

Borough of Colwyn 2023 Budget Summary

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Current 2023 Budget – Fund Transfer Summary

| | | | \$ Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | 2023 Budget | 2022 Budget | 2022 - 2023 |
| Revenues | \$ 1,560,525.00 | \$ 1,454,025.00 | \$ 130,350.00 |
| Expenses | 1,481,386.00 | 1,417,626.11 | 58,744.89 |
| Net Income/(Loss) | \$ 79,139.00 | \$ 36,398.89 | |
| Fund Balance Forward | \$ 46,000.00 | \$ - | |
| Fund Balance Transfer - Trash Fund | \$ (35,000.00) | \$ (4,000.00) | |
| Fund Balance Transfer - Sewer Fund | \$ (69,650.00) | \$ - | |
| Fund Balance Transfer - Capital Reserve Fund | \$ (20,000.00) | \$ (20,000.00) | |
| Total Other Items Affecting Net Income | \$ (78,650.00) | \$ (24,000.00) | |
| Adjusted Net Income/(Loss) - Cash Basis | \$ 489.00 | \$ 12,398.89 | |

- Budget reflects no Sewer/Trash fees increases
- Sewer Fund adjusted to reflect anticipated 3.68% DCJA increase on Borough
- Trash Fund adjusted to reflect anticipated 6.4% increase in DCSWA fees
- Other funds balanced with transfers from General Fund, which is not sustainable
- Borough projected to finish 2022 with \$160,000 cash on hand and finish 2023 with \$114,000

Sewer Fund Summary

- The Borough's wastewater collection and treatment services are provided by a combination of agencies including the Darby Creek Joint Authority (DCJA), the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA), and the City of Philadelphia
- The Borough operates its own collection system within the Borough and delivers wastewater to the DCJA
- The Authority takes the Borough's wastewater into a control filter, which is conveyed to DELCORA
- DELCORA then delivers the wastewater to the City of Philadelphia for treatment
- Per the agreement, the City of Philadelphia bills DELCORA, which in turn bills DCJA
- DCJA then allocates the charges among 12 municipalities, including Colwyn
- The Borough is responsible for capital improvement costs associated with wastewater collection
- The Borough sets its own fees without the involvement of DCJA

2023 Budget Summary – Sewer Fund

| Sewer Fund | 2 | 023 Budget | 2022 Budget | \$ Change 2022-2023 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Revenues | \$ | 424,350.00 | \$ 425,000.00 | \$ - |
| Expenses | | 494,000.00 | 478,000.00 | - |
| Net Income/(Loss) | <mark>\$</mark> | (69,650.00) | \$ (53,000.00) | |
| Fund Balance Transfer/Carryover | \$ | - | \$ 53,000.00 | |

| | | Increase | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| | Current | 5.0% | 10.0% | 15.0% | | | |
| Sewer Fee | \$441.65 | \$22.08 | \$44.17 | \$66.25 | | | |
| Revenue | \$350,000 | \$17,500 | \$35,000 | \$52,500 | | | |
| Proj Deficit | | (\$69,650) | (\$69,650) | (\$69,650) | | | |
| Difference | | (\$52,150) | (\$34,650) | (\$17,150) | | | |

Long-Term Strategies to Address Sewer Fee Increases

- Make strategic capital investments to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I)
 - I&I is excess water that flows into sewer pipes from groundwater and stormwater
 - Increased I&I raises costs for wastewater treatment facilities, which are passed on to the Borough
 - Most I&I is caused by aging infrastructure that needs maintenance or replacement
- Identify potential opportunities to invest ARPA funds in sewer system
- Consider billing structure changes
 - Charge residential units by use rather than flat fee
- Evaluate the sale of the sewer system to a third-party

2023 Budget Summary – Trash Funds

| Trash Fund | 2 | 023 Budget | 20 |)22 Budget | \$ Change 2022-2023 |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----|---------------|------------------------|
| Revenues | \$ | 165,000.00 | \$ | 172,000.00 \$ | (7,000.00) |
| Expenses | | 198,000.00 | | 176,000.00 | 22,000.00 |
| Net Income/(Loss) | <u></u> \$ | (33,000.00) | \$ | (4,000.00) | |
| Fund Balance Transfer (from GF) | | | \$ | 4,000.00 | |

| | | Increase | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| | Current | 5.0% | 10.0% | 15.0% | | | |
| Trash Fee | \$209.55 | \$10.48 | \$20.96 | \$31.43 | | | |
| Revenue | \$140,000 | \$7,000 | \$14,000 | \$21,000 | | | |
| Proj Deficit | | (\$33,000) | (\$33,000) | (\$33,000) | | | |
| Difference | | (\$26,000) | (\$19,000) | (\$12,000) | | | |

2023 Budget – Fund Transfer Summary 10% Sewer and Trash Fee Increases

| | | | \$ Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | 2023 Budget | 2022 Budget | 2022 - 2023 |
| Revenues | \$ 1,560,525.00 | \$ 1,454,025.00 | \$ 130,350.00 |
| Expenses | 1,481,386.00 | 1,417,626.11 | 58,744.89 |
| Net Income/(Loss) | \$ 79,139.00 | \$ 36,398.89 | |
| Fund Balance Forward | \$ _ | \$ - | |
| Fund Balance Transfer - Trash Fund | \$ (21,000.00) | \$ (4,000.00) | |
| Fund Balance Transfer - Sewer Fund | \$ (34,000.00) | \$ - | |
| Fund Balance Transfer - Capital Reserve Fund | \$ (20,000.00) | \$ (20,000.00) | |
| Total Other Items Affecting Net Income | \$ (75,000.00) | \$ (24,000.00) | |
| Adjusted Net Income/(Loss) - Cash Basis | \$ 4,139.00 | \$ 12,398.89 | |

 A 10% increase in both the Sewer and Trash fee would result in an overall increase of \$65.12 annually for fee payers

| | Current | 10% Incr | New Total |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Sewer Fee | 441.65 | 44.17 | 485.82 |
| Trash Fee | 209.55 | 20.96 | 230.51 |
| Total | \$651.20 | \$65.12 | \$716.32 |