



# State of New Jersey Local Government Services

**Year:**  **Municipal User Friendly Budget**

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**Municipality:** HIGHTSTOWN **State:** NJ **Zip:** 08520

### Mayor

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Term Expires	Business Email
LAWRENCE	D	QUATTRONE	12/31/2022	quattrone@hightstownborough.com

### Chief Administrative Officer

DEBRA		SOPRONYI		adminstrator@hightstownborough.com
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### Chief Financial Officer

GEORGE	J	LANG		<a href="mailto:cfo@hightstownborough.com">cfo@hightstownborough.com</a>
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### Municipal Clerk

DEBRA		SOPRONYI		clerk@hightstownborough.com
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### Registered Municipal Accountant

GERARD		STANKIEWICZ		gstank@sklein-cpa.com
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### Governing Body Members

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Term Expires	Business Email
DIMITRI		MUSING	12/31/2021	Musing@hightstownborough.com
SUSAN		BLUTH	12/31/2021	Bluth@hightstownborough.com
CICALESE		JOSEPH	12/31/2020	Cicalese@hightstownborough.com
JOSHUA		JACKSON	12/31/2022	Jackson@hightstownborough.com
STEVEN		MISIURA	12/31/2022	Misiura@hightstownborough.com
CHARLES	LEE	STULTS	12/31/2020	Stults@hightstownborough.com

## USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

<u>2019 Calendar Year Property Tax Levies - ALL entities levying property taxes</u>					<u>Current Year 2020 Budget</u>		
	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>% of</u>	<u>Avg Residential</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Actual/Estimated</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Taxpayer Impact</u>			
Municipal Purpose Tax	1.328	\$5,227,333.00	30.96%	\$2,829.61	Municipal Purpose Tax	ESTIMATED	\$5,336,095.80
Municipal Library			0.00%	\$0.00	Municipal Library		
Municipal Open Space			0.00%	\$0.00	Municipal Open Space		
Fire Districts (avg. rate/total levies)			0.00%	\$0.00	Fire Districts (total levies)		
Other Special Districts (total levies)			0.00%	\$0.00	Other Special Districts (total levies)		
Local School District			0.00%	\$0.00	Local School District		
Regional School District	2.209	\$8,694,430.00	51.49%	\$4,706.78	Regional School District	ACTUAL	\$9,015,839.00
County Purposes	0.659	\$2,592,730.12	15.35%	\$1,404.15	County Purposes	ACTUAL	\$2,676,879.15
County Library	0.066	\$260,614.97	1.54%	\$140.63	County Library	ACTUAL	\$271,229.12
County Board of Health			0.00%	\$0.00	County Board of Health		
County Open Space	0.028	\$110,245.61	0.65%	\$59.66	County Open Space	ACTUAL	\$115,867.61
Other County Levies (total)			0.00%	\$0.00	Other County Levies (total)		
<b>Total (Calendar Year 2019 Budget)</b>	<b>4.290</b>	<b>\$16,885,353.70</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$9,140.83</b>	<b>Total ESTIMATED amount to be raised by taxes</b>		<b>\$17,415,910.68</b>
Total Taxable Valuation as of October 1, 2019 <span style="float: right;"><u>\$394,686,499.00</u></span> (To be used to calculate the current year tax rate)					Revenue Anticipated, Excluding Tax Levy <span style="float: right;"><u>2,394,247.31</u></span>		
Current Year Average Residential Assessment <span style="float: right;"><u>\$213,073.00</u></span>					Budget Appropriations, before Reserve for Uncollected Taxes <span style="float: right;"><u>7,230,343.11</u></span>		
<b><u>Prior Year to Current Year Comparison</u></b>					Total Non-Municipal Tax Levy <span style="float: right;"><u>\$12,079,814.88</u></span>		
<b><u>Comparison - Municipal Purposes Tax Rate</u></b>					Amount to be Raised by Taxes - Before RUT <span style="float: right;"><u>\$16,915,910.68</u></span>		
Prior Year	Current Year	% Change (+/-)			Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (RUT) <span style="float: right;"><u>\$499,433.37</u></span>		
1.328	1.352	1.81%			Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes <span style="float: right;"><u>\$17,415,344.05</u></span>		
<b><u>Comparison - Municipal Purposes Tax Levy</u></b>					% of Tax Collections used to Calculate RUT <span style="float: right;"><u>97.13%</u></span>		
Prior Year	Current Year	% Change (+/-)	\$ Change (+/-)		If % used exceeds the actual collection % then reference the statutory exception used		
\$5,227,333.00	\$5,336,095.80	2.08%	\$108,762.80		<b><u>Tax Collections - ACTUAL as of Prior Year</u></b>		
<b><u>Comparison - Impact on Avg. Residential Tax Payment (Municipal Purposes Only)</u></b>					Total Tax Revenue, Collections CY 2019 <span style="float: right;"><u>16,673,475.88</u></span>		
Prior Year	Current Year	% Change (+/-)	\$ Change (+/-)		Total Tax Levy, CY 2019 <span style="float: right;"><u>16,903,530.75</u></span>		
\$2,829.61	\$2,880.75	1.81%	\$51.14		% of Taxes Collected, CY 2019 <span style="float: right;"><u>98.64%</u></span>		
					Delinquent Taxes - December 31, 2019 <span style="float: right;"><u>\$204,416.55</u></span>		

**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - ANTICIPATED REVENUE SUMMARY (ALL OPERATING FUNDS)**

FCOA		% Difference Current vs. Prior Year	\$ Difference Current vs. Prior Year	Total Realized Revenue (Prior Year)	Total Anticipated Revenue (Current Year)	General Budget	Open Space Budget	Water-Sewer Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility
08	Surplus	-54.29%	(\$551,000.00)	\$1,015,000.00	\$464,000.00	\$275,000.00		\$189,000.00					
08	Local Revenue	-5.81%	(\$196,375.60)	\$3,380,875.60	\$3,184,500.00	\$404,500.00		\$2,780,000.00					
09	State Aid (without offsetting appropriation)	0.00%	\$0.00	\$503,550.00	\$503,550.00	\$503,550.00							
08	Uniform Construction Code Fees	-44.17%	(\$55,379.00)	\$125,379.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00							
	<b>Special Revenue Items w/ Prior Written Consent</b>												
11	Shared Services Agreements	2.96%	\$2,964.75	\$100,228.25	\$103,193.00	\$103,193.00							
08	Additional Revenue Offset by Appropriations	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
10	Public and Private Revenue	-70.37%	(\$60,714.90)	\$86,285.21	\$25,570.31	\$25,570.31							
08	Other Special Items	355.01%	\$633,880.85	\$178,553.15	\$812,434.00	\$812,434.00							
15	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	-34.34%	(\$104,620.31)	\$304,620.31	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00							
	<b>Amount to be raised by taxation</b>												
07	Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	-3.21%	(\$176,845.58)	\$5,512,941.38	\$5,336,095.80	\$5,336,095.80							
07	Minimum Library Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
54	Open Space Levy Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
07	Addition to Local District School Tax	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
08	Deficit General Budget	#DIV/0!	\$0.00		\$0.00								
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-4.53%</b>	<b>(\$508,089.79)</b>	<b>\$11,207,432.90</b>	<b>\$10,699,343.11</b>	<b>\$7,730,343.11</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,969,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY (ALL OPERATING FUNDS)**

FCOA	Budgeted Full-Time	Positions Part-Time	% Difference Current v. Prior Year	\$ Difference Current v. Prior Year	Total Modified Appropriation for Service Type (Prior Year)	Total Appropriation for Service Type (Current Year)	General Budget	Public&Private Offsets	Open Space Budget	Water-Sewer Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility	Utility
20	4.00	7.00	0.64%	\$4,463.00	\$695,865.00	\$700,328.00	\$700,328.00								
21		1.25	-6.55%	(\$4,000.00)	\$61,069.00	\$57,069.00	\$57,069.00								
22	1.75	5.00	1.46%	\$2,857.00	\$195,278.00	\$198,135.00	\$198,135.00								
23			-6.76%	(\$47,766.00)	\$706,312.00	\$658,546.00	\$658,546.00								
25	13.00	4.00	2.58%	\$44,684.32	\$1,731,208.36	\$1,775,892.68	\$1,773,246.80	\$2,645.88							
26	7.00	1.00	-4.13%	(\$38,802.72)	\$938,423.49	\$899,620.77	\$885,448.00	\$14,172.77							
27	1.00	1.00	-4.61%	(\$3,787.00)	\$82,157.00	\$78,370.00	\$78,370.00								
28	1.00	1.00	-45.11%	(\$53,050.00)	\$117,600.00	\$64,550.00	\$62,550.00	\$2,000.00							
29			#DIV/0!	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00									
30	16.00	17.00	0.06%	\$1,471.00	\$2,439,518.00	\$2,440,989.00	\$151,429.00		\$2,289,560.00						
31			0.05%	\$100.00	\$192,900.00	\$193,000.00	\$193,000.00								
32			0.00%	\$0.00	\$201,000.00	\$201,000.00	\$201,000.00								
35			#DIV/0!	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00									
36			-2.58%	(\$21,926.00)	\$850,458.00	\$828,532.00	\$673,396.00		\$155,136.00						
37			#DIV/0!	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00									
42			2.42%	\$9,381.00	\$388,236.00	\$397,617.00	\$397,617.00								
43		1.00	41.95%	\$62,048.30	\$147,915.36	\$209,963.66	\$203,212.00	\$6,751.66							
44			0.00%	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00								
45			-1.60%	(\$22,647.00)	\$1,418,377.00	\$1,395,730.00	\$871,426.00		\$524,304.00						
46			#DIV/0!	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00									
48			#DIV/0!	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00									
50			0.00%	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00								
55			#DIV/0!	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00									
Total	43.75	38.25	-0.62%	(\$66,974.10)	\$10,766,317.21	\$10,699,343.11	\$7,704,772.80	\$25,570.31	\$2,969,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



**ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUATIONS - EXEMPT PROPERTY - PROPERTY TAX APPEAL DATA**

<b>Property Tax Assessments - Taxable Properties (October 1, 2019 Value)</b>				<b>Property Tax Assessments - Exempt Properties (October 1, 2019 Value)</b>				
	# of Parcels	Assessed Value	% of Total		# of Parcels	Assessed Value	% of Total	
1 Vacant Land	70	\$2,365,800.00	0.60%	15A Public Schools	6	\$50,445,600.00	33.94%	
2 Residential	1,473	\$314,503,000.00	79.68%	15B Other Schools	10	\$60,513,800.00	40.71%	
3A/3B Farm	0	\$0.00	0.00%	15C Public Property	36	\$18,315,200.00	12.32%	
4A Commercial	99	\$56,967,000.00	14.43%	15D Church and Charities	25	\$15,524,200.00	10.44%	
4B Industrial	6	\$4,193,400.00	1.06%	15E Cemeteries & Graveyards	5	\$1,877,500.00	1.26%	
4C Apartments	7	\$13,373,200.00	3.39%	15F Other Exempt	10	\$1,965,000.00	1.32%	
5A/5B Railroad	0		0.00%					
6A/6B Business Personal Property	1	\$3,284,099.00	0.83%					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>\$394,686,499.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>\$148,641,300.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
Average Ratio (%), Assessed to True Value				85.44%	Percentage of Exempt vs. Non-Exempt Properties			37.66%
Equalized Valuation, Taxable Properties				\$461,945,808.75				
Total # of property tax appeals filed in 2019		County Tax Board	1.00					
		State Tax Court	0.00					
Number of 2019 County Tax Board decisions appealed to Tax Court				0.00				
Number of pending property tax appeals in State Tax Court				0.00				
Amount paid out by municipality for tax appeals in 2019				\$6,637.00				

<b>Prior Budget Year's Payments in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) - 5 Year Exemptions/Abatements</b>				
	# of Parcels	PILOT Billing/Revenue	Assessed Value	Taxes if Billed in Full 2019 Total Tax Rate
G Commercial/Industrial Exemption				
I Dwelling Exemption				
J Dwelling Abatement				
K New Dwelling/Conversion Exemption				
L New Dwelling/Conversion Abatement				
N Multiple Dwelling Exemption				
O Multiple Dwelling Abatement				
<b>Total 5 Yr Exemptions/Abatements</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION  
BUDGETED PERSONNEL COSTS**

Organization / Individuals Eligible for Benefit	# of Full-Time Employees	# of Part-Time Employees	Total Personnel Cost	Base Pay	Overtime and other Compensation	Pension (Estimate)	Health Benefits Net of Cost Share	Employment Taxes and Other Benefits
Governing Body	0.00	7.00	28,420.00	\$26,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,020.00
Supervisory Staff (Department Heads & Managers)	8.00	7.00	997,072.00	\$780,700.00	\$0.00	\$92,799.00	\$61,117.00	\$62,456.00
Police Officers (Including Superior Officers)	14.00	1.00	1,892,082.72	\$1,215,933.00	\$110,000.00	\$387,396.00	\$159,541.22	\$19,212.50
Fire Fighters (Including Superior Officers)	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
All Other Union Employees not listed above	16.00	0.00	1,184,180.00	\$646,497.00	\$95,200.00	\$81,505.00	\$301,642.00	\$59,336.00
All Other Non-Union Employees not listed above	7.00	11.00	777,671.00	\$609,595.00	\$0.00	\$57,513.00	\$61,795.00	\$48,768.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>4,879,425.72</b>	<b>\$3,279,125.00</b>	<b>\$205,200.00</b>	<b>\$619,213.00</b>	<b>\$584,095.22</b>	<b>\$191,792.50</b>

Is the Local Government required to comply with NJSA 11A (Civil Service)? - YES or NO

**NO**

Note - **Base Pay** is the annualized rate of pay to which overtime (if eligible) and/or pension is calculated. Either calculation is fine at the discretion of the Local Unit. Overtime and other compensation is any other item that is charged as a salary and wage expense but not included in Base Pay.

**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - HEALTH BENEFITS**

	<b>Current Year # of Covered Members (Medical &amp; Rx)</b>	<b>Current Year Annual Cost Estimate per Employee</b>	<b>Total Current Year Cost</b>	<b>Prior Year # of Covered Members (Medical &amp; Rx)</b>	<b>Prior Year Annual Cost per Employee (Average)</b>	<b>Total Prior Year Cost</b>
<b>Active Employees - Health Benefits - Annual Cost</b>						
Single Coverage	11.00	\$11,543.52	\$126,978.72	11.00	\$12,096.00	\$133,056.00
Parent & Child	4.00	\$20,662.80	\$82,651.20	5.00	\$21,636.00	\$108,180.00
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)	7.00	\$20,239.20	\$141,674.40	8.00	\$24,180.00	\$193,440.00
Family	9.00	\$32,242.32	\$290,180.88	11.00	\$33,720.00	\$370,920.00
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative - )			(\$105,000.00)			(\$153,000.00)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>31.00</b>		<b>\$536,485.20</b>	<b>35.00</b>		<b>\$652,596.00</b>
<b>Elected Officials - Health Benefits - Annual Cost</b>						
Single Coverage			\$0.00			\$0.00
Parent & Child			\$0.00			\$0.00
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)			\$0.00			\$0.00
Family			\$0.00			\$0.00
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative - )						
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Retirees - Health Benefits - Annual Cost</b>						
Single Coverage			\$0.00			\$0.00
Parent & Child			\$0.00			\$0.00
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)			\$0.00			\$0.00
Family			\$0.00			\$0.00
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative - )						
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>31.00</b>		<b>\$536,485.20</b>	<b>35.00</b>		<b>\$652,596.00</b>

Note - other health insurances such as dental and vision are not included in this analysis unless included in the employees total premium. Therefore, the total from this sheet may not agree with the budgeted appropriation.

**Is medical coverage provided by the SHBP (Yes or No)?**

<b>YES</b>
<b>YES</b>

**Is prescription drug coverage provided by the SHBP (Yes or No)?**



**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - OUTSTANDING DEBT; PER CAPITA AND BUDGET IMPACT**

			Current Year	2021	2022	All Additional Future	
Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt	Budget	Budget	Budget	Years' Budgets	
Local School Debt		\$0.00	Utility Fund - Principal	\$434,124.00	\$430,502.00	\$435,942.00	\$4,182,198.00
Regional School Debt	\$2,782,989.44	\$0.00	Utility Fund - Interest	\$90,180.00	\$85,831.00	\$77,132.00	\$379,519.00
Utility Fund Debt			Bond Anticipation Notes - Principal				
Water-Sewer	\$7,835,772.38	\$0.00	Bond Anticipation Notes - Interest				
0		\$0.00	Bonds - Principal	\$650,000.00	\$670,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$3,760,000.00
0		\$0.00	Bonds - Interest	\$211,500.00	\$185,325.00	\$151,200.00	\$477,600.00
0		\$0.00	Loans & Other Debt - Principal	\$8,095.00	\$8,257.00	\$8,423.00	\$68,810.00
0		\$0.00	Loans & Other Debt - Interest	\$1,831.00	\$1,669.00	\$1,503.00	\$5,633.00
0		\$0.00					
0		\$0.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,395,730.00</b>	<b>\$1,381,584.00</b>	<b>\$1,154,200.00</b>	<b>\$8,873,760.00</b>
<u>Municipal Purposes</u>							
Debt Authorized	\$2,737,524.75	\$2,737,524.75	Total Principal	\$1,092,219.00	\$1,108,759.00	\$924,365.00	\$8,011,008.00
Notes Outstanding	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total Interest	\$303,511.00	\$272,825.00	\$229,835.00	\$862,752.00
Bonds Outstanding	\$5,560,000.00	\$5,560,000.00	% of Total Current Year Budget	13.05%			
Loans and Other Debt	\$93,582.18	\$93,582.18					
<b>Total (Current Year)</b>	<b>\$19,009,868.75</b>	<b>\$10,618,761.82</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debt Not Listed Above</b>			
			Total Guarantees - Governmental				
			Total Guarantees - Other				
			Total Capital/Equipment Leases				
			Total Other				
Population (2010 census)	5,494		<b>Bond Rating</b>	<b>Moody's</b>	<b>Standard &amp; Poors</b>	<b>Fitch</b>	
Per Capita Gross Debt	\$3,460.11		Rating	A1			
Per Capita Net Debt	\$1,527.32		Year of Last Rating	2018			
3 Yr. Average Property Valuation		\$431,253,892.33	<b>Mark "X" if Municipality has no bond rating</b>				
Net Debt as % of 3 Year Avg Property Valuation		1.95%					





**USER FRIENDLY BUDGET SECTION - Notes**

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