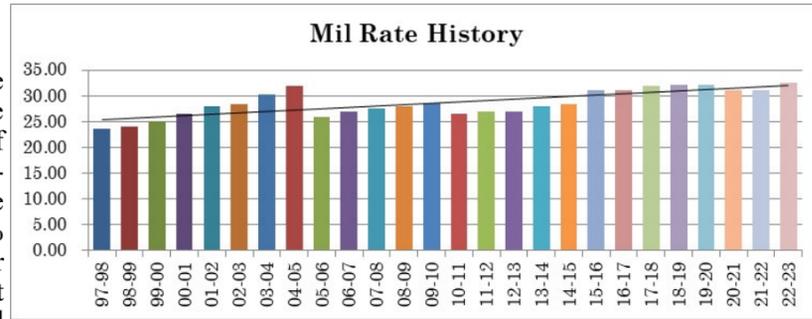


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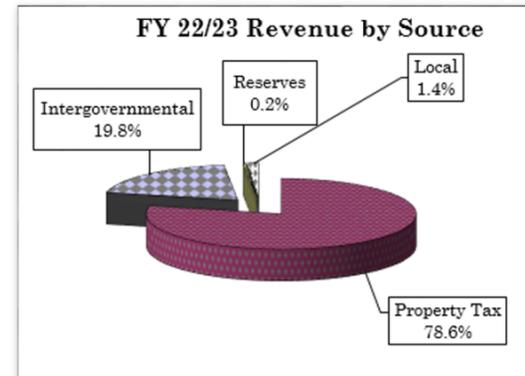
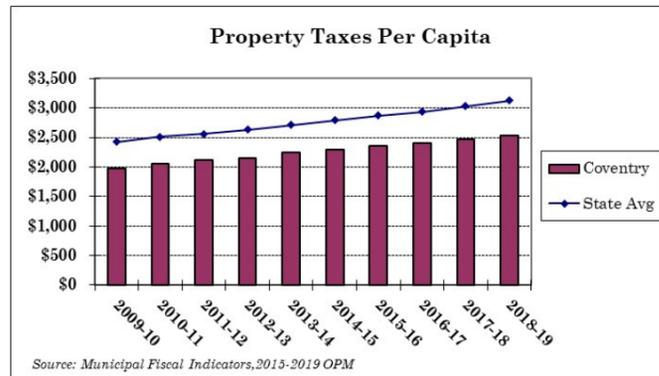
The property tax is the major revenue source (78.6%) for Coventry. The proposed budget is an increase of 6.89% from the prior year. The proposed mil rate is 32.58 for real estate and personal property, a 1.43 or 4.60% change from the prior year. The motor vehicle mil rate will be capped at 29.00 per the Governor's proposed budget. This will generate a monthly increase of \$21.08 to the average homeowner. Of this mil increase, 0.54 mil is related to the transfer to the EMS fund to ensure adequate ambulance services for residents. The proposed mil rate increase would put the Town at a three-year mil rate increase average of only 0.13 mil per year.



Intergovernmental revenues, mostly State aid, are the second largest source (19.80) of revenues for Coventry. This is a reduction of 0.27% from the prior year adopted budget. These revenues are based on the assumed State budget which is not yet final. Included is an increase of \$256,488 in a new motor vehicle tax reimbursement program which is currently in the Governor's budget to offset the motor vehicle cap of 29.00 mil. In addition, the funding from the Sewer Assessment Fund has been decreased by \$123,993 based on expected collections over the remainder of the assessments. This funding will continue to decrease over the next few years as that fund is depleted and assessment payments are finalized.

Other local revenues consist of a variety of fees for permits, services and interest earnings. This area which represent 1.4% of the Town's budget is expected to increase \$4,450 from the prior year.

Lastly, our proposed revenue budget for FY23 includes use of \$100,000 from fund balance. This is the last year of a three year COVID 19 financial impact plan that was previously adopted to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic. This is a reduction of \$100,000 which has the effect of increasing property taxes by 0.1 mils.



To learn more about the fiscal year 2022/23 proposed budget, you can view the full Town budget document online at www.coventryct.org under Finance. Copies of the Town and Board of Education budgets are also available for viewing in the Coventry Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!



If you have questions or concerns about the FY 22/23 proposed budget, please don't hesitate to email budgetcomments@coventryct.org or call the Town Manager's Office at 860-742-6324.

TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS

Guidelines for additional tax relief for qualified Coventry seniors and disabled persons are available in the Town Assessor's Office. This includes a local tax credit program. Call 860-742-4067.

Application Deadline: May 16, 2022.

Budget in Brief

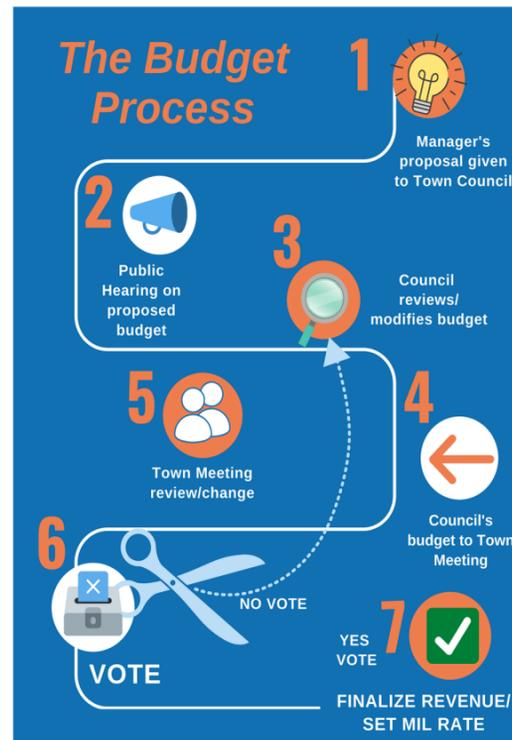
Proposed Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget
Budget Hearing: Thursday March 10, 2022
 7:00 P.M. Lecture Hall,
 Coventry High School, Ripley Hill Road



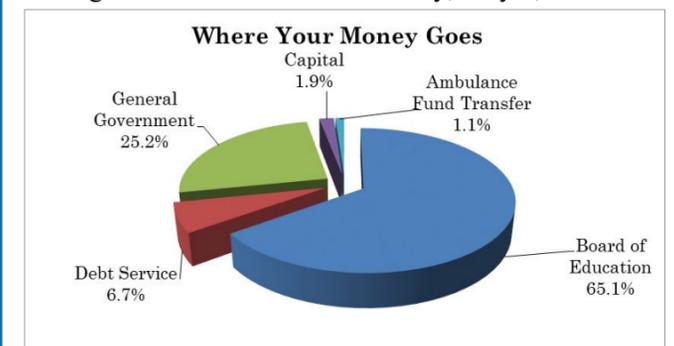
Overview

Responding to the expectations of Coventry residents for better and more efficient services, Town and Board staff reviewed programs and services and prepared budget proposals that address the stated goals of the Town Council and Board of Education. Existing services have been maintained and infrastructure repairs, services to students, seniors, and public safety have been given a priority. The Town Manager's recommended budget demonstrates that most agency budgets were submitted with only modest increases. Additional funding has been included to support town-wide ambulance services. In addition, staff levels were evaluated and increased slightly based on current work loads.

"The Town Manager's budget proposals for the Town, Board, Capital and Debt Service call for a 5.04% spending increase."



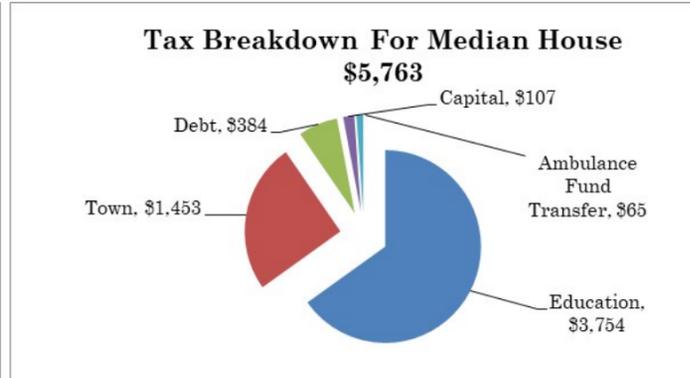
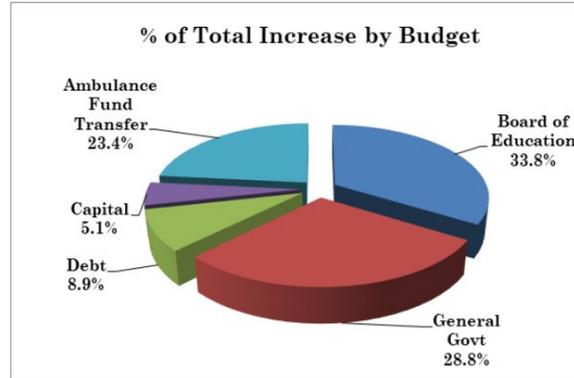
The Town Manager's budget proposals for the Town, Board, Capital, Debt Service, and Ambulance Fund transfer call for a \$2,136,275 spending increase from the prior year adopted budget. Of this increase, \$500,000 pertains to the transfer to support the ambulance services. The proposed budget will require an increase to the current mil rate of 1.43 mils, resulting in a rate of 32.58 mils for real estate and personal property and 29.00 for motor vehicles. The proposed budget will be reviewed and adjusted by the Town Council and sent to the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022, in the CHS Veterans Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. The adjourned Town Meeting vote is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022.



Budget Summary

The expenditure part of the budget is broken down into the areas of General Government, Board of Education, Debt Service, Capital and the Ambulance Fund Transfer totaling \$44,559,405, an increase of \$2,136,275 or 5.04% compared to the adopted FY21-22 budget. A breakdown of the budgets are illustrated below.

Budget Area	Adopted Budget FY 21-22	Requested Budget FY 22-23	\$ Change	% Change
General Government	\$10,615,700	\$11,231,107	\$615,407	5.80%
Board of Education	\$28,305,819	\$29,027,461	\$721,642	2.55%
Debt Service	\$2,781,581	\$2,972,337	\$190,756	6.86%
Capital	\$720,030	\$828,500	\$108,470	15.06%
Ambulance Fund	\$ -	\$500,000	\$500,000	100.00%
Total	\$42,423,130	\$42,533,880	\$2,136,275	5.04%

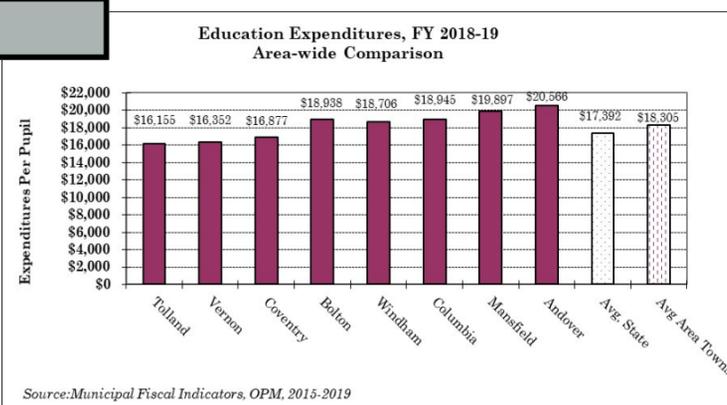


Town Operating Budget Summary

The Town operating budget recommended for FY23 is \$11,231,107; an increase of \$615,407. The largest driver to this increase is personnel services which increased \$592,302 or 7.65%. Health insurance increased 9% (\$116,100) due to increased claim trends. The Town's required pension contribution, as calculated by our actuary, increased 4.5%. In addition, several changes were made to staff levels. In the FY22 budget, one police officer was funded through American Rescue Plan funding. 50% of this position is being proposed to return to the Town Operating Budget this year. Public works staffing levels were reviewed and deemed inadequate. The proposed budget includes a custodian (in lieu of contracted services), a DPW Maintainer I, an additional temporary summer employee and a part-time engineering tech. Public works staff levels have remained unchanged since FY01/02 and severely need to be addressed. In preparation for transition in local government leadership, an Assistant Town Manager Position has also been included for October 2022. Other drivers behind the Operating Budget increase include technology needs, additional tree removal and an increase in general liability insurance.

Board of Education Summary

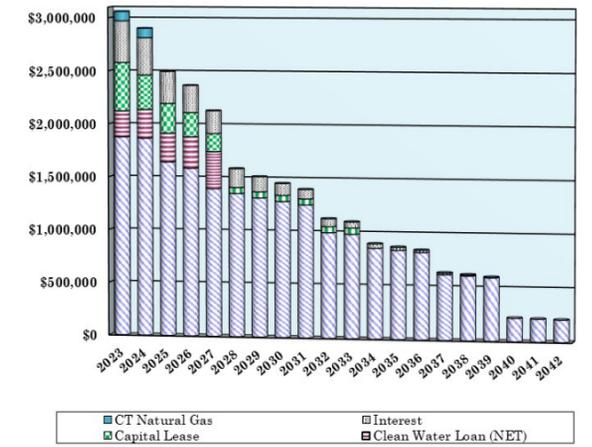
The Board of Education budget is proposed at \$29,027,461; an increase of \$721,642 or 2.55% from their originally adopted FY22 budget. Details are available on the web at www.coventrypublicschools.org.



Debt Service

Debt Service represents 6.7% of the Town budget. For FY23, there is a proposed increase of \$190,756 or 6.86% from the prior year. This increase is driven by the issuance of general obligations that is expected to be issued in May of 2022 for several projects that the taxpayers previously approved to bond. These projects include school roof replacement for both the High School and GHR, library renovations and a softball field. Also included in the FY23 budget is a capital lease for a small dump truck. While there is an increase for the FY23 budget, it is important to know that our projected debt service is anticipated to decline each year going forward, which will allow for additional debt issuance or savings to taxpayers.

Projected Debt Service by Year



Capital Projects

1 Summer Road Program (partial-see also Town Aid)	\$ 300,000
2 Network refresh	64,000
3 Education Computer Upgrades	50,000
4 Classroom Furniture	25,000
5 School Carpet Replacement	10,000
6 Town Hall Computer Upgrades	43,000
7 Police SUV Replacement (2)	100,500
8 SCBA Fire Paks	24,000
9 Fire Gear	25,000
10 Fire Hose/equipment	20,000
11 Open Space Fund	15,000
12 Lake Management	90,000
13 Pickup Truck Replacement	50,000
14 Replacement Dumptruck Body	12,000
TOTAL	\$ 828,500

The proposed capital projects budget for the General Fund for FY23 totals \$828,500, an increase of \$108,470 or 15.06%. Of this increase \$74,000 related to capital projects for the Board of Education. This increase is a direct result of the FY21 budget in which capital was cut by 28.76% (resulting in a FY21 budget of \$664,000).

In addition to the capital project budget outlined in the General Fund, several capital projects are proposed through grants, including Town Aid Road, (\$300,000), Local Capital Improvement Program (\$100,000), Lake Management (\$35,000) and American Rescue Plan Funding (\$1,704,500).

The Capital budget also includes a \$8,210,000 bond proposal. This bond includes \$3,000,000 for

road repairs, \$5,000,000 for school building energy efficiency upgrades and \$210,000 for a replacement Wheelloader. Please refer to the Capital Budget section of the budget for additional details.

Transfer to Ambulance Fund

The FY23 budget separates out the transfer to the Ambulance Fund as a separate budgetary line. It is proposed to transfer \$500,000 to the Ambulance fund to fund the ambulance coverage currently provided to residents on a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week basis.

When the Town transitioned to 24/7 coverage, there was hope the revenue generated could sustain these services. It is clear with current reimbursement rates, the fund is not able to cover these costs (Medicare reimbursement is 50% of charges, Medicaid reimbursement is 30% of charges). As such, we are proposing a transfer from the General Fund to the Ambulance Fund in the total of \$500,000.

Ambulance services are an important service that the Town provides to its residents. Without 24/7 ambulance coverage, residents will rely on mutual aid from other Towns and/or volunteer EMS crews. This will cause a significant increase in response times, which are very important in emergency situations.