

Township of Nutley Condensed Summary 2024

Municipal Budget Water/Sewer Utility Costs By Service Area

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2024 Municipal/Library Budget Summary

Description	2024	2023	Change	Change %
Total Municipal Operating Costs- Excluding Grants	\$60,865,087	\$59,480,875	\$1,384,212	2.27%
Less: Revenues Other than Taxes				
Applied Reserve	\$5,513,000	\$5,000,000	\$513,000	9.31%
Interest Income	712,616	100,000	612,616	85.97%
State Aid	5,857,562	5,557,639	299,923	5.12%
PILOT Revenues	2,165,330	2,878,076	-712,746	-32.92%
BOE-Crossing Guards	-	300,000	-300,000	-100%
EMS Billings	700,000	600,000	100,000	14.29%
Construction Permit Fees	450,000	375,000	75,000	16.67%
Other Revenues	2,638,161	2,626,358	11,803	0.45%
Total Revenue- Excluding Grants	\$18,036,699	\$17,437,073	\$599,596	3.32%
Municipal Tax Levy, net	\$42,828,417	\$42,043,801	\$784,616	1.83%
Add: Library Tax Levy	1,709,868	1,563,261	146,607	8.57%
Paid by Taxpayers	\$44,538,285	\$43,607,062	\$931,223	2.09%

- ▶ Municipal operating costs have increased by \$1,384,212 for 2024 after transfers to establish a new combined Sewer/Water Utility of \$2,673,760, which have been marginally offset by increased revenues of \$599,596, resulting in a municipal property tax levy increase of 1.83 % for taxpayers.
- ▶ The Nutley Public Library Levy increased \$146,607 or 8.57% which is determined by State Statute based a rate applied against total town wide assessed property values.
- ▶ Grants when received, are both an item of revenue and expense. As such, they are excluded from this summary.
- ▶ See Slides 3 and 4 for further details of revenue and cost changes for 2024.

Revenue Changes in 2024 Budget

Municipal Revenues	
Pilot Revenues, Net	\$-712,746
Increase in Anticipated Interest Income	612,616
Applied Sewer Utility Startup Reserve	513,000
Loss of Crossing Guard Contribution from Nutley School District	-300,000
Increase in EMS Billings and Construction Permit Fees	175,000
Net, Other revenues	11,803
Municipal Revenue Increase	\$299,673

State Aid	
2024 State Aid	\$5,857,562
2023 State Aid	5,557,639
Increase in State Aid	\$299,923

Revenue Summary	
Increase In Municipal Revenue	\$299,673
Increase In State Aid	299,923
Total Revenue Increase	\$599,596

Municipal Operating Cost Changes for 2024, excluding Library

Salary By Department

Public Safety including Emergency Rescue Ser.	\$1,197,952
Public Works	35,000
Parks & Public Property	63,970
Public Affairs	122,425
Revenue & Finance	115,231
Mayor's Office	26,700
Total, Before Transfers	\$1,561,278
Less: Transfer to Sewer Utility	185,914
Total Salary Costs	\$1,375,364

Total Cost Changes

Salary By Department	\$1,375,364
Other Expenses	8,848
Grand Total	\$1,384,212

Other Expenses

Pension: Police/Fire PERS	\$395,162 175,371
Group Medical Insurance - employer portion	634,909
Worker's Compensation Insurance	73,795
Garbage/Recycling Collection and Disposal	154,386
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	89,676
Sewer Utility Start Up Reserve	513,000
Debt Service On Bonds	156,546
Passaic Valley Sewer Treatment	410,234
Other Expenses < \$25K	79,529
Total, Before Transfers	\$2,682,608
Less: Transfer to Sewer Utility	2,673,760
Total Other Expense, Net	\$8,848

2024 New Water/Sewer Utility Budget Summary

Description	Water Utility 2023	Water Utility 2024	Water Utility 2024 Incr.	New Sewer Utility 2024	Combined Water/Sewer Utility 2024
Water/Sewer Utility Revenue	\$4,750,000	\$4,850,000	\$100,000	\$3,104,142	\$7,954,142
Less: Operating Costs	4,573,805	4,667,976	\$93,171	3,004,142	7,672,118
Less: Debt Service on Bonds	176,195	182,024	6,829	100,000	282,024
Balance, net	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Operating Costs	Water Utility 2023	Water Utility 2024	Water Utility 2024 Incr./Decr.	New Sewer Utility 2024	Combined Water Sewer Utility 2024
Salaries & Wages	\$1,700,805	\$1,890,500	189,695	\$185,914	\$2,076,414
North Jersey, Passaic Valley & Newark Purchased Water	2,185,000	2,189,476	4,476	-	2,189,476
Passaic Valley Sewer Treatment	-	-	-	2,202,559	2,202,559
Debt Service On Bonds	176,195	182,024	5,829	100,000	282,024
Social Security, Pension, Insurance (inc. medical) Costs	138,000	138,000	-	396,920	534,920
Water/Sewer Utility - Other Expense	550,000	450,000	-100,000	218,749	668,749
Total	\$4,750,000	\$4,850,000	\$100,000	\$3,104,142	\$7,954,142

Water/Sewer Utility Commentary

- ▶ Effective July 1, 2024, the Township has transitioned to a new combined water and sewer utility.
- ▶ 50% of the 2024 total sewer costs has been split between the new utility and the current municipal property tax. The full transition to the new utility will be completed in 2025. Upon completion, the cost of sewer operations will no longer be based on the assessed value and included in the property tax.
- ▶ The Municipal Ordinances to establish the new combined utility and billing rate information are listed here:
 - [Ord. 3535- Creating Water and Sewer Utility](#)
 - [Ord. 3537- Establishing Sewer Utility Fund](#)
 - [Ord. 3552- New Water Rates- Effective July 1, 2024](#)
 - [Ord. 3553- New Sewer Rates- Effective July 1, 2024](#)

More information is available at the township website under Water & Sewer Department at www.nutleynj.org/watersewer

Municipal Budget by Cost/Service Area

Service Costs Areas	2024	
Police, Fire, EMS, & Municipal Court Services	\$ 30,624,415	50.61%
Insurance Other Than Medical Costs, plus the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	6,894,585	11.39%
Roadway, Sewer Maintenance and Treatment, Streetlighting Costs	6,525,328	10.78%
Health, Civic and Veteran Depts., Garbage & Recycling Services	4,542,574	7.51%
Administrative Services - Legal, Treasury Dept., IT, Municipal Clerk Dept., Construction and Code Enforcement Dept., Purchasing, Tax Collection and Tax Assessor Depts.	4,532,083	7.49%
Parks, Buildings and Tree maintenance, Recreation, Oil, Electricity, and Telephones Costs	4,216,025	6.97%
Municipal Debt Service On Bonds	2,390,996	3.95%
Planning, Rent, and Zoning Board Services, plus Economic Redevelopment Costs	783,228	1.29%
Total Municipal By Cost Of Service , excluding Library Services	\$ 60,509,234	100%
Add: Library Services	2,065,721	-
Total Municipal and Library By Cost Of Service	\$ 62,574,955	-

- After adjustment to transfer \$2,673,760 to the new Combined Sewer/Water Utility Fund