# **Utility Rates**

- No change to the electric rate (Avg. Residential \$100.90 per month)
  - Second year no increase after three straight decreases
- No change to the gas rate (Avg. Residential \$804 per year)
  - o Least expensive residential heat gas in PA
- No change to the water rate (Avg. Residential \$15 per month)
  - o No increase in the Water rate since 2001!
- No change to the sewer rate (Avg. Residential \$29.50 per month)
  - o One of the lowest sewer rates in the area
- No change to the storm sewer pollution control fee
  - o The second year with a fee of only \$3 per month per account

## **Needed Increase in Sanitation Rate**

- This would be the first sanitation rate increase since 2013 and only the second since 2005; average residential rates would increase from \$14 per month to \$18.75 per effective in Feb. 2016; so for less than an entire year.
- Green Yard Waste Recycling Center, Outsourcing Single Stream Curbside Recycling to a private contractor 2016, and anticipated increase in landfill expenses

# Fire Tax 2016

This budget has no increase in the Fire Tax; which would remain at 2.5 mil for 2016. 100% of the Fire Tax goes to support the apparatus of the Chambersburg Emergency Services Department and not for any other department or function or employee or use.

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Avg Single Family House in the Borough 2015 2016 Fire tax \$41.84\$41.84

### Police Tax 2016

This budget has an increase in the Police Tax; which would go from 21 mil in 2015 to 23 mil in 2016.

100% of the Police Tax goes to support the Chambersburg Police Department and not for any other department or function or employee or use.

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Avg Single Family House in the Borough 2015 2016 Police tax \$353.29\$386.94

In 2015, Council added three additional police officers and one new bilingual civilian to the Department.

Misc. Taxes don't change year-to-year: Local Services Tax, which is a \$1 per week tax on workers inside the Borough; the Wage Tax, which is a set tax on wages earned by those who live inside the Borough; and the Deed Transfer Tax, which is a set tax when property inside the Borough is sold or transferred. The State allows us no other type of tax. We prohibited from collecting local sales tax, liquor tax, hotel tax, business tax, amusement tax, or any other tax.

### **Goals & Highlights 2016**

- Goal A Expanding Municipal Services
- Work with townships towards regionalism
- •Goal B A Safe, Clean, Green and Healthy Community
- Downtown cameras, maintenance, bike/pedestrian study & Sustainable PA
- •Goal C Settling Big Infrastructure Issues
- o City Hall, Memorial Pool &North Chambersburg Transportation Improvements
- Significant Utility Capital Expenditures
- o \$1,990,000 in paving projects

- Nicholson Square Park Improvements Project
- Mike Waters Memorial Park Building Upgrade
- Healthy Community
- Reliable Public Power Provider Program from the APPA (RP3)
- Main Street Energy Efficiency Financing Program
- Upgrade Project for the Borough's Traffic Signal Network
- Multiple Departments' Software & the Website Project
- 2016 Street Improvements