

SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD
2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET

SUPERVISOR'S PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

1. The Sugar Island Township Fiscal Year runs April 1 to March 31.
2. Tax revenues for 2022-2023 are projected to slightly exceed those from 2021-2022.
 - a. For planning purposes we may see overall revenues increase by 2%.
 - b. State sharing revenues may be similar to 2021-2022.
3. To the extent possible, I recommend we consider modifying our practices in all Funds to accommodate the increased costs of fuel.
4. Projected expenditures in the 2022-2023 budget are based on limited changes to operational practices from the previous fiscal year.
 - a. However, expenditures related to utilities are likely to be more expensive as prices of gasoline, petroleum, and electricity increase. (E.g., gas prices have gone up more than 40% in the last three months.)
 - b. In order to balance the budget (revenues must exceed or be equal to expenditures), due to projected expenses, we are required to use unrestricted fund balances in the 2022-2023 budget.
5. In 2021-2022, our Solid Waste budget:
 - a. We provided 30yd open top dumpsters for two months at rate of 17 or 18 containers/ month.
 - b. The cost was about \$650/container or \$10,000 a month, or \$20,000 a year. Charges for open top containers are a flat rate.
 - c. The cost for compactor services at the North Transfer Station is about \$1,060 every two weeks, or \$27,560 a year. The compactor costs associated with the South Transfer Station are approximately \$5,000 a year – about one container a month. Charges for compactors is based on weight.
 - d. This year we received a pre-payment discount and then were refunded \$9,300 from GFL. This won't happen again.

- e. To provide the same level of service it will cost us in excess of \$49,000 just for GFL. Coupled with \$28,000 wages, the total cost is in excess of \$77,000, not including benefits. That exceeds the total amount we receive in tax revenues (Approximately \$74,000).
 - f. Just to maintain the same level of service we will need to draw an additional \$11,600 from the SW fund balance.
6. No tax levies up for renewal in August of this year.
 7. The County Road Commission has committed to seek bids to pave the remainder of S. Westshore Drive and to begin work on Village Road.
 8. We have planned to use the Metro Fund to treat 20 miles of unpaved roads around the Island in the June/July of 2022.
 9. I expect EUPTA to add a fuel surcharge to tickets if fuel prices remain high.
 10. Modifications to the loft in Community Center will be concluded this summer.
 11. When and where financially prudent, the Township may choose to invest a portion of available and uncommitted funds in CDs or other investment instruments, to earn additional interest revenues.
 12. The proposed budget for 2021-2022 is to be supported by these millages:

| | <u>Mills</u> | <u>Expires</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Solid Waste | 1.6500 | 2024 |
| Township Allocated | 1.6500 | 2022 |
| Fire Department | 1.4321 | 2022 |
| Ambulance Department | 3.0000 | 2022 |
| Roads | 2.8643 | 2023 |

“The millages are to be levied at a rate not to exceed the maximum authorized millage rate and subject to the Headlee rollback.”