



MINE HILL TOWNSHIP

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2026 Budget Introduction

I am pleased to present my 15th budget to the Town Council and the residents of Mine Hill. Our CFO, Joe Setticas and I have 2 primary goals when preparing and passing a budget. Goal 1 is to take care of the needs of the town. This budget does that. My main goal, as always, is to keep our hands out of the taxpayer's pockets as best we can. People are stretched thin. Groceries, NJ Natural Gas's oppressive delivery fees, JCP&L's electric fees, Regional Green House Gas Initiative nonsense and Trenton's theft of our municipal aid are making everyone in New Jersey poorer. The Mine Hill BOE is going up \$283.00/house. I did not want to add to that.

I am empathetic to our residents' financial strain and it's important not to add further financial stress to the residents of Mine Hill when we can avoid it. I just don't want to take more from people's shrinking after-tax income. They're getting hit and made poorer from all sides.

Our 2026 Budget will include a **0.00%** individual household tax. The total impact of this increase is **\$0.00** per month per average household, and **\$0.00** annually for an average assessed house of \$283,000. Boring I know.

We have been ordered to perform a Tax Reassessment this year by Morris County.

Municipal Budget

Total Tax Levy: \$3,755,089.00 (\$3,755,942 in 2025) (-\$853 from 2025)

Total Budget: \$5,624,033.00 (includes grants, partially returned energy receipts, interest and fees etc.)

A 0.00% tax increase = Municipal Tax Rate \$0.81042 (Same as 2025 & 2024)

Projected surplus is \$1,500,000 on December 31, 2026.

\$150,000 Added to Capital Improvement Fund for 2026. A total of \$326,000.00 available for capital improvements.

Fully Funded Fire Department Budget \$134,344.72 including operating and capital needs.

Projects: Indian Falls Road Bridge replacement by Morris County with new water line for Colligan Lane including hydrants, services, curb and paving. Various Other Improvements.

Water Utility Budget

Total Budget: \$ 795,000

Water capital: \$ 30,000

Surplus: \$ 75,000

Projected 2026 surplus: \$ 250,000



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Sewer Utility Budget

Total Budget: \$1,015,000 (2025 = \$1,004,550)

Surplus: \$ 165,000

Projected 2026 surplus: \$ 250,000 Available Capital for 2026 = \$326,000

2026 Projects: Expansion of Sewer on Randolph Avenue, West Randolph Avenue, Valley View Drive, Alan Lane, Alan Ct and a section of Rt 46.

Solid Waste Budget

Total Budget: 638,000 (no change) Surplus: \$35,500

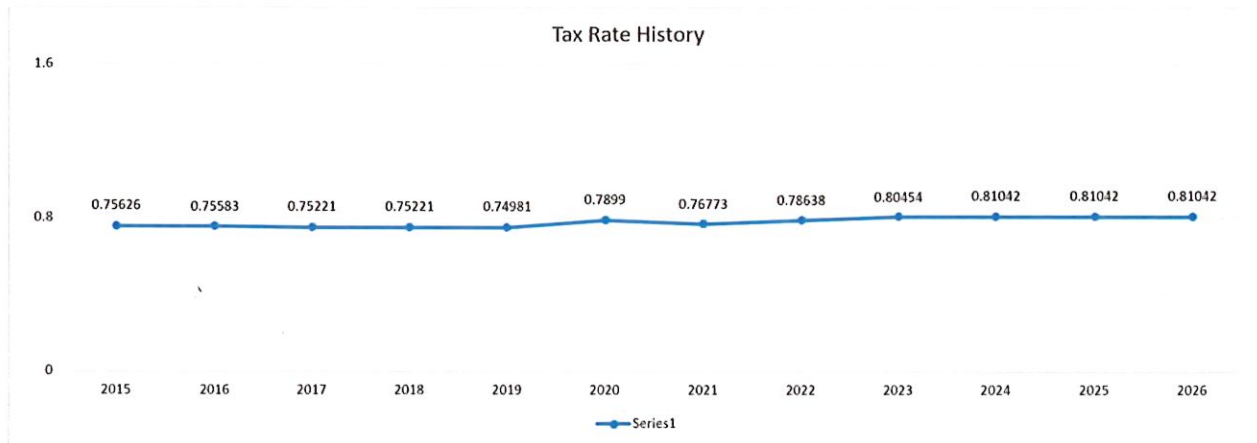
Projected 2026 surplus: \$ 40,000.00. Garbage bids came in very flat for 2026 – 2031.

Open Space:

Open Space fund has a \$53,060.22 surplus at the end of 2025. We will raise \$20,600 in 2026 with a total of \$73,660.22 available for 2026.

Tax Rate History 2016 – 2026

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
.75583	.75221	.75221	.74981	.78980	.74990	.78638	.80454	.08142	.08142	.08142



Average increase since 2016 .64% annually.

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