EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

Proposed 2027 Budget

2027 Budget Schedule

- October 13: Budget work session/review draft budget
- **October 27: First Presentation of the budget.**
- November 10: Second presentation of the budget; consider authorizing advertisement of the proposed budget.
- December 8: Proposed Budget adoption



2027 Township Budget Highlights

- **NO REAL ESTATE TAX INCREASE** PROPOSED IN GENERAL FUND or FIRE/EMS FUND.
- Ninth Consecutive Year without an Increase in the General Fund!
- Administration is recommending **no increase in trash fee** (currently $450) for 2027
- Additional $150,000 (total) requested from Modena Fire Company and Westwood Fire Company to hire paid fire fighters.
- Subsidy to Fire Companies would increase from $300,000 (2026) to $451,378 (2027)
- All Township Budgets are **BALANCED** per Second Class Township Code.
- **$205,312 is being designated from the General Fund reserves to balance the 2027 General Fund Budget (deficit spending budgeted in 2027).**
- **$40,770 is being designated from the Fire/EMS reserves to balance the 2027 Fire/EMS Fund Budget.**
- **Healthcare Costs Continue to Rise:** The Township is budgeting for a 11 1/2% increase in employee healthcare costs in 2027, following an 18% increase in 2026.
- **Use of fund reserves in General Fund** due to slower revenue growth (earned income taxes) and increased expenditures (primarily salaries and healthcare).

2027 Township Budget Highlights

- **2027 General Fund REVENUE Budget (total)** of $3,919,168 is $583,832 less than **2026 General Fund Revenue Budget (total)** of $4,503,000 (Note: the 2026 General Fund Budget reflects a $1 million transfer to Municipal Building Fund and 2027 budget only reflects a $500,000 transfer to Capital Fund and Municipal Building Fund.

- When you remove these transfers, the 2027 General Fund Revenue is $57,467 less than the 2026 General Fund Revenue. The decrease in the 2027 General Fund revenue budget largely attributed to decreases in building permit fees, Comcast/Verizon Franchise Fees and less interest on checking account (Note: $1 million transfer out of General Fund means less money that earns interest).

- **2027 General Fund EXPENDITURE Budge**t is $3,919,169, which is $583,831 less than **2026 General Fund Expenditure Budget** of $4,503,000.

- Note: the 2027 General Fund Budget includes a $500,000 transfer to the Capital Fund and Municipal Building Fund ($250,000= Capital Fund and $250,000 = Municipal Building Fund) and 2026 General Fund Budget includes a $1 million transfer from the General Fund to the Municipal Building Fund. The **adjusted 2026 expenditure budget (removing the $1 million transfer) is $3,503,000 and the adjusted 2027 expenditure budget (removing the $500,000 transfer) is $3,419,169**.

- Expected inflation of all Insurance, professional, and fixed operating costs estimated to increase by 5%.

Continued Investment in Infrastructure planned:

- Road paving = $325,842 (Liquid Fuels= $240,842+Capital Fund=$85,000)
- Mortonville Road bridge=$1,025,000
- $250,000 transferred to Municipal Building Fund
  $250,000 transferred to Capital Fund for future capital improvements.

Fire/EMS Budget Overview



- **Fire/EMS Fund millage currently funds the following (2026):**
  - $150,000 to each fire company (Modena Fire Company and Westwood Fire Company) providing fire protection to East Fallowfield Township for general fire operational purposes
  - $66,400 subsidy to Modena Fire Company (EMS) and $115,808 to Westwood Fire Company for EMS/Advanced Life Support (ALS)
  - $56,425 subsidy to Volunteer Association funded by the State as a pass-through (Foreign Fire Insurance Tax)
  - Township will continue to set aside funds to each fire company for capital purchases. $73,200 ($36,600 for each fire department)

  - **Supporting Our Fire Companies**

    East Fallowfield Township continues to contribute its fair share, based on population/assessed valuation, to support the two fire companies serving our community. However, South Coatesville Borough's contribution to Modena Fire Company does not reflect its fair share of the cost of providing emergency services. This places a significant financial strain on Modena Fire Company and raises concerns about its ability to sustain emergency services for the communities it serves.

COMPARISON BETWEEN 2026 ADOPTED & 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

Township Fund	2026 Adopted Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	Increase/Decrease from Previous Year	% Change from Previous Year
General	$3,503,000	$3,419,169	($83,831)	-2.39%
Fire/EMS	$825,163	$832,032	$6,869	0.83%
Liquid Fuels	$353,767	$362,542	$8,775	2.48%
Trash	$1,278,102	$1,325,488	$47,386	3.71%
Park & Rec	$80,750	$41,350	($39,400)	-48.79%
Capital	$2,675,989	$2,283,589	($392,400)	-14.66%
Total	$8,716,771	$8,264,170	($452,601)	-5.19%

Capital Projects Fund Highlights

- Proposed 2027 Capital Fund Budget is $2,283,589.
- Police Department:
  - New Hybrid Police Vehicle: $78,000 (replace 2019 Chevy Tahoe)
- Public Works:
  - Peterbilt Dump Truck ($144,000) replaces 20-year-old dump truck.
  - Building Generator: $45,000 (Funded by DCED Local Share Account (LSA) grant of $30,000
- Administration:
  - Update Township Website: $25,000
  - Office computers, revolving schedule: $4,000
  - Comprehensive Plan Update: $12,000



Capital Projects Fund Highlights

- Infrastructure Improvements and Equipment

  - Mortonville Road Bridge Replacement: $1,025,000



$975,000 in Grants secured: $300,000 from the Pennsylvania Department Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund, $475,000 grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Program; $200,000 grant from the Chester County Conservation District

  - General Road Paving: $85,000
  - Mortonville Road Drainage Enhancements: $50,
  - Roof over gas pumps: $4,000
  - Park Expansion Project: $545,000



Municipal Building Fund Highlights

- New Municipal Building Fund Budget
- Municipal Building Architecture and Engineering Expenses:$550,000
- $550,000 grant received from Community Project Funding (CPF)
- $1 million budgeted to be transferred into fund (2026) subject to board authorization and $250,000 proposed in 2027.



Real Estate Millage Tax History

REAL ESTATE MILLAGE TAX HISTORY			
YEAR	TOWNSHIP MILLAGE	FIRE/EMS MILLAGE	AMOUNT INCREASE	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
2016	1.2500	0.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2017	1.2500	0.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2018	2.0000	1.0000	1.7500	140.00%
2019	2.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2020	2.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2021	2.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2022	2.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2023	2.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.00%
2024	2.0000	1.7500	0.7500	25.00%
2025	2.00000	1.7500	0.0000	0%
2026	2.0000	1.7500	0.0000	0%

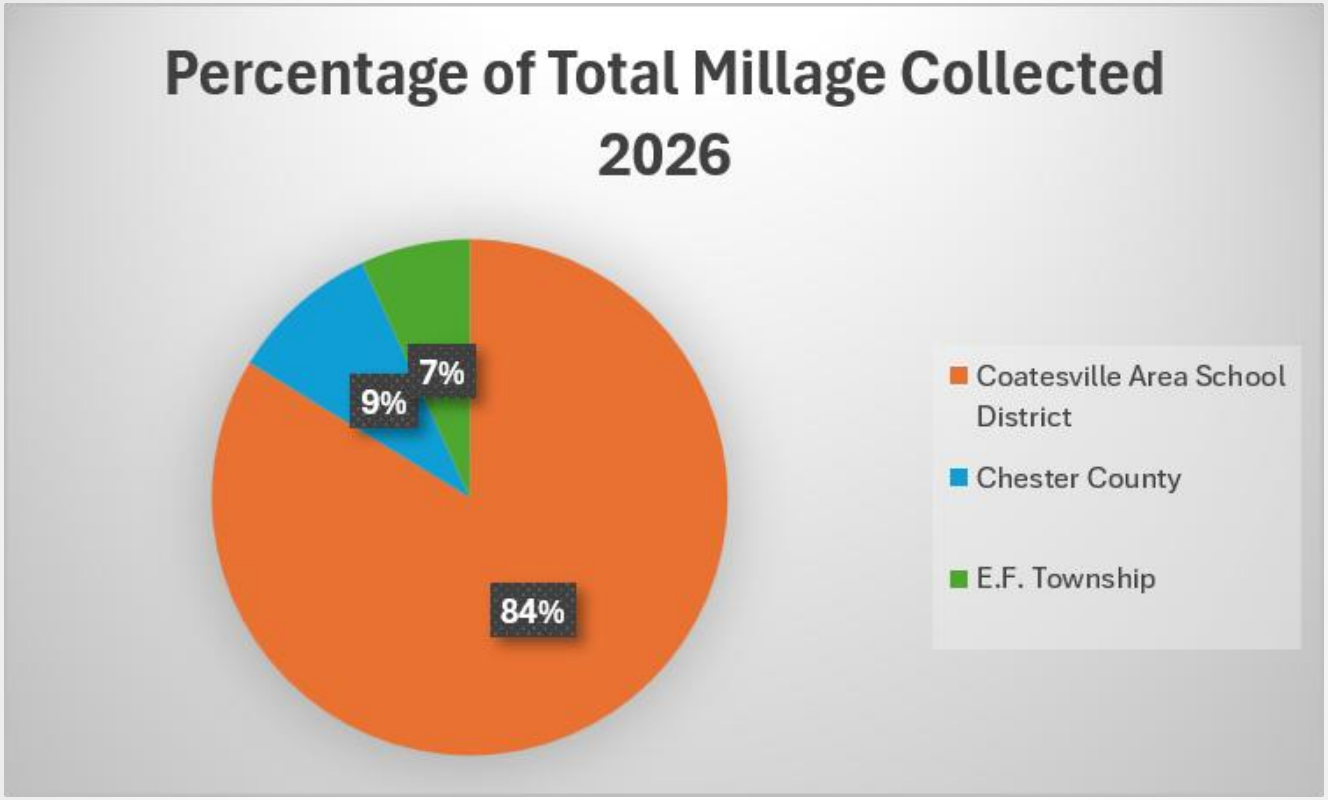
Township Millage & Refuse Fee

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP TAXES 2017-2026

YEAR	TOTAL TOWNSHIP MILLAGE	TAX	REFUSE FEE	TOTAL
2017	1.25	$165.31	$210.00	$375.31
2018	3	$396.74	$210.00	$606.74
2019	3	$396.74	$275.00	$671.74
2020	3	$396.74	$275.00	$671.74
2021	3	$396.74	$275.00	$671.74
2022	3	$396.74	$275.00	$671.74
2023	3	$407.00	$310.00	$717.00
2024	3.75	$495.32	$450.00	$945.32
2025	3.75	$495.52	$450.00	$945.52
2026	3.75	$495.34	$450.00	$945.34

*Average Residential Assessed Value (2026): $132,090

Average Tax Dollar (2026)



	Actual Millage	% of total Millage Collected
Coatesville Area School District	45.917	84%
Chester County	5.164	9%
E.F. Township	3.7500	7%
Total Millage Collected	54.831	100%

Real Estate Taxes by Assessed Value

A resident with a home assessed at the median value of **$132,090** pays annually:

- **East Fallowfield Township**: $495.34 in real estate taxes + $450.00 in trash fees = **$945.34**
- **Chester County**: $682.11 in real estate taxes
- **Coatesville Area School District**: $6,065.16 in real estate taxes
- **School District Taxes**: The Coatesville Area School District has the highest school district tax rate in Chester County, at **45.917 mills**.

THE BOTTOM LINE: East Fallowfield Township is not the primary driver of residents' overall property tax burden. The Coatesville Area School District accounts for the largest share of the taxes paid by residents.

Next Steps

- **November 10**: Present the revised budget and consider authorization to advertise the proposed budget.

- **December 8**: Consider adoption of the 2027 budget.

Public Feedback:
Residents are encouraged to provide comments at every public meeting. Feedback will be considered throughout the budget review process as the proposed budget is finalized.


That's all Folks!