



Hello Chester Heights Property Owners,

The enclosed bill reflects many hours spent by Borough Council and staff to draft and revise projected expenses and revenue for the 2023 budgets. Each year, there are many factors to consider; real estate transfer tax revenue projections, interest earnings projections, expected permits, staff salaries, professional fees, overhead costs, park expenses, public safety fees, planning and zoning fees, traffic signal maintenance, road repair, and determining what new work needs to be completed in the upcoming year. Budgets are always a best guess based on the information we have at the time. After much work, Council approved the following 2023 budgets.

The **Fire Protection Fund Budget** reflects a fire tax increase. This was necessary to keep the fire company, a non-profit 501c, operating at their current capacity but removing the extra financial stipend the borough has been providing since 2017. The initial fire tax was insufficient as equipment and training cost have increased. The fire company will continue to receive \$40,000 annually from the Local Service Tax collection. **Good news!** There is no increase in borough property taxes for 2023. The **General Fund Budget** includes \$50,000 in a mini park grant, \$60,000 to install a walking trail in the Community Park and \$20,000 to begin the process to update our Comprehensive Plan. The **American Rescue Plan Budget** includes Highland Drive Inlet repair, Valleybrook Rd Storm Sewer repair and begin MS4 Storm Basin work. The **Liquid Fuels Budget** is funded by the State to help maintain our roads not owned by PennDOT. This budget funds snow removal, traffic lights and storm drain repairs.

2023 General Fund Budget

\$787,787

Fire Protection Fund Budget

\$136,486

2023 American Rescue Plan Budget

\$217,240

Liquid Fuels Budget

\$79,354

New for 2023 is Ordinance No. 217, the Business Privilege Tax. This is for every person operating a business, trade, occupation, or profession in the Borough; an annual tax of \$200 due by April 15th. Berkheimer is our Local Service Tax and Business Privilege Tax collector. Any questions regarding these taxes should be addressed to them. (www.hab-inc.com)

Chester Heights Borough 2023 millage:

Property millage: 0.20058

Fire Millage: 0.28

Local Service Tax: \$52 annually [Local Services Tax Rules & Regs FAQ | Berkheimer \(hab-inc.com\)](#)

Business Privilege Tax: \$200 annually [Business Privilege Tax \(BPT\) FAQ | Berkheimer \(hab-inc.com\)](#)

Garnet Valley School District taxes and Delaware County taxes are explained on their respective websites. We hope this letter helps you to understand where your Borough tax dollars are going in 2023. The budgets are on our website for your review as well.