

Township of Clinton

2026 Budget Presentation

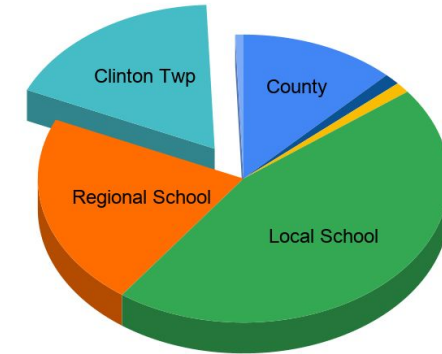


Budget Introduction - April 8, 2026

Property Tax Breakdown

2025 Tax Bill

2025 Tax Bill	Rate (per \$100)	Percent of Property Tax Bill
Clinton Twp	0.548	17.65%
Clinton Twp Open Space	0.020	0.64%
County	0.380	12.24%
County Library	0.039	1.26%
County Open Space	0.037	1.19%
Local School	1.408	45.36%
Regional School	0.672	21.65%



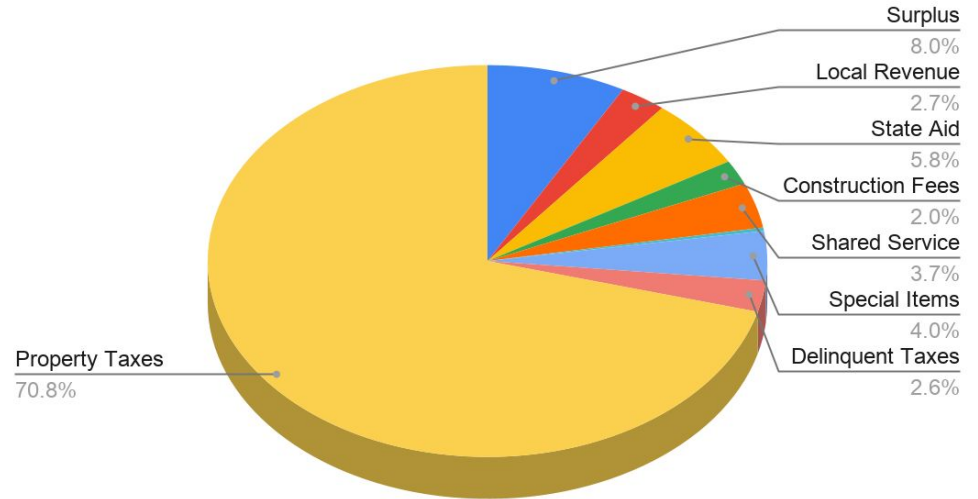
- County
- County Library
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- Local School
- Regional School
- Clinton Twp
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Revenues

Key Revenue Impacts

- Increase in Construction Fees due to anticipated higher permit volume.
- Improved Surplus/Fund Balance.
- Surplus to be utilized: \$1.4M.

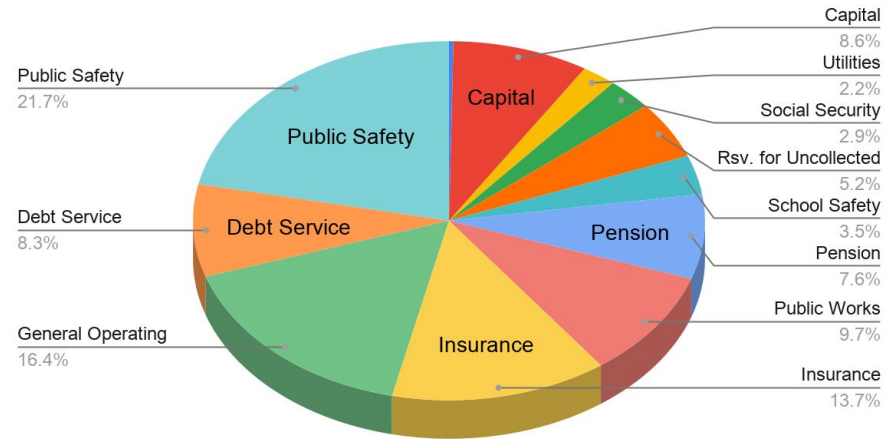


Appropriations

Key Appropriation Impacts

Total budget appropriations increased 3%.

- Group Health Insurance: + \$608K (\$423K out of cap)
- Reserve for Uncollected Taxes: - \$148K
- Snow Removal: + \$90K
- Municipal Court Salary: + \$77K due to NJAOC mandated hiring
- Clerk OE : + \$57K due to coverage for leave
- Legal: + \$45K due to litigation for Aff. Housing, ExxonMobil tax appeal, Police
- Telephone: - \$30K
- Police Salary increase of 2.44% from 2024 budget
- Administrative Salary and Expense increase of 1% from 2024 budget



Capital Budget Plan

The capital projects and equipment below are anticipated to be undertaken in 2026:

- Bennington, Amherst, Lexington, Dorchester - mill and pave with partial road reconstruction
- Austin Hill, Busch, Foxfire - mill and pave with partial road reconstruction
- Blossom Hill, Bernard Court, Old Blossom Hill - mill and pave with partial road reconstruction
- Public Works: Dump Truck, Replacement of Gas System/Tanks
- Police Department: HVAC replacement, New Vehicle
- Fire Division: SCBA Equipment, Turnout Gear, Facility and Technology upgrades

The following capital projects and equipment were completed and/or purchased in 2025:

- Regional Rd. - mill and pave with partial road reconstruction
- Glen Eagles/Heather Hill/Muirfield - mill and pave with partial road reconstruction
- Police Department: Two New Vehicles, Radios
- Public Works: Loader, Various Equipment
- Fire Division: Radios, Turnout Gear, SCBA Equipment, Various Equipment
- Various Building Improvements at Public Safety Bldg and Fire Station



Open Space Budget Plan

The projects below are included in the 2026 Open Space budget:

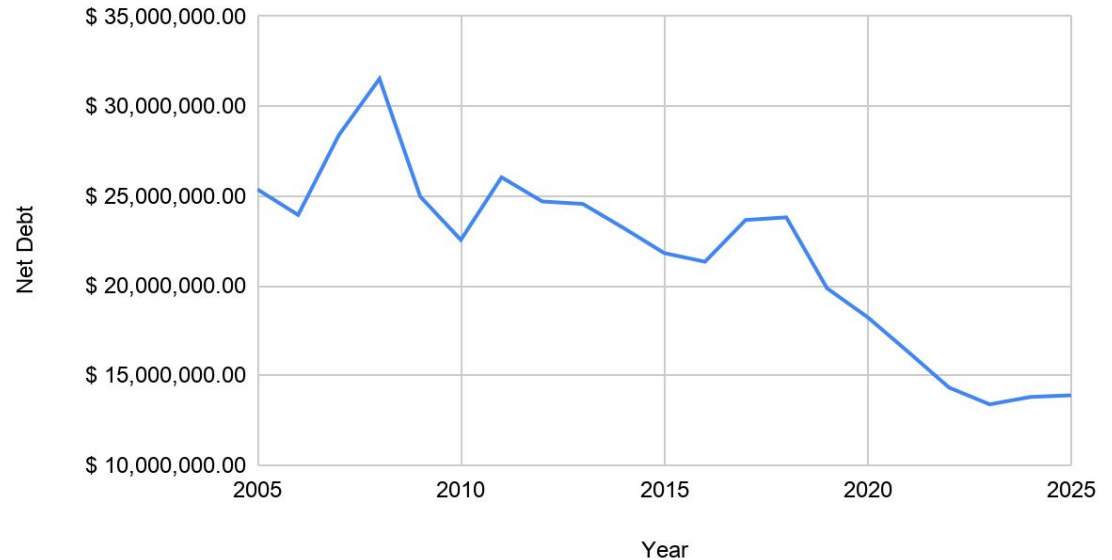
- Maintenance of trails, parks and other open space.
- Potential land acquisition(s).



Net Debt

- **Net Debt increased by \$90K.**
 - Borrowing authorized to enable road projects, to be partially refunded by grants.
 - No new debt issued yet.
- **Net Debt reduced by \$9.9 million since 2018.**

Net Debt vs. Year



Property Tax

Increase on a home assessed at \$400,000: \$132.62

Increase in Rate larger than Levy due to reduced ratables, primarily related to ExxonMobil

Tax Rate	2026	2025	Increase %
Municipal Tax Rate	0.581	0.548	6.02%

Tax Levy	2026	2025	Increase \$	Increase %
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$12,328,795	\$11,781,596	\$475,691	4.62%

