

What Is the Status of Anderson Township's Budget?



GENERAL FUND

- The inside millage designated to the general fund generates \$81.20 per \$200k market valuation
- Despite several state cuts to local government revenue streams, this fund has rebounded and is healthy, covering many township operations and quality-of-life services



SAFETY SERVICES

- Currently in year eight of a projected five-year levy adopted in 2016, which followed eight-year adoption cycles dating back to 2000-2008
- Funds are utilized for fire and rescue and sheriff's services
- **Effective millage is now 64%** of the voted levy approved in 2016 and continues to decline sharply as reappraisals occur



PUBLIC WORKS

- Currently in year 26 of a Road & Bridge Levy, adopted in 1998 and utilized for public works operations and new trail construction (per levy language)
- All new paving and related projects are paid for by TIF funds
- Revenue stream is stabilized and covering current township services



TIF (CAPITAL PROJECTS)

- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues are derived from new growth and redevelopment
- May only be used for capital projects and equipment, such as vehicle replacement, roadway resurfacing, safety and beautification projects, property acquisition, and quality-of-life amenities (Anderson Center, Anderson RecPlex, new trails and sidewalks, etc.)
- Very healthy and growing fund balance, which has stretched public safety and road tax levies

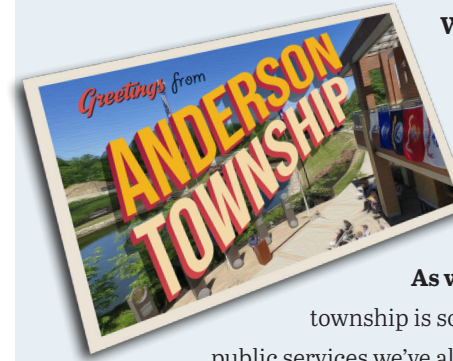


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Letter to Anderson Township Residents



We've prepared this brochure to outline the current financial snapshot of Anderson Township in 2024.

With the loss of local news outlets, we believe it is even more important than ever to share details and be transparent about how Anderson utilizes tax dollars paid to the township.

As we finalize this year's budget, the fiscal health of the township is sound, and we continue to deliver those high-quality public services we've all come to expect!

Significant private investment in our community through new construction and redevelopment is certainly a key part of the township's stable financial position. However, the uses of "new" tax revenue are limited, and as we plan for the next several years, your local government will be facing several challenges ahead.

Unlike businesses and households, the township cannot generate additional revenue without voter support. As elected officials we are working with staff to study options to continue to stretch tax dollars and pursue creative opportunities. Our goal is to not only sustain but enhance our public services where needed to encourage the safety and desirability of Anderson Township as a premier community in this region to live, work and play.

If you are interested in learning more, read the story on page 1 of the April 2024 *Anderson Insights* newsletter. As always, if you wish to share your comments, concerns or have any questions, please contact any of us or our staff.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community!



J. Lexi Lausten
trustee

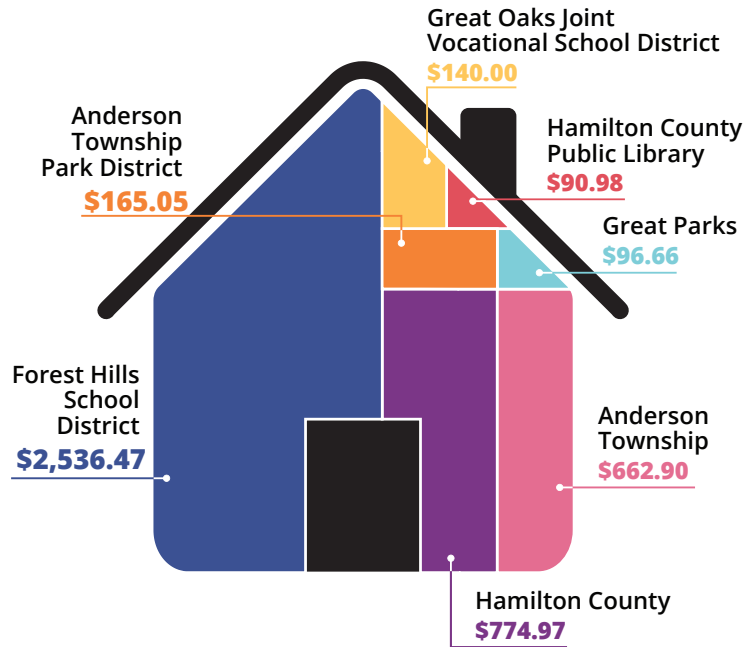
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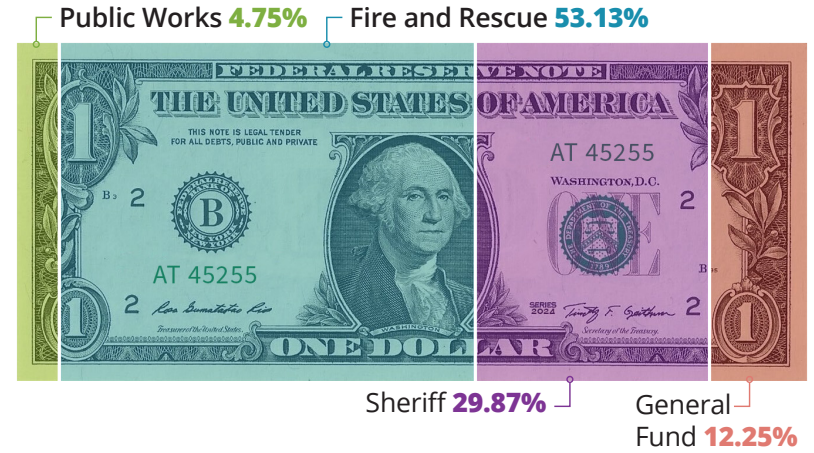
Brian M. Johnson
fiscal officer

Taxes Collected on a \$200,000 market value property

- Less than 15% of the property tax dollar is allocated to Anderson Township
- Anderson Township has had no new tax levies since 2016, and voted levy revenues to the township have remained relatively flat since that time
- Reappraisals have not resulted in new funds for Anderson Township



Where Do My Property Taxes Go?



PUBLIC WORKS

- Maintenance of 123 miles of township streets, curbs and storm sewers (including snow and ice removal); over 90 miles of township-constructed sidewalks, walkways, trails and bicycle paths; and six township cemeteries
- Oversee and manage a fleet of more than 80 vehicles



FIRE & RESCUE

- Emergency medical and advanced life support services, providing four personnel at four stations, 24 hours a day, with nearly 6,400 responses in 2023
- Life safety, including plan review and safety inspections, as well as disaster planning/emergency preparedness



SHERIFF'S DISTRICT 5

- 24-hour law enforcement, with five geographic beats responding to more than 15,500 dispatches in 2023
- Community policing, including specialty officers (school resource, community resource, crime prevention, traffic safety, and narcotics)



GENERAL FUND

- Township administration, including finance and fiscal office, human resources, project management, planning and zoning, publications and media relations, legal services, and building and grounds maintenance
- Community services such as the Anderson Township Senior Center, Anderson Recycling Center, Anderson Center and Anderson Township Heritage Center and Arboretum event rentals and community events

How is Anderson Township Funded?

- More than 78% of Anderson Township's revenue is derived from property taxes – Taxable Revenue: 44.26%, TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Revenue: 34.28%
- New growth in the community has bolstered the township's TIF fund, but those revenues may only be spent on capital improvements, equipment, and maintenance on some items previously acquired with TIF dollars (which has helped to stretch voter levies)

