



**Township of  
Maple Shade**

# **2026 Municipal Budget**

**Your Money. Your Town**

**Clear Answers**

**April 16, 2026**



**AN EASY REFERENCE  
GUIDE FOR  
RESIDENTS**



# **The Municipal Budget: What is it?**

Much like your household budget, it shows what we expect we will bring in and how we plan to spend it.

## **Why Does it Matter?**

It's YOUR money. The budget decides whether the lights stay on, a pothole gets filled or if the plow comes down your street.

# Where Do Your Taxes Go?

## A Brief Guide To Understanding Your Tax Bill



62%

School



25%

Township



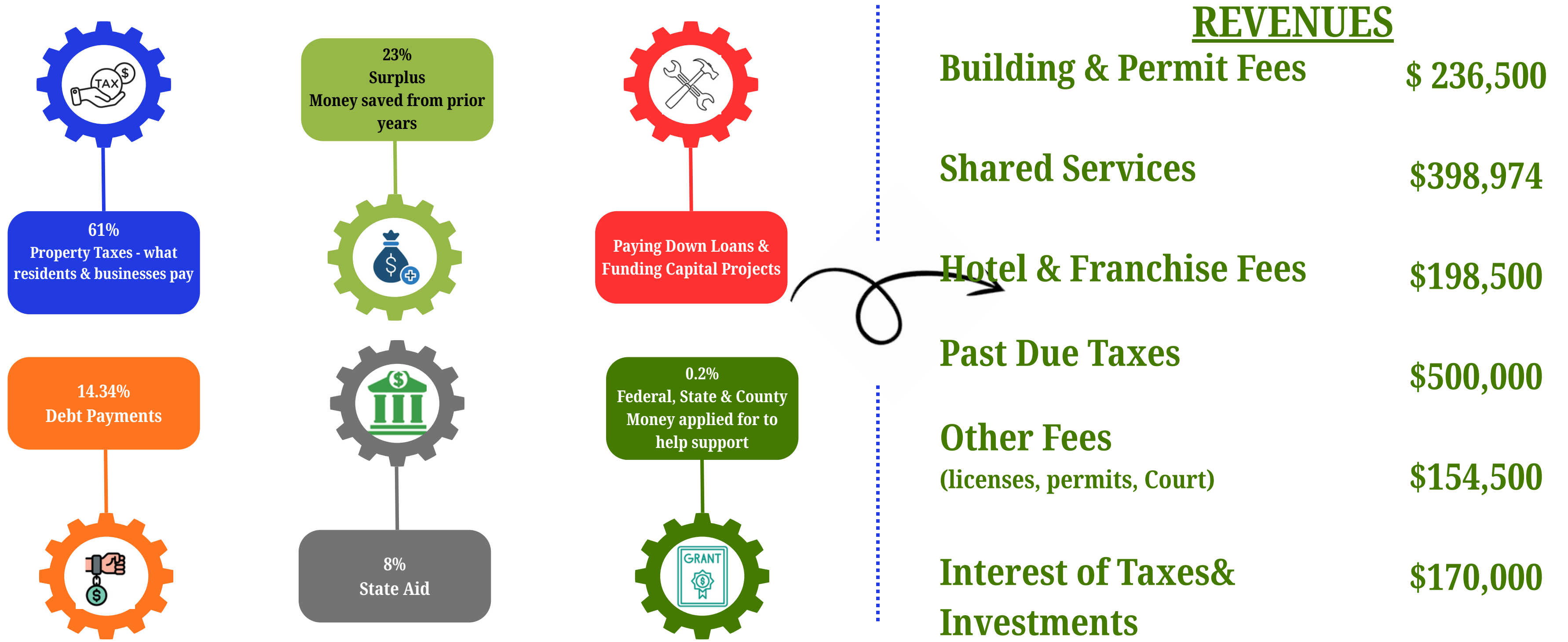
13%

County - Includes  
Open Space & Library

*We Collect it All, But Only Control a Portion of It!*

# 2026 Budget = \$21,642,719

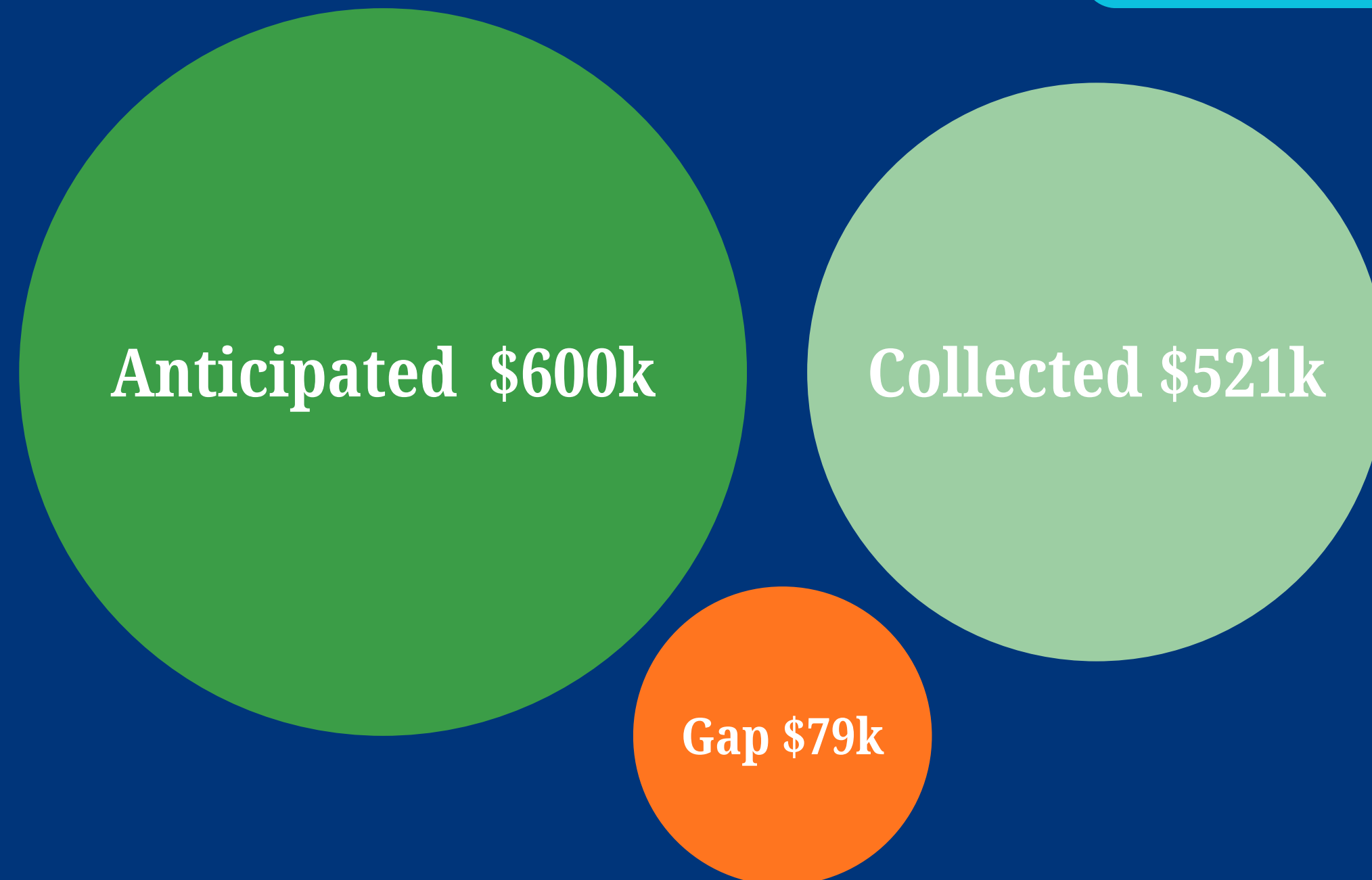
## Amount to Be Raised by Property Taxation = \$13,208,024.05



# Why do We Budget for Unpaid Taxes?

Not all payments are received on time, but our expenses must still be met as they come due.

We have to plan as though 100% of revenues will be collected in order to maintain a balanced position.



# Our Surplus

## Why It Matters

Provides Financial Stability

Helps Avoid Sudden Tax Increases or Service Cuts

Demonstrates Strong Fiscal Management

## How it Should Be

### Used

Applied Strategically to Offset Tax Levy to Ease Burden on Residents

Reserved for Emergencies or Unforeseen Needs

Maintained at a Healthy Level to Ensure Ongoing Financial Flexibility

## What It Means For

### Maple Shade

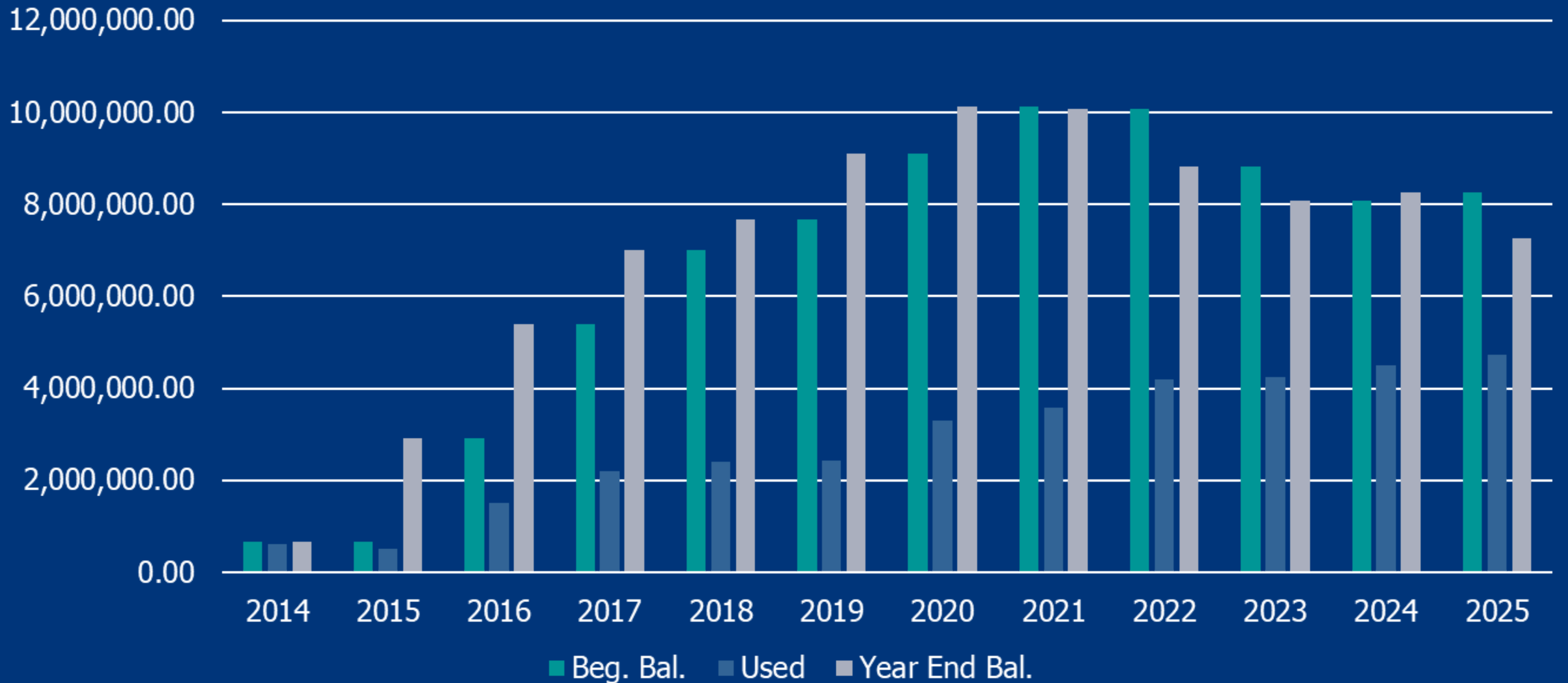
Strong Surplus Supports our AA- Bond Rating

Positions Township to Secure Favorable Interest Rates for Borrowing

Reflects Commitment to Responsible Budgeting & Protecting Tax Payers Dollars



# Maple Shade Surplus Balances by Year



# WHERE THE MONEY GOES - FOR REAL

*(Not Where You Read it Goes on Social Media!)*

37.4%  
\$8,098,040.19

Employees  
Salaries &  
Benefits

9.4%  
\$2,032,936

Pensions &  
Social  
Security

8.8%  
\$1,912,411.87

Insurance  
health, liability,  
workers' comp

2.3%  
\$517,000

Utilities  
Electric, gas, internet,  
bldg operations

5.9%  
\$1,278,689.35

Reserve for  
Uncollected  
Taxes

10%  
\$2,158,504  
Solid Waste &  
Recycling

8.2%  
\$1,786,000  
Operating Expenses  
Things that keep the town  
running daily

14.4%  
\$3,106,196  
Debt Service &  
Capital Improvm.

2.5%  
\$545,500  
Professional Svc  
Contracts

~ 1%  
\$207,441.59  
Other Miscellaneous  
Expenses

# How is Each Dollar of an Average \$6,618.33\* Tax Bill Spent

## Breakdown of an Average \$6,618.33 Tax Bill

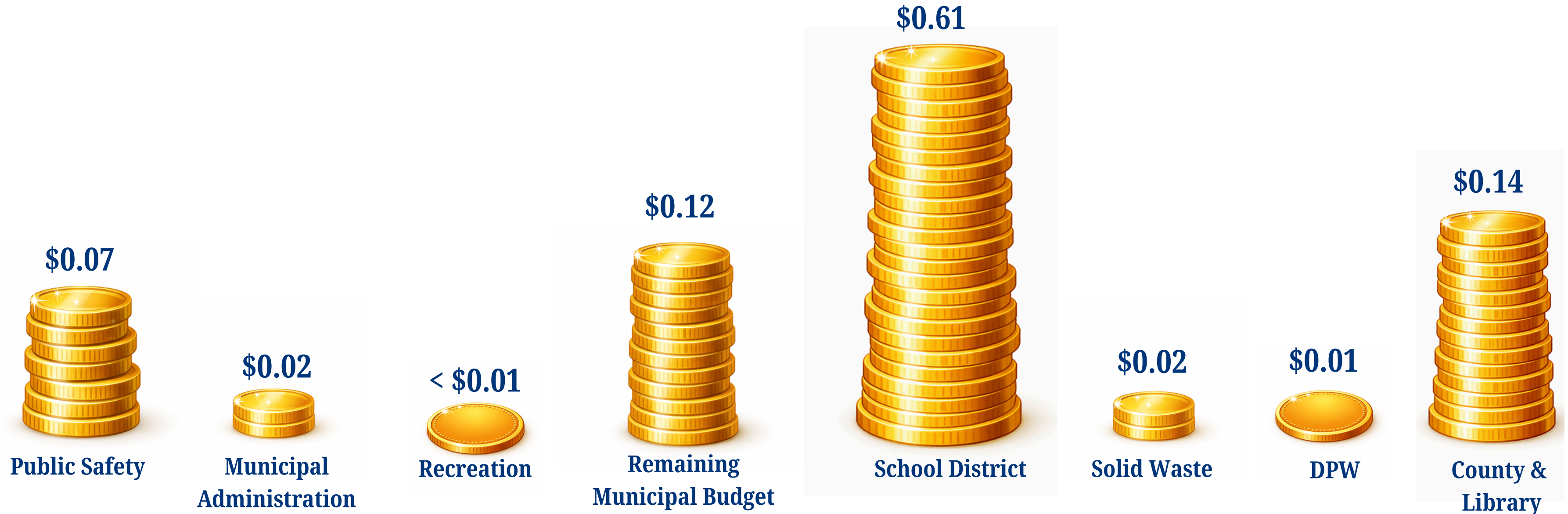
<b>\$4,066.17</b>	<b>Maple Shade School District</b>
<b>\$1,611.25</b>	<b>Township of Maple Shade - Municipal Services</b>
<b>\$940.60</b>	<b>Burlington County Services</b>



## Breakdown of \$1,611.25 for Municipal Services

<b>\$602.61</b>	<b>Employee Salaries</b>
<b>\$151.46</b>	<b>Pensions &amp; Retirement</b>
<b>\$141.79</b>	<b>Insurance (health/workers comp)</b>
<b>\$232.02</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>
<b>\$161.13</b>	<b>Solid Waste Collection</b>
<b>\$132.12</b>	<b>Operational Expenses</b>
<b>\$37.06</b>	<b>Utilities (gas/electric/phone)</b>
<b>\$93.45</b>	<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>
<b>\$40.28</b>	<b>Professional Services</b>
<b>\$19.33</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>

# Your Tax Dollar at Work - Smart Spending, Steady Services



*Thank you*

**Have Questions?**

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