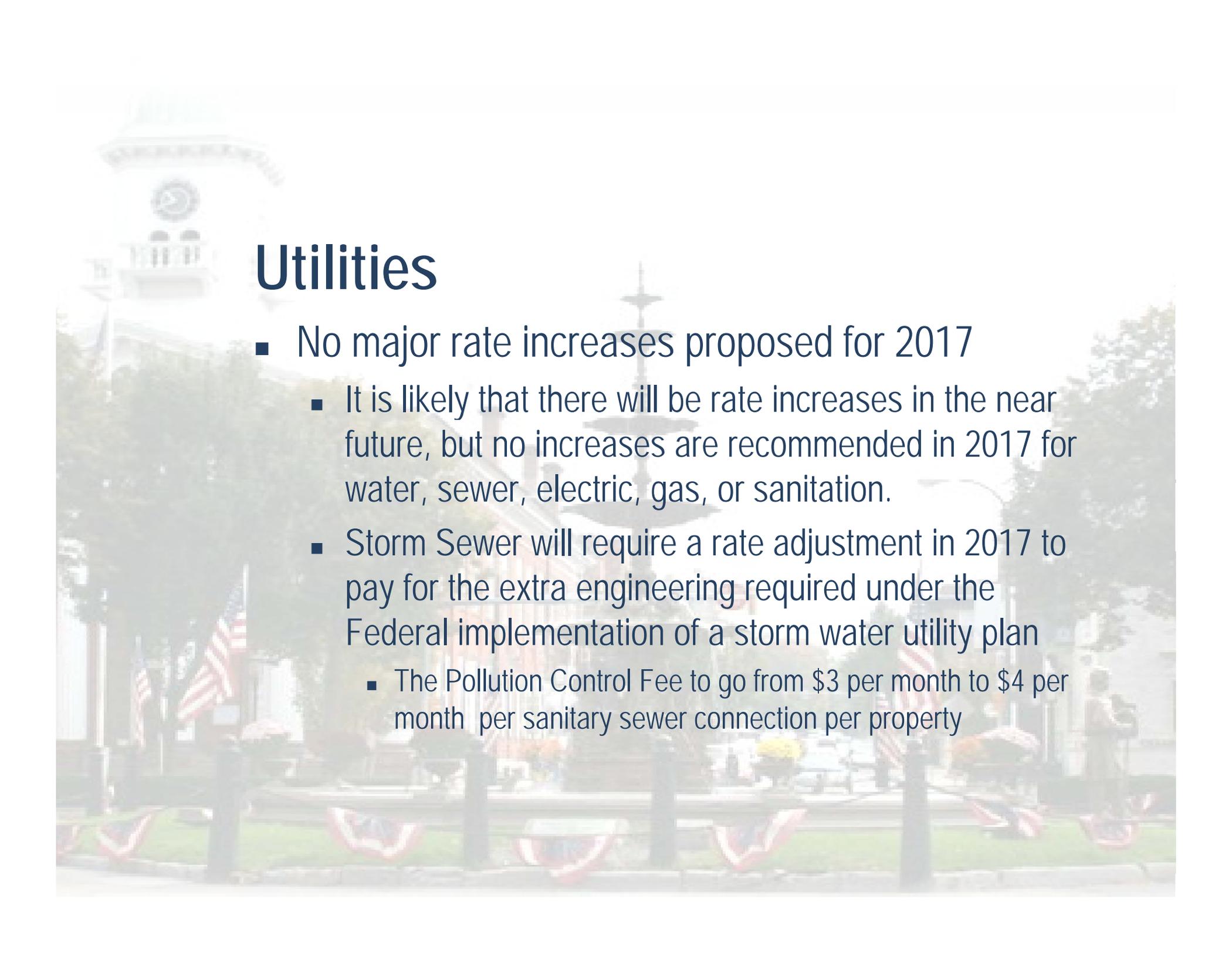
Largest municipal electric in PA, twice as big as #2

One of only two with natural gas; and the other is Philadelphia, which doesn't have an electric utility

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# Utilities

- The utilities are on sound fiscal footing.
  - Electric Department has seen significant growth through the aggressive management of our wholesale electric costs.
  - Sewer is working diligently on controlling costs to maximize the existing revenue from our customers.
  - Water has had no water rate increase since 2001 despite growing operational costs.
  - Gas has the lowest residential heat rate in the State of Pennsylvania, and successfully manages its finances.
  - Sanitation had major operational changes in last budget
  - Parking is supported by a subsidy from Electric for traffic and street lights

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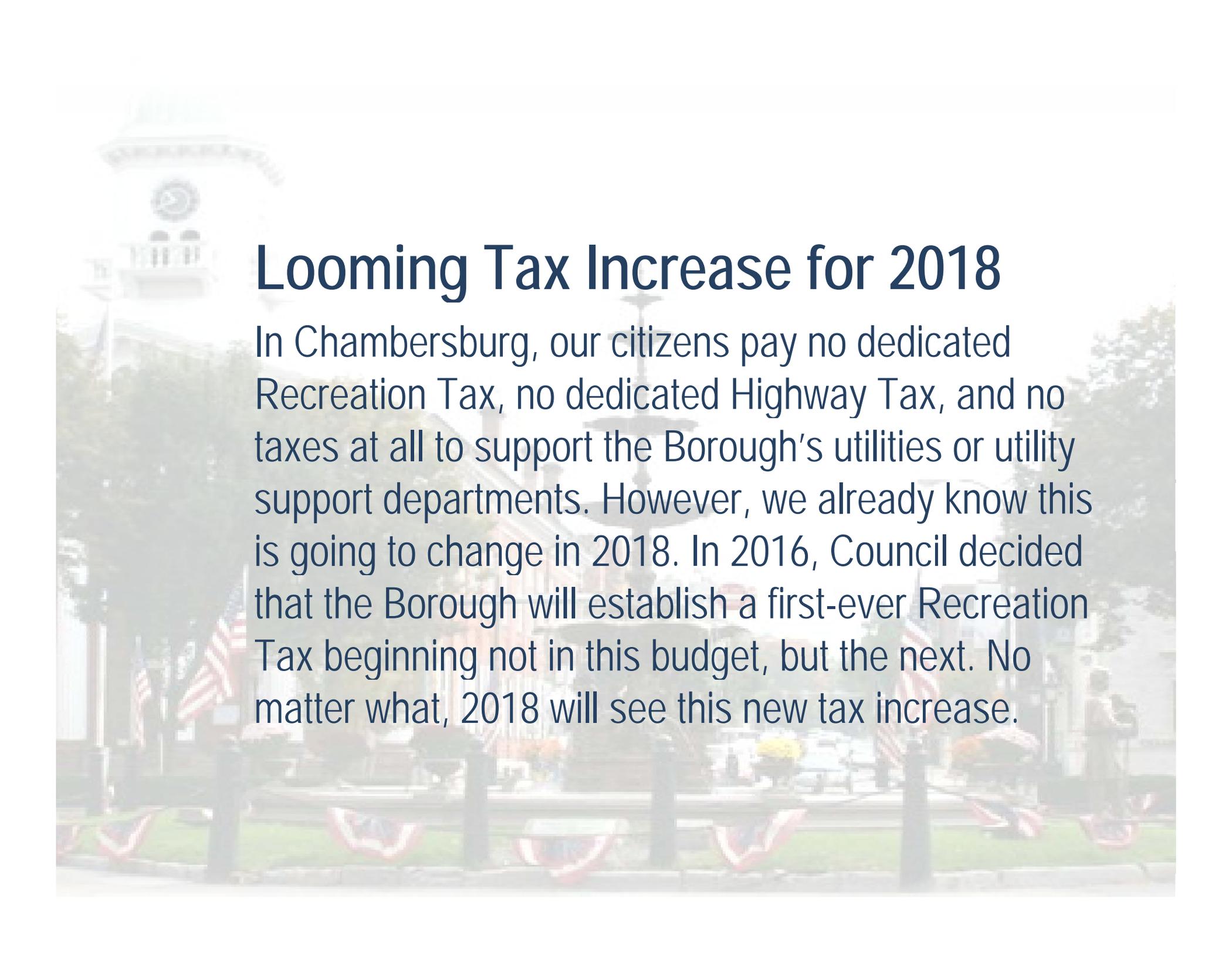
# Utilities

- No major rate increases proposed for 2017
  - It is likely that there will be rate increases in the near future, but no increases are recommended in 2017 for water, sewer, electric, gas, or sanitation.
  - Storm Sewer will require a rate adjustment in 2017 to pay for the extra engineering required under the Federal implementation of a storm water utility plan
    - The Pollution Control Fee to go from \$3 per month to \$4 per month per sanitary sewer connection per property

# Utilities

- No major rate increases proposed for 2017

<b>Utility</b>	<b><u>2016 Cost</u></b>	<b><u>2017 Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Last Changed</u></b>
Electric	\$100.90 per month	\$100.90 per month	2014 (lowered)
Water	\$15 per month	\$15 per month	2001
Sewer	\$29.50 per month	\$29.50 per month	2012
Gas	\$631 per year	\$631 per year	2013
Sanitation	\$18.75 per month	\$18.75 per month	2016
Storm Sewer	\$3*	\$4	2014

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## Looming Tax Increase for 2018

In Chambersburg, our citizens pay no dedicated Recreation Tax, no dedicated Highway Tax, and no taxes at all to support the Borough's utilities or utility support departments. However, we already know this is going to change in 2018. In 2016, Council decided that the Borough will establish a first-ever Recreation Tax beginning not in this budget, but the next. No matter what, 2018 will see this new tax increase.

The background of the slide is a faded photograph of a town square. In the center is a multi-tiered fountain. To the left, there is a building with a clock tower. The square is decorated with several American flags and patriotic bunting. A person is visible walking on the right side of the square.

## 2018 Recreation Tax

Not in 2017

In 2018, the Borough will begin a levy of 3 mil dedicated to repayment of the recent \$9.75 million Recreation Bond.

This 3 mil tax will begin in 2018 and end in 2043, unless extended by Council at that time.

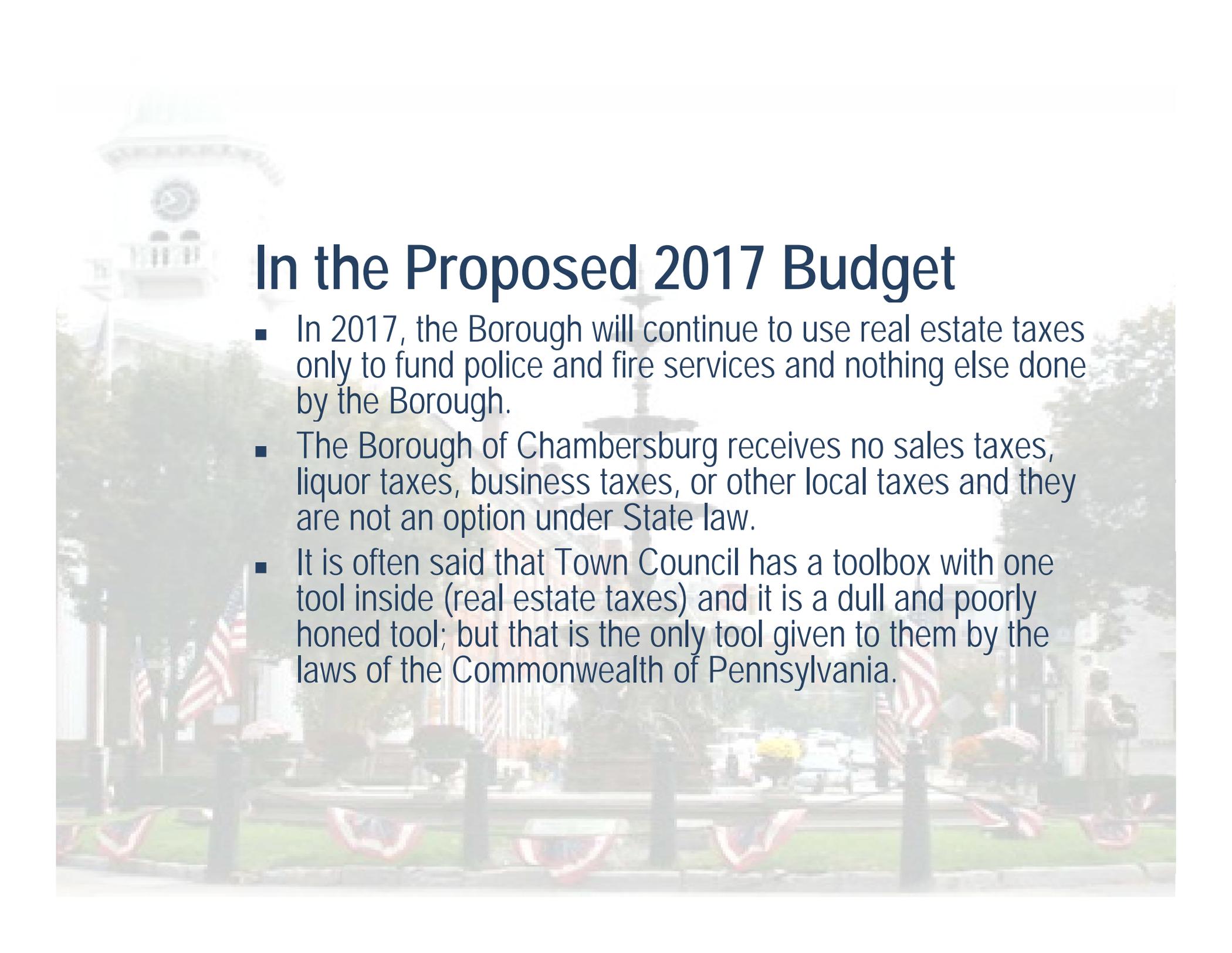
It is dedicated to one purpose only: the 2016 Bond

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# A Look Beyond 2017

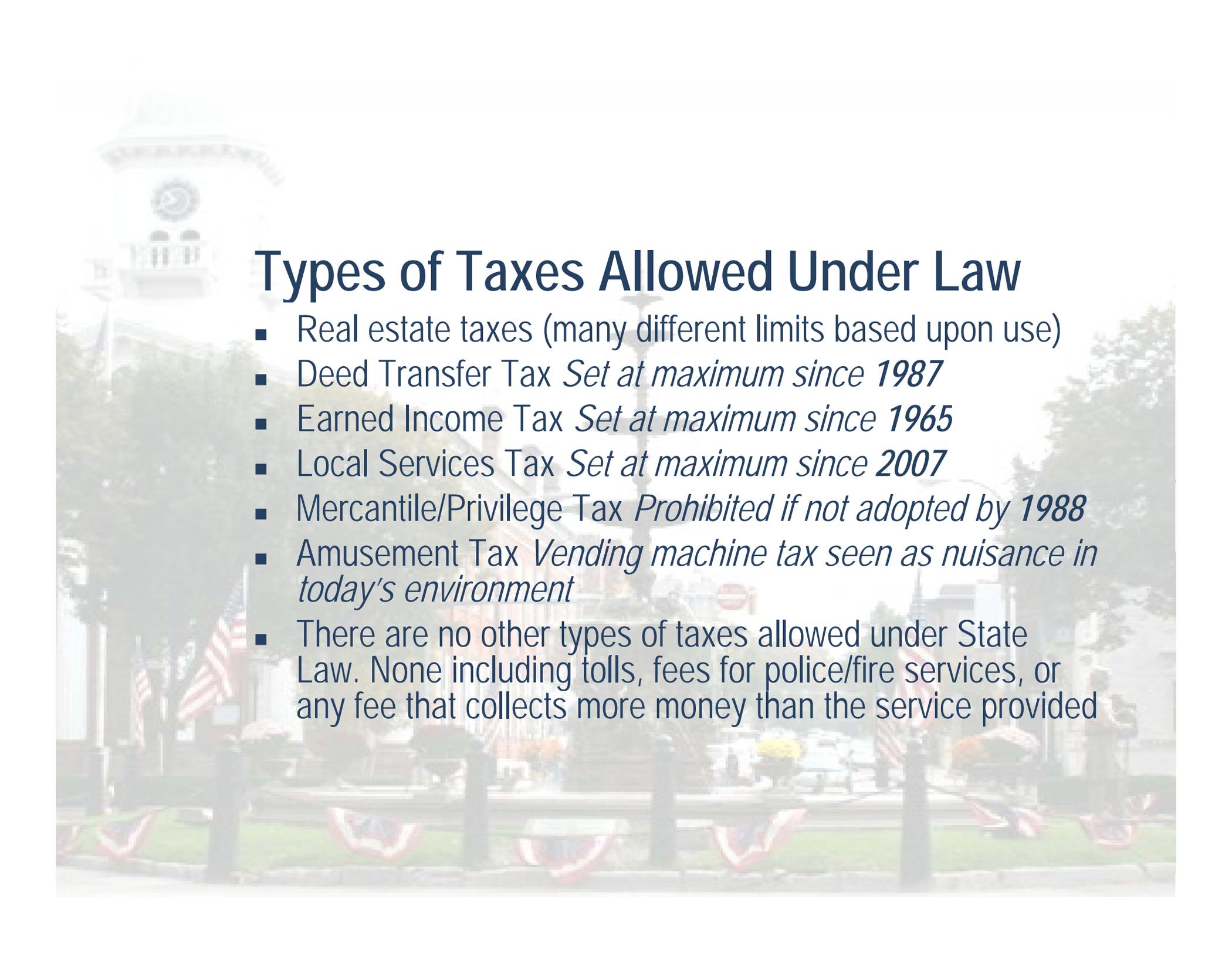
A look beyond 2017 reveals the need for a tax increase and rate increases; but not today.

Until 2014, 100% of the real estate taxes collected by the Borough of Chambersburg were used exclusively to support the Chambersburg Police Department. In 2014, a small share was added to support apparatus operated by the Chambersburg Emergency Services Department. All the real estate taxes collected within the Borough are used exclusively for the Police Department and to support the apparatus operated by the Chambersburg Emergency Services Department; none of this revenue is used to support any other department or operation. As of today, we do not use any real estate taxes to support parks or recreation, highways or streets, any other employees such as the Borough Manager, or any other function or utility.

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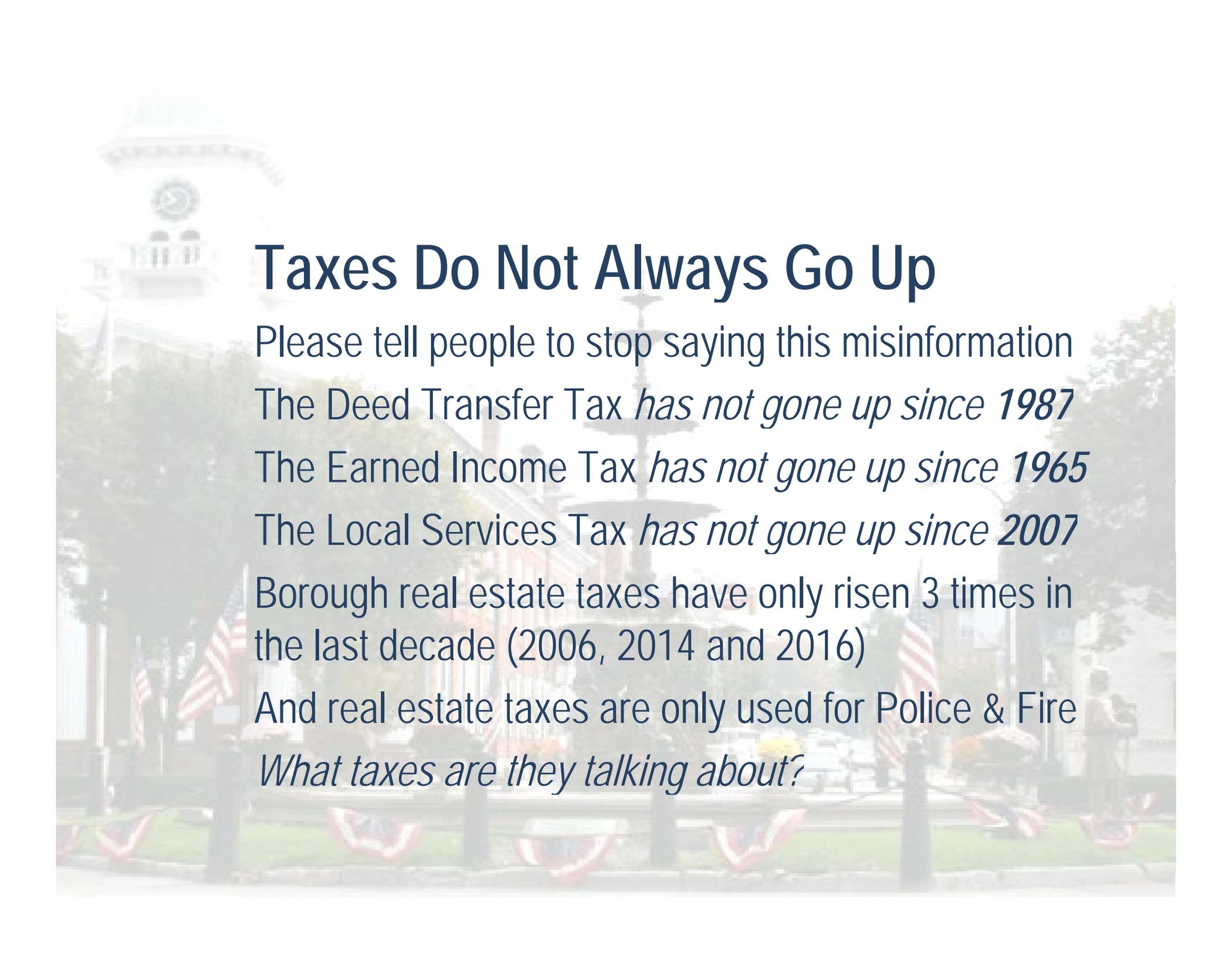
## In the Proposed 2017 Budget

- In 2017, the Borough will continue to use real estate taxes only to fund police and fire services and nothing else done by the Borough.
- The Borough of Chambersburg receives no sales taxes, liquor taxes, business taxes, or other local taxes and they are not an option under State law.
- It is often said that Town Council has a toolbox with one tool inside (real estate taxes) and it is a dull and poorly honed tool; but that is the only tool given to them by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



## Types of Taxes Allowed Under Law

- Real estate taxes (many different limits based upon use)
- Deed Transfer Tax *Set at maximum since 1987*
- Earned Income Tax *Set at maximum since 1965*
- Local Services Tax *Set at maximum since 2007*
- Mercantile/Privilege Tax *Prohibited if not adopted by 1988*
- Amusement Tax *Vending machine tax seen as nuisance in today's environment*
- There are no other types of taxes allowed under State Law. None including tolls, fees for police/fire services, or any fee that collects more money than the service provided



## Taxes Do Not Always Go Up

Please tell people to stop saying this misinformation

The Deed Transfer Tax *has not gone up since 1987*

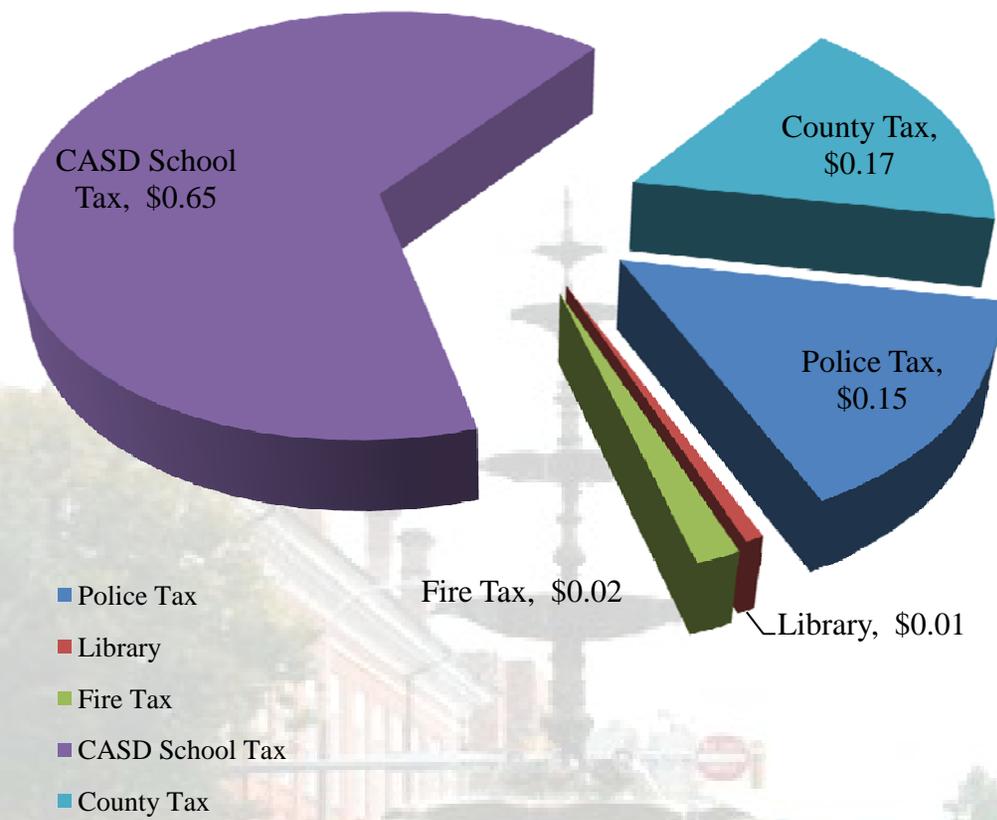
The Earned Income Tax *has not gone up since 1965*

The Local Services Tax *has not gone up since 2007*

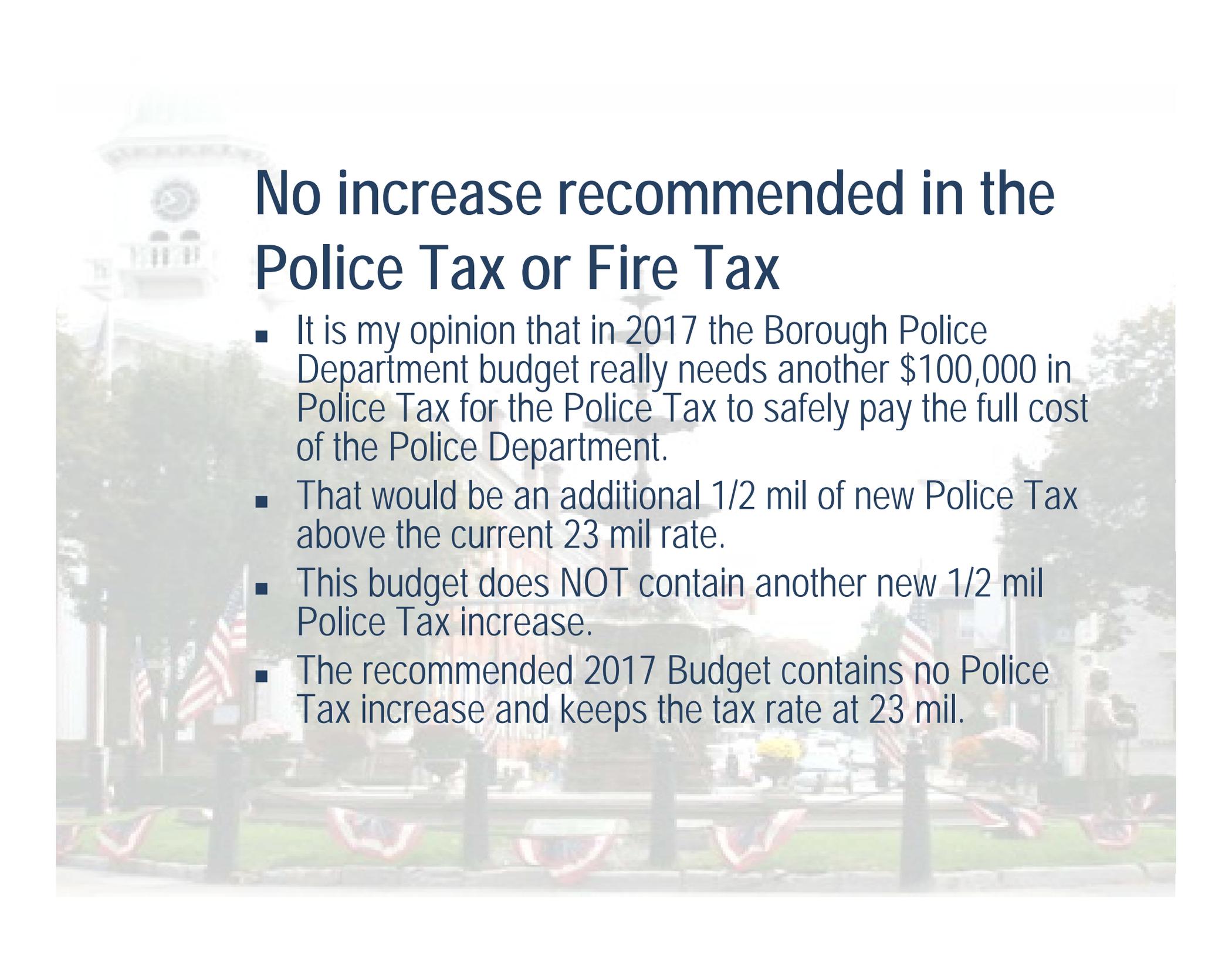
Borough real estate taxes have only risen 3 times in the last decade (2006, 2014 and 2016)

And real estate taxes are only used for Police & Fire

*What taxes are they talking about?*



Only 17¢ of every \$1 paid in real estate taxes will go to the Borough of Chambersburg. The balance, 83¢ will go to support the school district, the county, and the library. In fact 65¢ of every dollar goes to the Chambersburg Area School District.



# No increase recommended in the Police Tax or Fire Tax

- It is my opinion that in 2017 the Borough Police Department budget really needs another \$100,000 in Police Tax for the Police Tax to safely pay the full cost of the Police Department.
- That would be an additional 1/2 mil of new Police Tax above the current 23 mil rate.
- This budget does NOT contain another new 1/2 mil Police Tax increase.
- The recommended 2017 Budget contains no Police Tax increase and keeps the tax rate at 23 mil.

# Value of 1 Mil of Tax

Total assessed value of taxable real estate inside the Borough for 2017 is estimated to be \$200,967,140. Therefore, the cash value of 1 mil would equal \$200,967. However, when factoring in our average collection rate for any year, we should expect that same mil to yield \$186,899. This difference is a result of the average amount of taxes remitted on time, annually, versus the total that is levied. So for budget purposes, 1 mil is equal to approximately \$201,000 in cash.

	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2016 Estimated</b>	<b>2017 Estimated</b>
Police Tax Yield	\$4,233,887	\$4,599,628	\$4,723,663	\$4,632,500
Mil	21	21	23	23
Fire Tax Yield	\$480,000	\$478,947	\$496,490	\$486,000
Mil	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Value of 1 Mil	\$200,591	\$216,110	\$204,712	\$200,725
Est. Single Family House Tax				
Police Tax	\$346.84	\$351.45	\$389	\$390
Fire Tax	\$41.29	\$41.84	\$42	\$42

# Police Tax Rate

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mil	17	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	21	21	23	23

Despite 2016 turning out very well so far (although there are sixty days left), it still appears that 2017 will provide another challenging year with an operating deficit in the Police Department. It is anticipated that the gap between the Police Tax and the cost of operating the Police Department in 2017 will be \$529,775. That number will be reduced, as usual, by some amount of Police Fines as well as State pension aid, but likely a gap will persist. We will review budget numbers by Department after we review taxes.

# Fire Tax Rate

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

While the revenue from the ambulance service and the Fire Code safety inspections is not enough to pay for the cost of operating the Emergency Services Department, this and the Fire Tax combined are counted as a very respectable effort to close the gap in costs. The balance of the Emergency Services Department operating expenses is likewise closed by undesignated revenue, above and beyond the Fire Tax. We will review budget numbers by Department after we review taxes.

# Recreation Tax

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

There is no recreation tax in Chambersburg  
Yet, there will be one beginning in 2018.

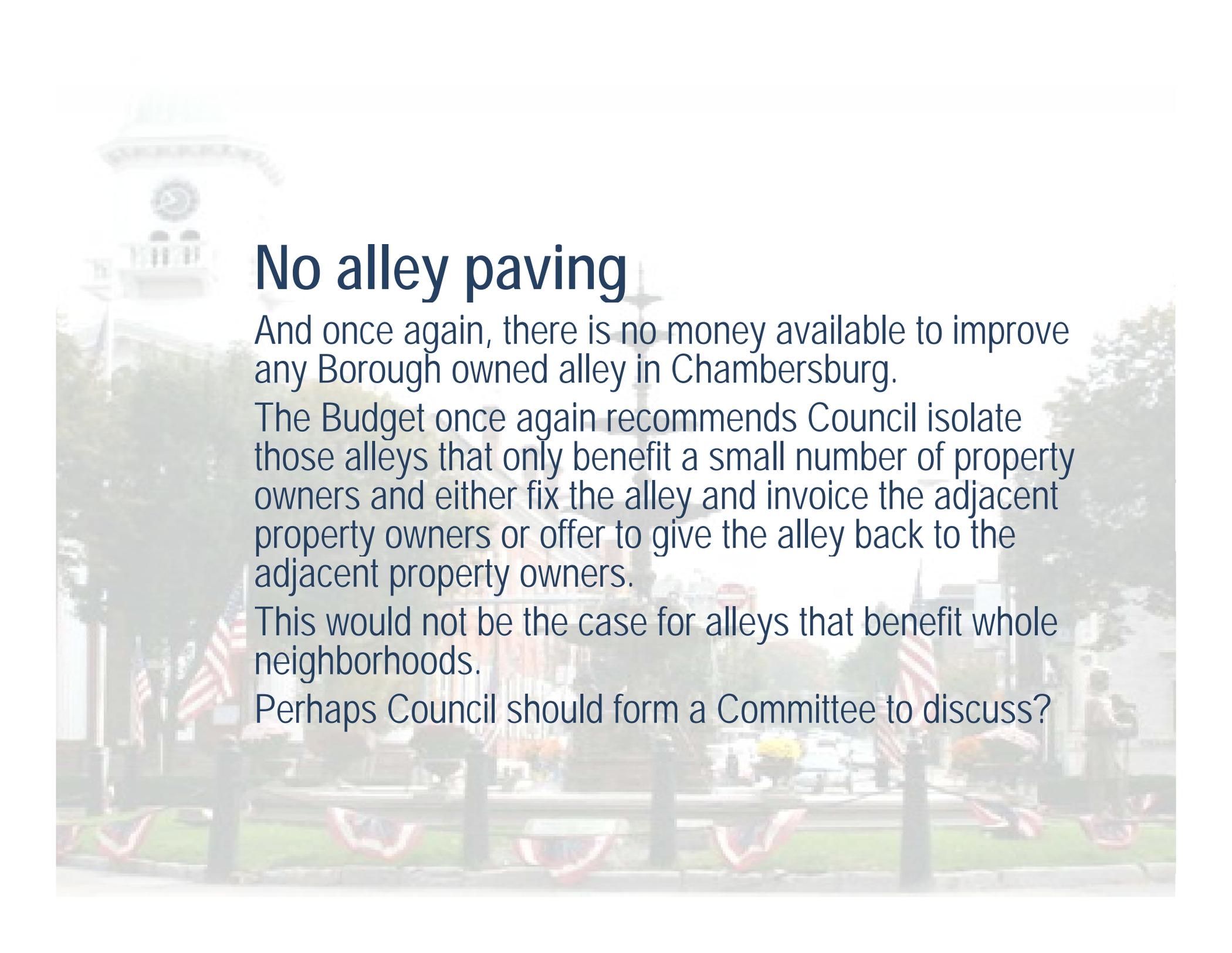
# Highway Tax

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

There is no highway tax in Chambersburg

There is no dedicated funding source for streets or street improvements.

As usual, in 2017, the Borough will be lucky to receive some Highway Aid grant money (a grant from the State created by the sale of Liquid Fuels) plus some balances scraped together at the end of 2016 will result in a limited number of Borough-owned street paving projects. There is no dedicated source of money to do street paving in Chambersburg.

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## No alley paving

And once again, there is no money available to improve any Borough owned alley in Chambersburg.

The Budget once again recommends Council isolate those alleys that only benefit a small number of property owners and either fix the alley and invoice the adjacent property owners or offer to give the alley back to the adjacent property owners.

This would not be the case for alleys that benefit whole neighborhoods.

Perhaps Council should form a Committee to discuss?

# Typical Year of Side Street Paving

<b>STREETS</b>	
<b>Total Project Requests</b>	<b>\$8,769,958</b>
<b>2017 Projects (General Fund: \$848,602.61/Liquid Fuels: \$578,005.39)</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Liquid Fuels/General Fund: Hollywell Ave. (Industrial Dr. to South St.)	\$259,111
Liquid Fuels/General Fund: Catherine St. (Railroad Highline to Water St.)	\$205,454
Liquid Fuels/General Fund: Park Ave. (Scotland Ave. to Edgar Ave.)	\$179,822
General Fund: Montgomery Ave. (Fifth Ave. to Seventh St.)	\$150,465
General Fund: Sixth St. (Lincoln Way East to Montgomery Ave.)	\$146,527
General Fund: Norland Ave. Ultra-Thin Friction Course (Fifth Ave. to Scotland Ave.)	\$74,954
General Fund: Burkhart Ave. (Harrison Ave. to Central Ave.)	\$30,196
General Fund: Central Ave. (Lincoln Way East to Queen St.)	\$28,436
General Fund: Hollywell Ave./Industrial Dr. Intersection Reconstruction	\$28,264
General Fund: Bedington Boulevard Ultra-Thin Friction Course	\$17,666
<b>Sub-Total General Fund/Liquid Fuels</b>	<b>\$1,120,895</b>
Chambersburg Hospital MTF: Parkwood Dr. Extension	\$1,140,214
Chambersburg Hospital MTF: Norland/Fifth Ave. Intersection Improvements	\$503,541
Chambersburg Hospital MTF: St. Paul Dr. Public Street Conversion	\$236,796
<b>Sub-Total Chambersburg Hospital MTF</b>	<b>\$1,880,551</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,001,446</b>

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# Typical Year of Side Street Paving

With a reasonable contingency, it is anticipated that the 2017 paving budget will be \$1,426,608.

Highway construction projects are done with Highway Aid grant money (a grant from the State created by the sale of Liquid Fuels) and whatever money is left over from the previous fiscal year. Our Highway Aid grant only pays for street construction made to Borough owned streets and not much of that at all. Keeping up with all highway maintenance on Borough streets without a dedicated funding source has always been very challenging.

In 2017, we will again be able to scrape together some balances to have a street maintenance program..

# Major Construction Included in Budget

Expanding City Hall with a Utility Departments' Addition

The 2017 Budget includes resources for the borrowing of money and the costs associated with construction.



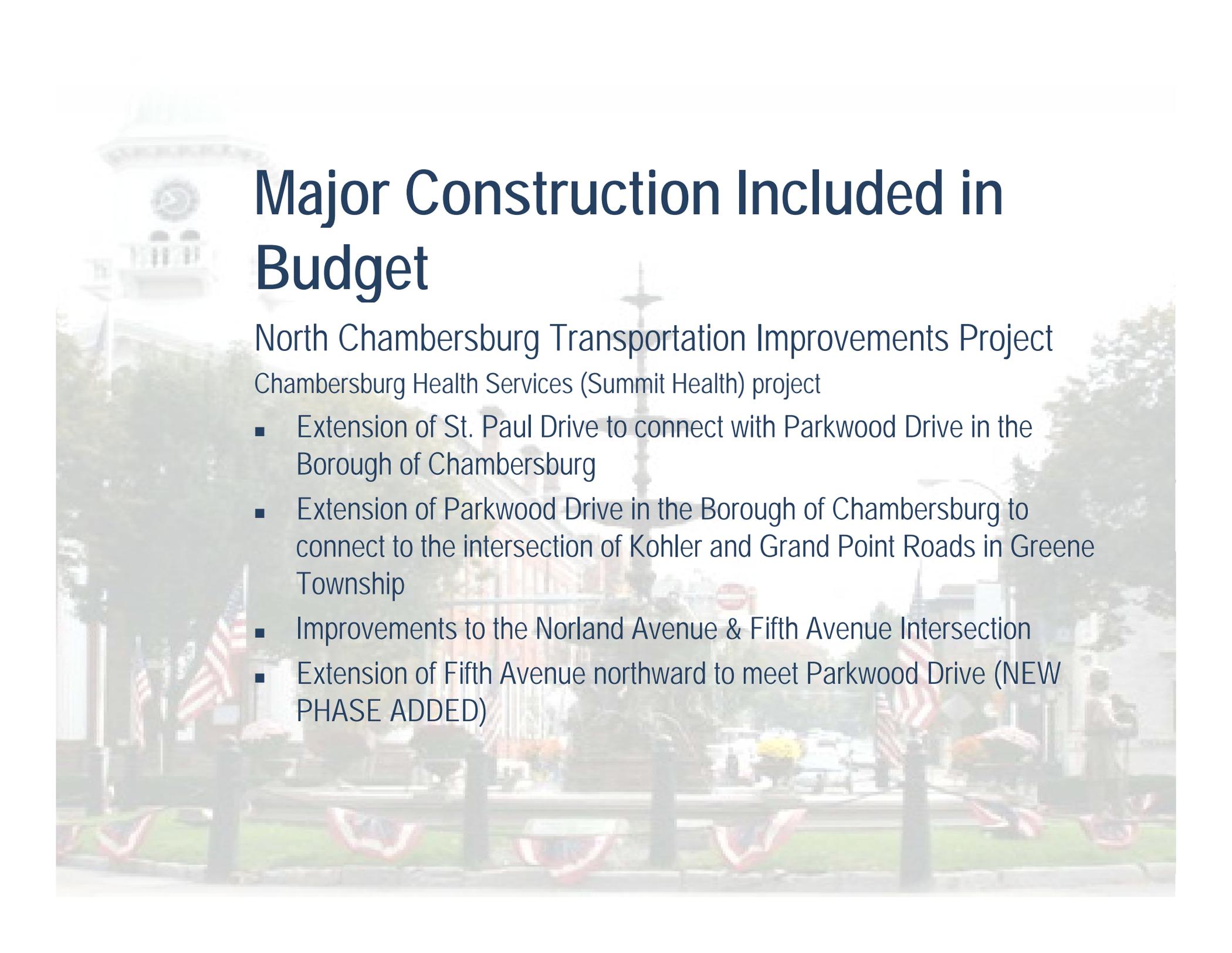
# Major Construction Included in Budget

Memorial Park Family Aquatic Facility

The proceeds to pay for this construction were borrowed in 2016

The 2017 Budget includes resources for construction.





# Major Construction Included in Budget

North Chambersburg Transportation Improvements Project  
Chambersburg Health Services (Summit Health) project

- Extension of St. Paul Drive to connect with Parkwood Drive in the Borough of Chambersburg
- Extension of Parkwood Drive in the Borough of Chambersburg to connect to the intersection of Kohler and Grand Point Roads in Greene Township
- Improvements to the Norland Avenue & Fifth Avenue Intersection
- Extension of Fifth Avenue northward to meet Parkwood Drive (NEW PHASE ADDED)

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# A Safe, Clean, Green & Healthy Community

- Borough-Wide Camera and Security Project Completes Phase 2
- Rhodes Drive Reconstruction and Stormwater BMP Implementation Project
- New Central Avenue Parking Lot, Downtown Sharrows, and Pedestrian Safety Initiatives
- Wilson College Illumination Project
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Plan & Healthy Communities Design Initiative
- Elm Street Neighborhood Master Plan
- Sustainable PA Community Certification

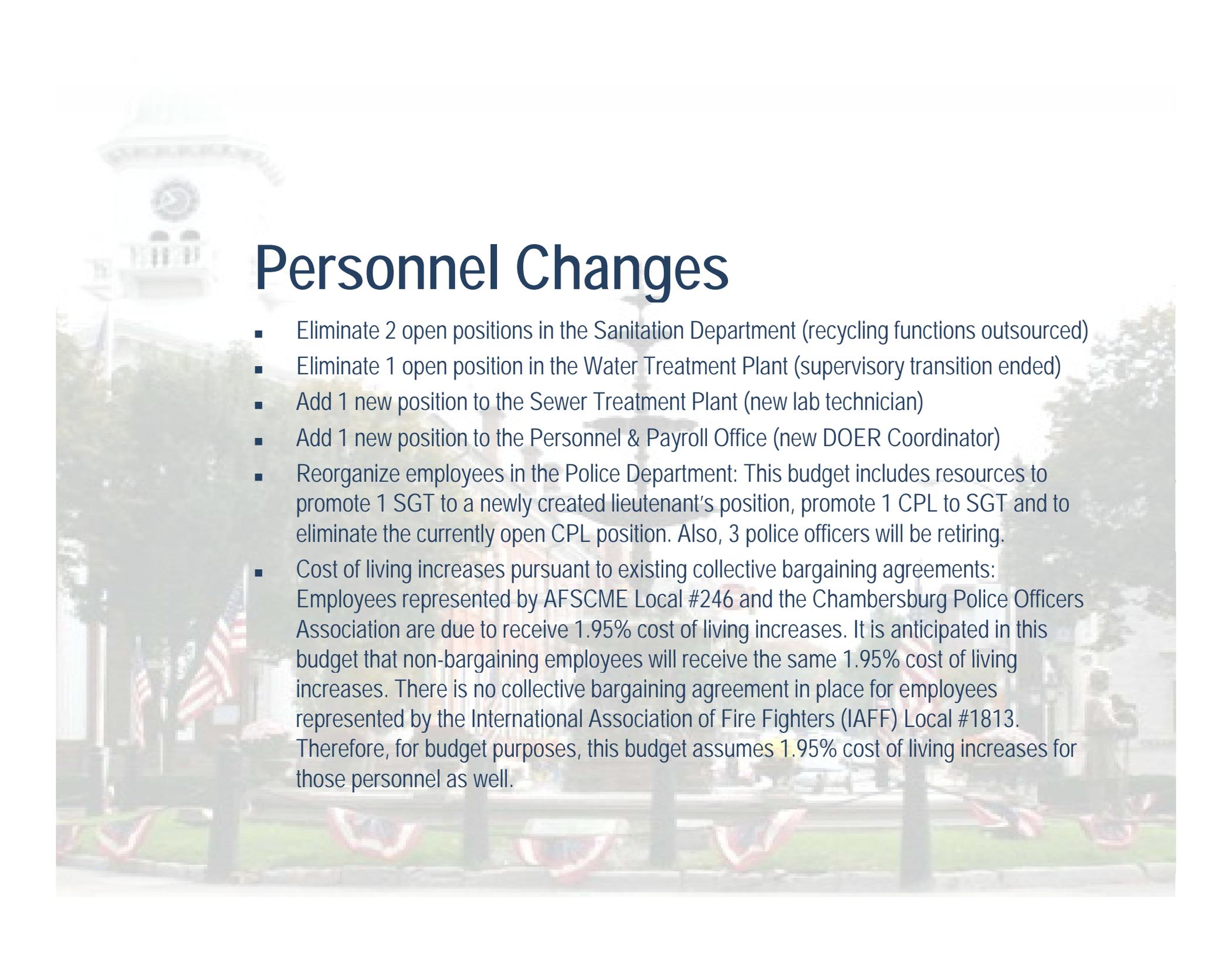
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# Expanding Municipal Services

- Work With Townships to Provide Expanded Sewer and Water Services
- Work With Townships to Provide Post-Construction Stormwater Management Services
- Work With Townships to Provide Additional Recreation Services for Their Residents
- Work With Townships to Provide Commercial Fire Code Inspection Services
- Work With Townships to Provide Additional Police Patrols in Commercial Areas

# Motor Equipment Purchases

<b>Dept</b>	<b>New Vehicle</b>	<b>Replace Existing</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>
Admin Services	2017 Ford Transit Van	2003 Chevy Express Cargo Van (No. 329)	\$30,000
Electric	2017 Service Bucket Truck	2004 Ford F-750 Bucket Truck (No. 421)	\$150,000
Electric	2017 Ford F-350 Enclosed Utility Truck	1999 Chevrolet Cutaway Van (No. 957)	\$45,000
Fire	2017 Pumper Truck	1996 Spartan Pumper Engine 1-1 (No. 611) 1996 Luverne Pumper Engine 1-3 (No. 613)	\$625,000
Engineering	2017 Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4WD Pickup	2000 Dodge Dakota 4WD Pickup (No.26)	\$35,000
Gas	2017 John Deere Backhoe	2003 Case Backhoe (No. 332)	\$100,000
Highway	2017 John Deere 544K 4WD Wheel Loader	2005 Case Backhoe (No. 504)	\$160,000
Police	2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor	2011 Ford Crown Victoria Cruiser (No. 188)	\$45,000
Recreation	2017 Chevrolet Colorado	<i>Addition to Recreation Fleet</i>	\$30,000
Sanitation	2017 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper	2005 Elgin Pelican Sweeper (No. 512)	\$191,000
Water/Sewer	2017 Aquatech Vacuum Vactor Truck	2006 Vactor Truck (No. 653) will be kept for Highway Department and Storm Sewer (MS4) use but 2004 Vacon Truck (No. 9453) will be sold	\$370,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,781,000</b>



# Personnel Changes

- Eliminate 2 open positions in the Sanitation Department (recycling functions outsourced)
- Eliminate 1 open position in the Water Treatment Plant (supervisory transition ended)
- Add 1 new position to the Sewer Treatment Plant (new lab technician)
- Add 1 new position to the Personnel & Payroll Office (new DOER Coordinator)
- Reorganize employees in the Police Department: This budget includes resources to promote 1 SGT to a newly created lieutenant's position, promote 1 CPL to SGT and to eliminate the currently open CPL position. Also, 3 police officers will be retiring.
- Cost of living increases pursuant to existing collective bargaining agreements: Employees represented by AFSCME Local #246 and the Chambersburg Police Officers Association are due to receive 1.95% cost of living increases. It is anticipated in this budget that non-bargaining employees will receive the same 1.95% cost of living increases. There is no collective bargaining agreement in place for employees represented by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local #1813. Therefore, for budget purposes, this budget assumes 1.95% cost of living increases for those personnel as well.

2017 USE OF FUND BALANCE TABLE

2017 Revenue    2017 Expenditure    2017 Use of Fund Balance

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	\$13,960,225		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			\$1,389,054	
HIGHWAY			\$1,274,795	
FIRE			\$3,889,875	
POLICE			\$5,162,275	
RECREATION			\$1,365,587	
LAND USE			\$630,120	
CIVIC & DOWNTOWN			\$248,519	
GENERAL FUND	TOTAL		\$13,960,225	No use
ELECTRIC	TOTAL	\$30,937,420	\$30,937,420	No use
GAS	TOTAL	\$7,580,100	\$7,580,100	No use
WATER	TOTAL	\$2,947,808	\$2,947,808	No use
SEWER	TOTAL	\$5,744,100	\$5,744,100	No use
SANITATION	TOTAL	\$2,981,600	\$2,981,600	No use
PARKING TRAFFIC	TOTAL	\$1,864,150	\$1,864,150	No use
STORM SEWER	TOTAL	\$392,800	\$392,800	No use
SWIMMING POOL	TOTAL	\$199,312	\$7,324,312	Deduct \$7,125,000
MOTOR EQUIPMENT	TOTAL	\$2,986,700	\$3,884,550	Deduct \$897,850
ENGINEERING	TOTAL	\$425,755	\$425,755	No use
STORES	TOTAL	\$1,006,800	\$1,006,800	No use
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	TOTAL	\$15,961,795		
UTILITY ADDITION OPERATIONS			\$268,040	
PERSONNEL PAYROLL			\$388,550	
INFO TECHNOLOGY			\$838,950	
CUSTOMER SERVICE/FINANCE			\$2,213,475	
CLERICAL POOL			\$1,090,175	
GENERAL ADMIN & SUPPLIES			\$712,605	
ADMIN CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$10,450,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	TOTAL		\$15,961,795	No use
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL RESERVE	TOTAL	\$936,755	\$2,964,425	Deduct \$2,027,670
STORM SEWER CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$381,400	\$480,000	Deduct \$98,600
ELECTRIC CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$1,307,600	\$1,721,149	Deduct \$413,549
GAS CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$1,499,200	\$820,000	Add \$679,200
WATER CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$117,300	\$629,000	Deduct \$511,700
SEWER CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$3,259,900	\$4,002,000	Deduct \$742,100
SANITATION CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$3,300	\$ -	Add \$3,300
PARKING CAPITAL	TOTAL	\$4,411,446	\$4,411,446	No use
SELF INSURANCE TRUST	TOTAL	\$882,455	\$404,300	Add \$478,155
WORKERS COMP TRUST	TOTAL	\$305,150	\$294,125	Add \$11,025
RECREATION TAX FUND HOLDING	TOTAL	\$68,725	\$68,725	No use
RICHARD KASHER FIRE TAX HOLDING	TOTAL	\$487,400	\$487,400	No use
LIQUID FUELS STATE GRANT HOLDING	TOTAL	\$582,905	\$582,905	No use



Real example of average Borough home:  
0.15 acre lot single family home  
Estimated value: \$154,500

Assessed value: \$16,850

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Police Tax	\$387.55	\$387.55
Fire Tax	\$42.13	\$42.13
Total	\$429.68	\$429.68

The average single family house inside the Borough has an assessed value of \$16,896.89; for illustration purposes, the average home owned by a member of Town Council has an assessed value of \$20,970 or slightly over the Borough average.

In 2016, with a 23 mil Police Tax and a 2.5 mil Fire Tax, the average single family home paid \$388.63 in Police Tax and \$42.24 in Fire Tax; for a total annual tax bill of \$430.87 or \$1.18 per day.



## Next Steps

- Tonight – authorize the advertisement of the budget
- Next week – November 14 – accept public comments on the proposed budget
- Following week – November 21 – accept any additional comments on the proposed budget
- December 12 – approve the proposed budget and the 2017 Real Estate Tax Ordinance