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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Montgomery Township's 2024 Budget Approved with a Tax Increase.

**Montgomeryville, PA**— The Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors approved the budget for 2024. It will include a property tax increase from 2.49 mills to 2.94 mills, generating about \$850,000 annually.

This property tax increase is a proactive step toward securing essential funding for the Township's upcoming capital needs and improvements. While revenue from the development of the Township helped to defer tax increases for this purpose for many years, Montgomery Township is now built out and must seek more reliable and consistent income sources. The decision follows careful consideration and extensive projections regarding our township's financial sustainability and our ability to maintain critical assets.

Capital improvements have been underway per Montgomery Township's five-year <u>Capital Investment</u> <u>Plan.</u> These projects include, but are not limited to, those listed below.

## Public Safety

- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) to enhance pedestrian safety are currently being installed at Windlestrae Park on Kenas Road and Spring Valley Park on Upper State Road.
- Another RRFB is approved to be installed on Stump Road to connect the Village Shopping Center to the Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center.
- New sidewalks are being installed throughout the Township, including on Stump Road.'
- Several traffic signal upgrades are underway, including at Bethlehem Pike and English Village, Bethlehem Pike and Taylor Road/McLaughlin Road, and 5 Points Plaza and Cowpath Road.
- ADA improvements are underway at English Village and 309.

Infrastructure and Facility Maintenance



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- Road paving
- Repairs to the Community & Recreation Center
- Building Maintenance
- Purchasing new vehicles for Police, Fire, and Public Works
- Richardson Road's culvert was recently repaired

## Parks

- Fellowship Park's playground is being rebuilt with sensory elements, allowing children of all abilities accessible ways to play alongside their family and friends.
- Whistlestop Park will be renovated to include a reimagined playground with sensory elements. It will also feature new pickleball courts and a walking trail. This project is partially funded by DCNR and DCED grants.
- A new dog park will be built at Route 202 and Knapp Road.
- Additional park improvements will come, continuing Montgomery Township's trend of improving accessibility of play for all abilities.

Montgomery Township is committed to ensuring the sustainable financial health of the Township and ensuring that we can continue to meet the expectations and needs of the community. While the Township will continue to actively pursue grants for its capital projects, the millage increase is a necessary step to guarantee sustained support for the Township's future.

The full 2024 Approved Budget can be viewed here.

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