

A Budget Hearing of the Town of Hamburg, County of Erie and State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

ROLL CALL:            Steven J. Walters        Supervisor  
                             Michael Quinn, Jr.      Councilman  
                             Thomas Best, Jr.        Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Catherine A. Rybczynski, Town Clerk  
Walter Rooth III, Town Attorney; Mary Dosch, Sr. Account Clerk; Richard Lardo, Principal Engineering Assistant; Luke Malecki, Financial Consultant; Michael Quinn, Engineering Consultant; Christopher Monaco, Police Captain; Thomas Best, Sr., Highway Superintendent; Joseph Wenzel, Assistant Director of Recreation; Christopher Hull, Director of Community Development; Jennifer Kosmowski, Domestic Violence Advocate; Barbara Brauch, Clerk of the Justice Court; Sean Crotty, Sr. Public Safety Dispatcher and Emergency Management Coordinator

Supervisor Walters calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information on location of Fire exits was provided.

Catherine A. Rybczynski, reads the following legal notice as published in the Front Page, on the Town of Hamburg's website and posted on the Town Clerk's Official bulletin board:

LEGAL NOTICE/TOWN OF HAMBURG  
NOTICE OF HEARING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. (local time) at the Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York, in accordance with Section 184 of the Town Law, to provide for changes in the fire protection contracts as follows:

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>2017 CONTRACT REQUEST</u>	<u>2016 CONTRACT</u>
Armor Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$278,720	\$262,504
Big Tree Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$479,235	\$469,845
Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$505,200	\$500,649
Lake View Fire District (Town wide fire protection district)	\$66,665	\$66,005
Newton Abbott Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$453,232	\$444,382
Scranton Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$476,000	\$466,743
Village of Hamburg Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. (Town wide fire protection district)	\$165,105	\$161,868
Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.	\$386,081	\$378,511

These contracts provide for fire protection and ambulance service within and/or outside the boundaries of the respective districts. The term of the above contracts shall be for a period of one (1) year with a privilege of renewal for four (4) additional year terms, as provided in and under the conditions stated in each contract. Full opportunity to be heard will be given to all citizens and parties interested.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG

Dated: September 30, 2016

Catherine Rybczynski  
Town Clerk  
Town of Hamburg

Joe Sajdak, Armor Volunteer Fire Co., comments that for 2017 they are requesting an increase to \$278,720 which is a 5% increase over last year. He notes that the 2016 amount was \$262,504 which only covers 55% of the fire company's annual operations budget. The other 45% is generated through Bingo, Games of Chance and various fundraisers. The \$14,500 they are requesting will cover increases in vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, EMS supplies, fire training, fire prevention, schools, seminars and physicals. The increased physicals are due to the recent indications of cancer in the fire house. They are also in the process of doing renovations in the fire house to clean it out, including asbestos abatement, starting in April of 2017.

Daniel Anzalone, Big Tree Volunteer Fire Co., comments that they are requesting a budget of \$479,235 which is a 2% increase over the 2016 budget. Stating ,basically, the November storm was costly to the fire department and the reimbursement from FEMA did not cover all expenses. Vehicle maintenance has increased and they have had an increase in members who need to be outfitted with the proper turnout gear.

Supervisor Walters questions if the consolidation of their two fire halls has helped their budget.

Mr. Anzalone responds that it will. They are not in the building yet, however the cost of utilities will be lower. That was factored into this budget.

Chet Lipka, Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Co., comments that they are requesting \$505,200. They are looking to replenish their truck account. They are looking to purchase a new ambulance within the next year or so. This would cost anywhere from \$150,000 to \$175,000. They also have two 20 year old pumpers that they did rehab on last year. But, within the next 5 years they will be looking at replacing one or both of them. Lake Shore is doing cost savings activities including installing LED lights and they are also considering looking into solar panels.

John Wicka, Lake View Fire District, comments that they are requesting an increase of 1% which is \$660.00 over last year. They are also struggling with the limitations of the tax cap. The unfunded mandates from the State including Worker's Compensation Insurance along with other insurance costs are going up. They are also providing physicals for their firefighters.

Mark Bernas, Newton Abbott Fire Co., comments that they are asking for a 2017 budget of \$453,232 which is an increase of 1.99%. The biggest problem they are having now is truck company equipment and repair. They have a 22 year old engine with a ladder on it that is costing money every time they take it out. They are also asking for an increase in personal protective equipment and for capital for projects in the building.

Rob Black, Scranton Volunteer Fire Co., comments that they are looking for a 1.98% increase in their budget to \$476,000. This is to keep up with the demands firematically that is placed upon them by the fire service, vehicle maintenance and new equipment and gear.

Harley Moses, Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department, comments that they are looking for a 2% increase. This is for the cost of equipment. They are looking into purchasing a new aerial truck in a few years which will be a costly venture. They just spent \$220,000 on a new ambulance.

Dave Carberry, Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company, comments that they are looking for a \$386,081 which is a 2% increase. This will be for vehicle maintenance, putting money away for a new ladder truck that is due to expire and the influx of turnout gear for their large, young membership.

Supervisor Walters thanks all the fire companies for working diligently in putting together their budgets and taking the time to come and present to the public and most importantly thank you for keeping our community safe. This Town Board is extremely supportive of the Volunteer Fire Service in the Town of Hamburg.

**1.**

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED                   Ayes   3           Walters, Best, Quinn  
                                  Noes   0

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board close the public hearing.

Catherine A. Rybczynski, reads the following legal notice as published in the Front Page, on the Town of Hamburg's website and posted on the Town Clerk's Official bulletin board:

LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF HAMBURG  
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the preliminary budget of the Town of Hamburg for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person, at reasonable hours. Additionally, an exemption report is also available for inspection.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg pursuant to Section 121(b)(1) of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, as amended, and all other applicable statutes, will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York at 7:00 p.m. (local time) on October 24, 2016, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the preliminary budget as compiled and for or against any items therein contained.

**PURSUANT** to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor	\$82,123
Councilman (2) each	\$19,210
Town Clerk	\$71,870
Highway Superintendent	\$81,266
Justices (2) each	\$59,652

## BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMBURG

Dated: September 30, 2016

CATHERINE RYBCZYNSKI  
Town Clerk  
Town of Hamburg

No correspondence was received.

Supervisor Walters and Luke Malecki review the Town of Hamburg 2017 proposed Budget Public Hearing hand out as per attached.

Supervisor Walters opens up to questions from the floor.

Don Weiss questions the difference in the 2017 tentative Budget that was on the website and the 2017 proposed Budget presented this evening.

Luke Malecki responds that there was a change in personnel, health insurance and Town Park dredging. The Highway Department received FEMA funds so they were able to increase the signage, paving and capital costs. There was also an increase in mortgage tax that was added. The rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation changed from \$10.55 to \$10.59 or an overall rate increase of 3.88% to 4.26% for the Town-Outside Village residents. For Village residents that rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation changed from \$4.92 to \$4.94 or an overall increase of 4% to 4.39%.

Councilman Best responds that they are still looking for cuts. The increase in the paving helps with infrastructure upkeep and the increase in dredging was necessary to maintain the boat launch. They are also addressing a cycle for purchasing plows. The difference in the two budgets are all for essential needs.

Mr. Wiess comments that FEMA came through with \$375,000, which was good for the Highway Department. His concern is with the continuous rise in School tax which the town has no control over. However they do have control over this budget and it behooves the Town Board to work on cuts. There has been a large expansion of taxable property and with hard work they could come up with a lower tax rate.

Councilman Best responds that the FEMA money is for money spent not a windfall of money. The money in the Budget is to buy one plow at \$160,000.

Joe O'Brien questions if the town gets any money from the State for taking care of Woodlawn Beach.

Supervisor Walters responds the Town receives no money from the State for Woodlawn Beach.

Mr. O'Brien questions how much the Town is spending every year to maintain Woodlawn Beach.

Supervisor Walters responds that it fluctuates every year because it is revenue based. To keep that park open the Town spent about \$30,000 last year.

Supervisor Walters responds that they have an operating agreement to keep that park open.

**2.**

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Quinn, the following resolution was

ADOPTED	Ayes	3	Walters, Best, Quinn
	Noes	0	

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board close the public hearing.

Catherine A. Rybczynski, reads the following legal notice as published in the Front Page, on the Town of Hamburg's website and posted on the Town Clerk's Official bulletin board:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED  
LOCAL LAW #10, 2016  
TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Hamburg, New York, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075, to hear all interested parties and citizens for or against the adoption of proposed Local Law Number 10 for the year 2016. The proposed Local Law seeks to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law Sec 3-c.

Any resident of the Town of Hamburg is entitled to be heard upon said proposed adoption of Proposed Local Law No. 10 for the year 2016. Copies of the law will be available at the office of the Town Clerk for inspection by any person during regular business hours and are posted on the town's website.

Catherine A. Rybczynski  
Town Clerk  
Town of Hamburg

Dated: October 13, 2016

No correspondence was received.

Supervisor Walters explains that several years ago New York State adopted a tax cap on annual property tax increases. The tax cap is 2% or the measure of CPI, whichever is less. The last three years it has been less so the town, as a starting point is, limited to a 2% increase in our total tax levy each year. If they are to exceed that tax levy, as a municipality, the Town of Hamburg is required to adopt a local law allowing them to exceed that tax cap levy. This year the tax cap is about .7% which is significantly less than 2%. The purpose of this public hearing is just to obtain public comments on this.

There were no comments from the public.

**3.**

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Best, the following resolution was

ADOPTED           Ayes 3       Walters, Best, Quinn  
                      Noes 0

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board close the public hearing.

**4.**

On a motion of Supervisor Walters, seconded by Councilman Quinn, the following resolution

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ADOPTED           Ayes 3       Walters, Best, Quinn  
                      Noes 0

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board adjourn at 8:06 pm

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Catherine A. Rybczynski, R.M.C.  
Town Clerk

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# TOWN OF HAMBURG

## 2017 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

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October 24, 2016

# Budget Process

Timing	Process
Early July	Requests are sent to each department head
Early August	Departmental requests due to Supervisor and are then reviewed and evaluated
Mid-August	Meetings are held with each department
Aug. to mid-Sept.	Payrolls, benefits, debt service, estimate revenues are all computed
Mid-Sept	Complete budgets for each fund, determine tax rate implications and make adjustments
September 30	Provide Tentative Ad Valorem Budget to Council, Town Clerk, and public for review
October 24	Hold public hearing, consider comments and make adjustments
Before Nov. 20	Adopt budget and submit to County (by 11/20)

# Funds within the Budget

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- ✓ General Fund
- ✓ Town Outside Village Fund
- ✓ Special Districts
  - ✓ Sewer Districts
  - ✓ Water Districts
  - ✓ Fire Protection Districts
  - ✓ Street Lighting District
  - ✓ Hydrant District
- ✓ Highway Fund
- ✓ Insurance Reserve Fund
- ✓ Enterprise Funds
  - ✓ Golf Course
  - ✓ Ice Arena
  - ✓ Town Park
  - ✓ Woodlawn Beach

# Budgetary Components

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- Estimated revenues
- Appropriations
- Appropriated fund balance
- Tax levy

# Budget Challenges

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## Revenues:

- NYS VLT allotment below committed level
- Non-property (sales) tax distributions
- State aid sources
- Mortgage taxes
- Low interest rates continue
- Limited departmental revenue opportunities

# Budget Challenges

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§ 54-L of State Finance Law:

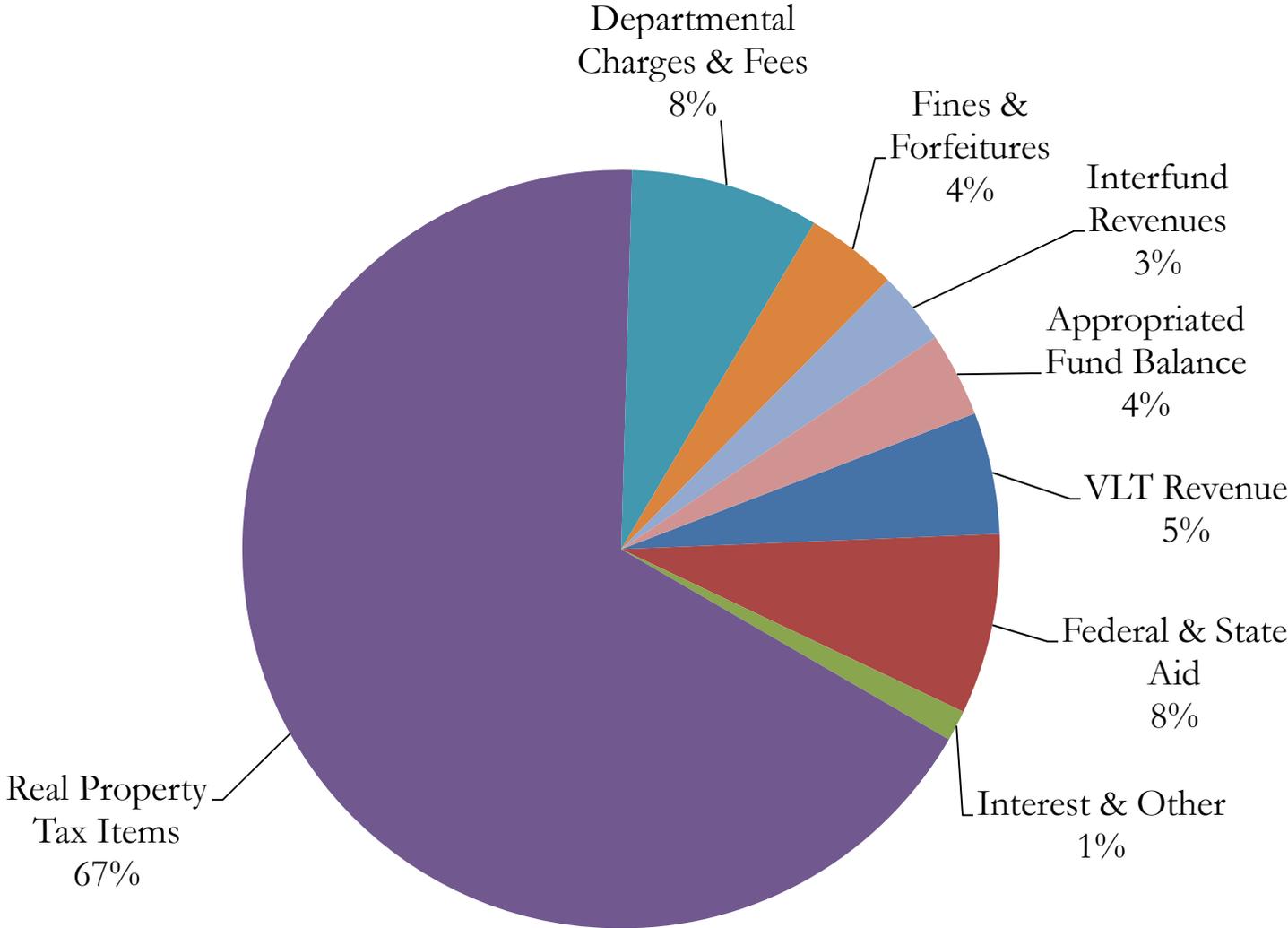
Local governments to receive 3.5% of the Net Win, of which the Town of Hamburg would receive 75% and the County 25%



Estimated based on formula	\$ 2,150,000
Estimated 2016 VLT	<u>865,679</u>
Annual revenue lost	<u><u>\$ 1,284,321</u></u>

# General Fund

## Sources of Revenue



# Budget Challenges

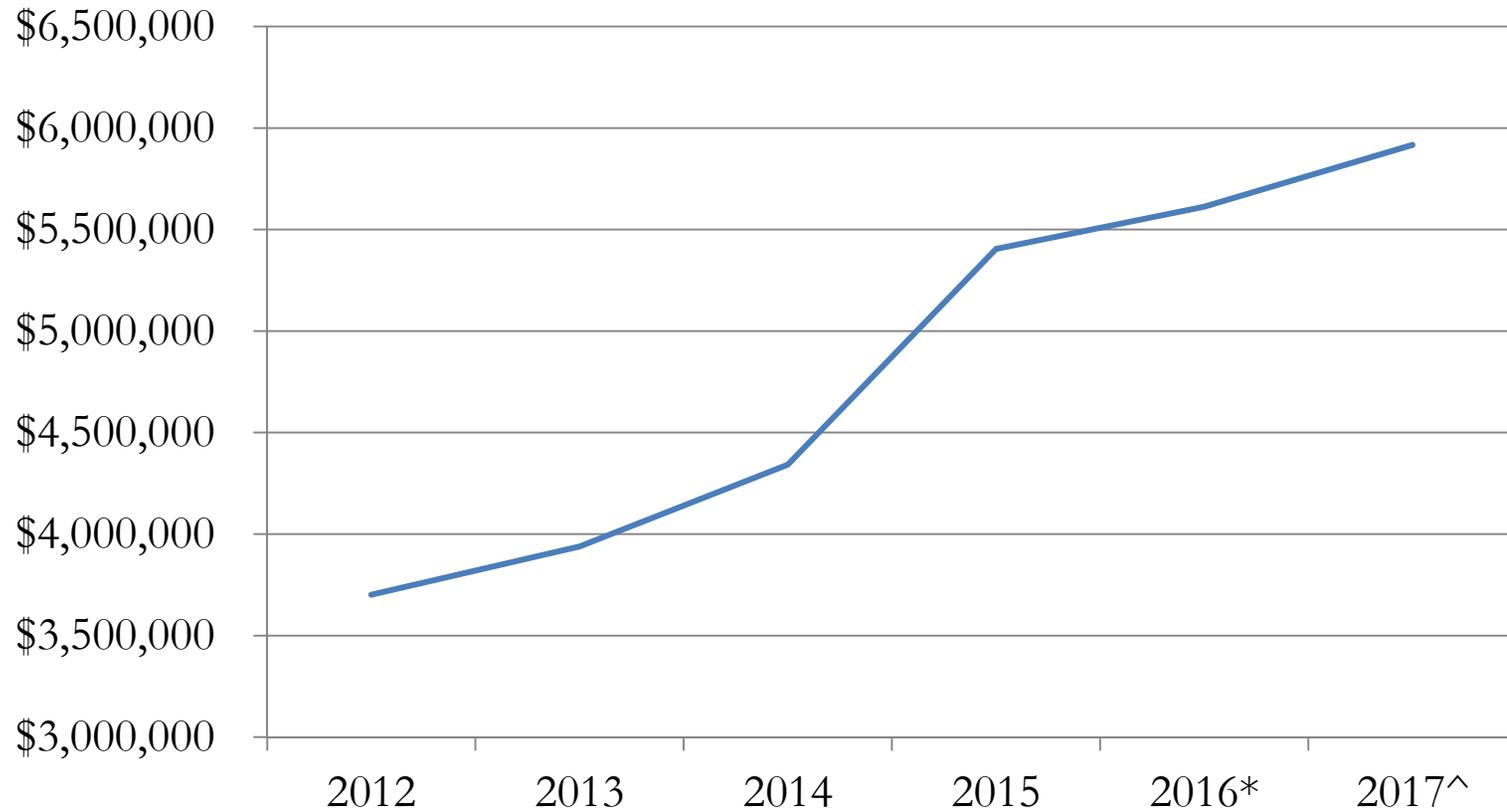
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## Appropriations:

- Continued increases in health insurance costs
- Debt service on recent projects
- Retirement system costs have stabilized at high levels
- Salaries and personnel costs
- Mandated pay-outs for retiring employees
- Highway Fund fund balance concerns

# Health Insurance

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\* Estimated 2016 based on current trends.

^ Budgeted.

# Retirement Systems

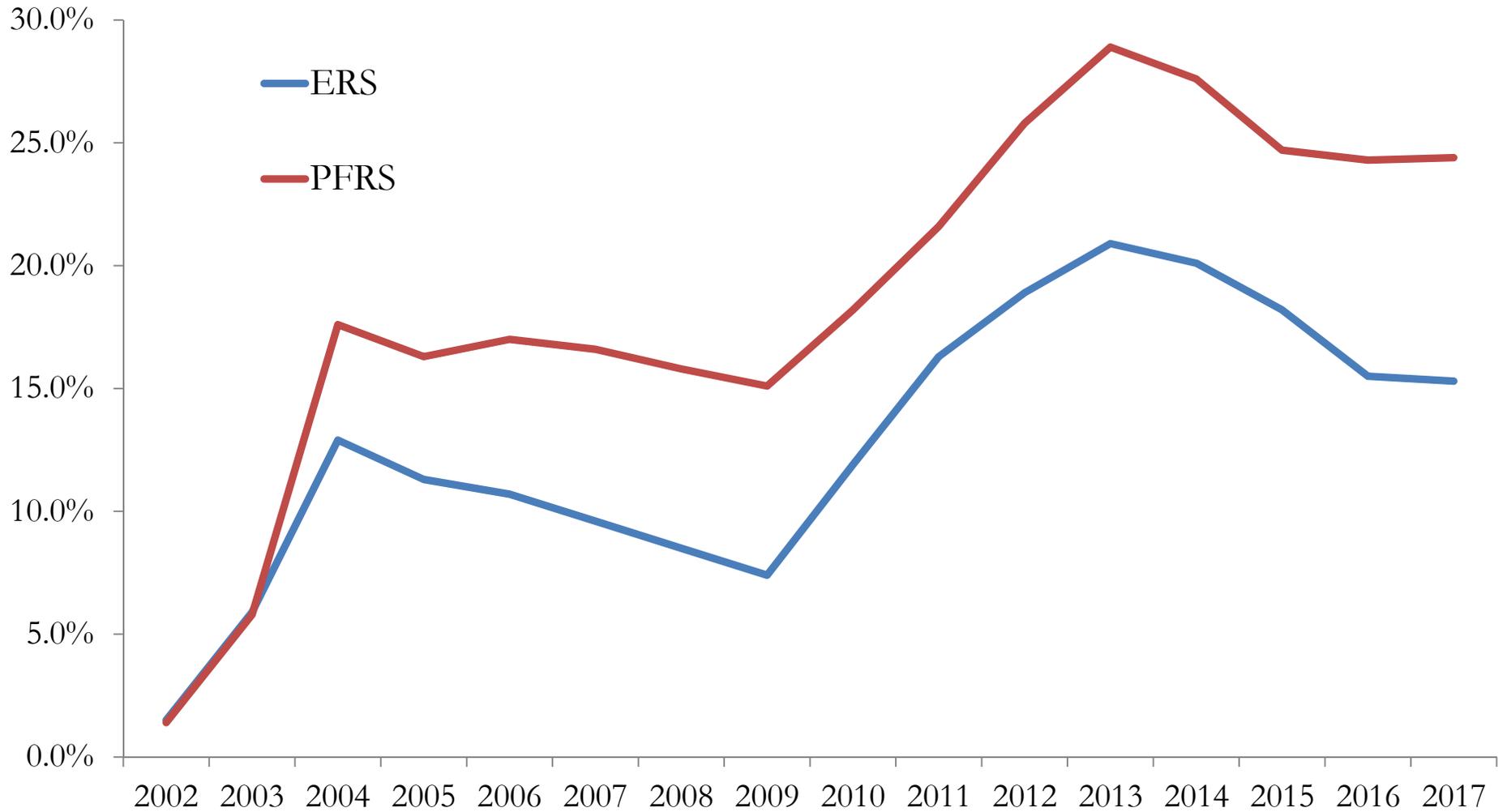
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Mandated payments to the retirement systems have more than doubled since 2009.

	System		
	Employees	Police & Fire	Total
<i>2009</i>	<i>601,318</i>	<i>701,664</i>	<i>1,302,982</i>
<b>2016 (budget)</b>	<b>1,397,800</b>	<b>1,592,000</b>	<b>2,989,800</b>

# Retirement Rates

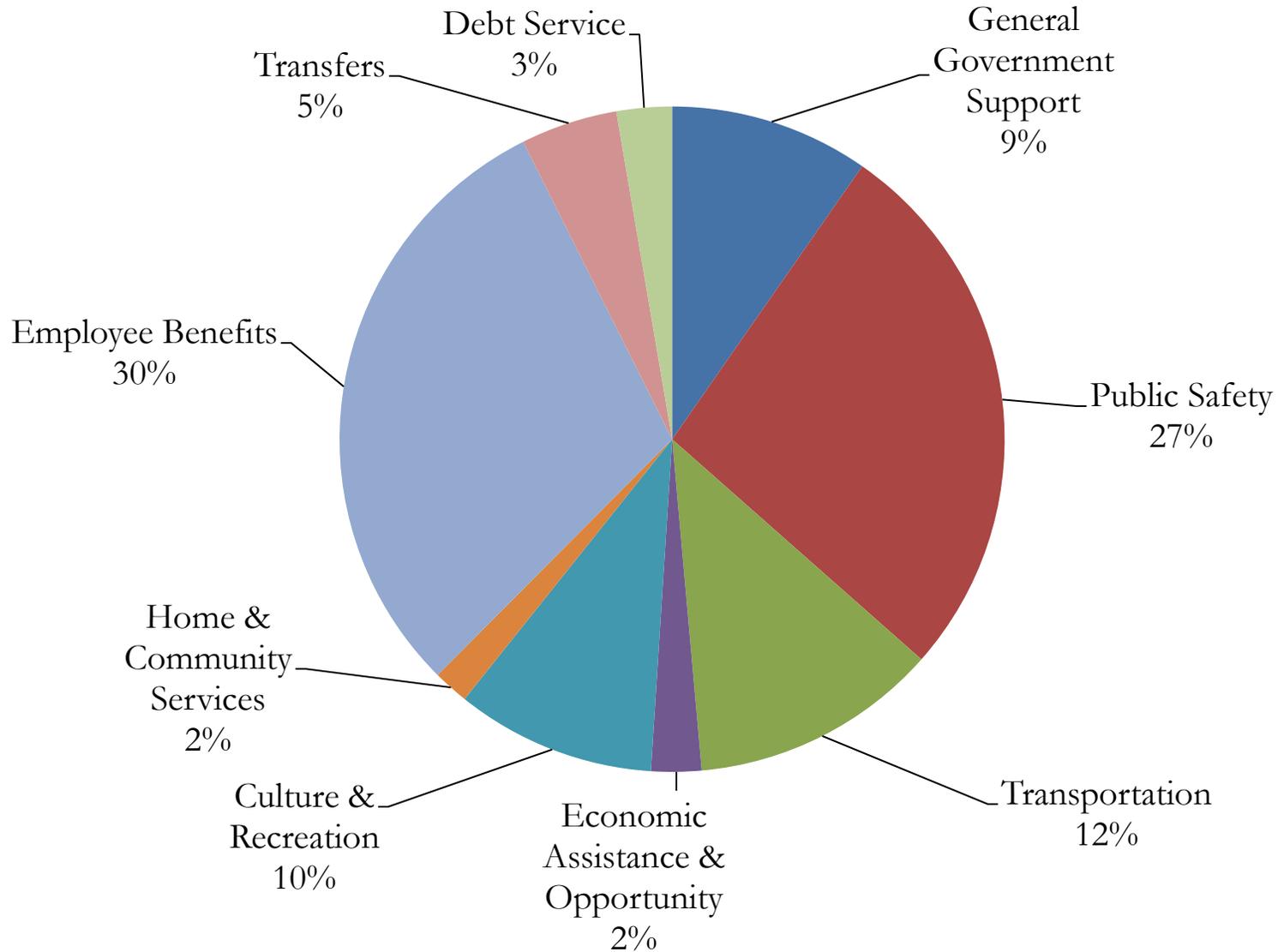
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# All Operating Funds

## Allocation of Appropriations

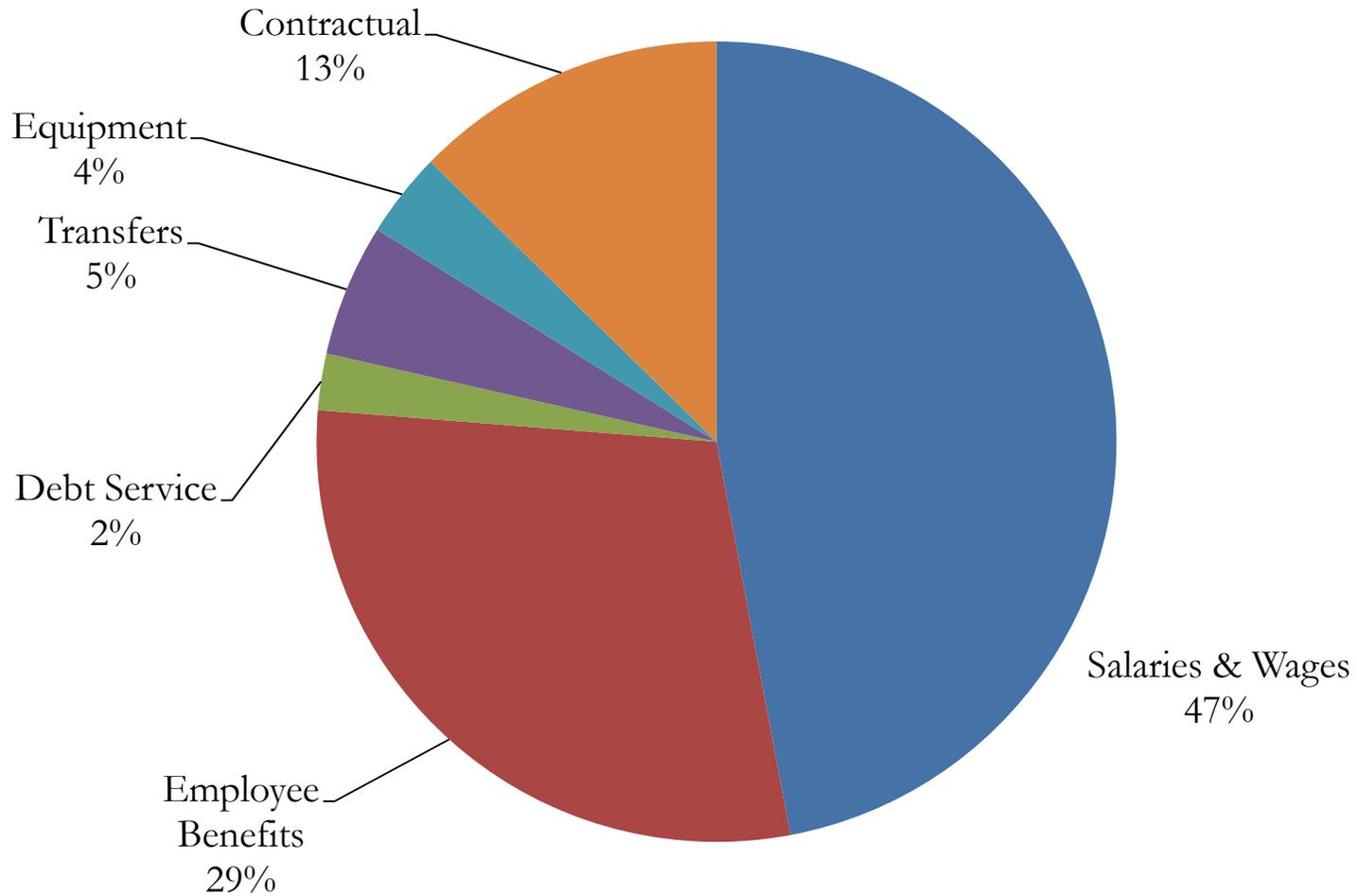
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# All Operating Funds

## Allocation of Appropriations

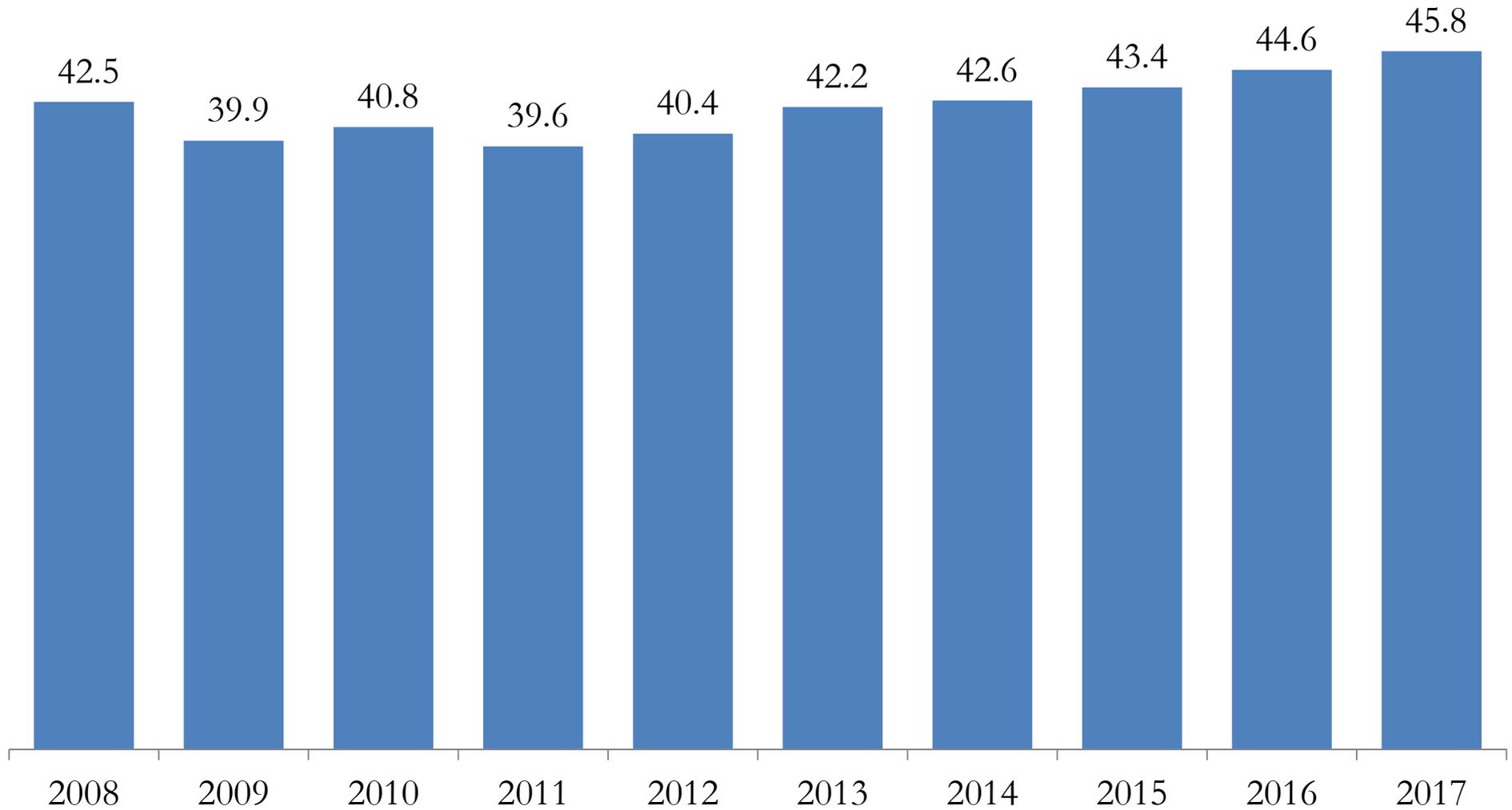
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# Appropriation History

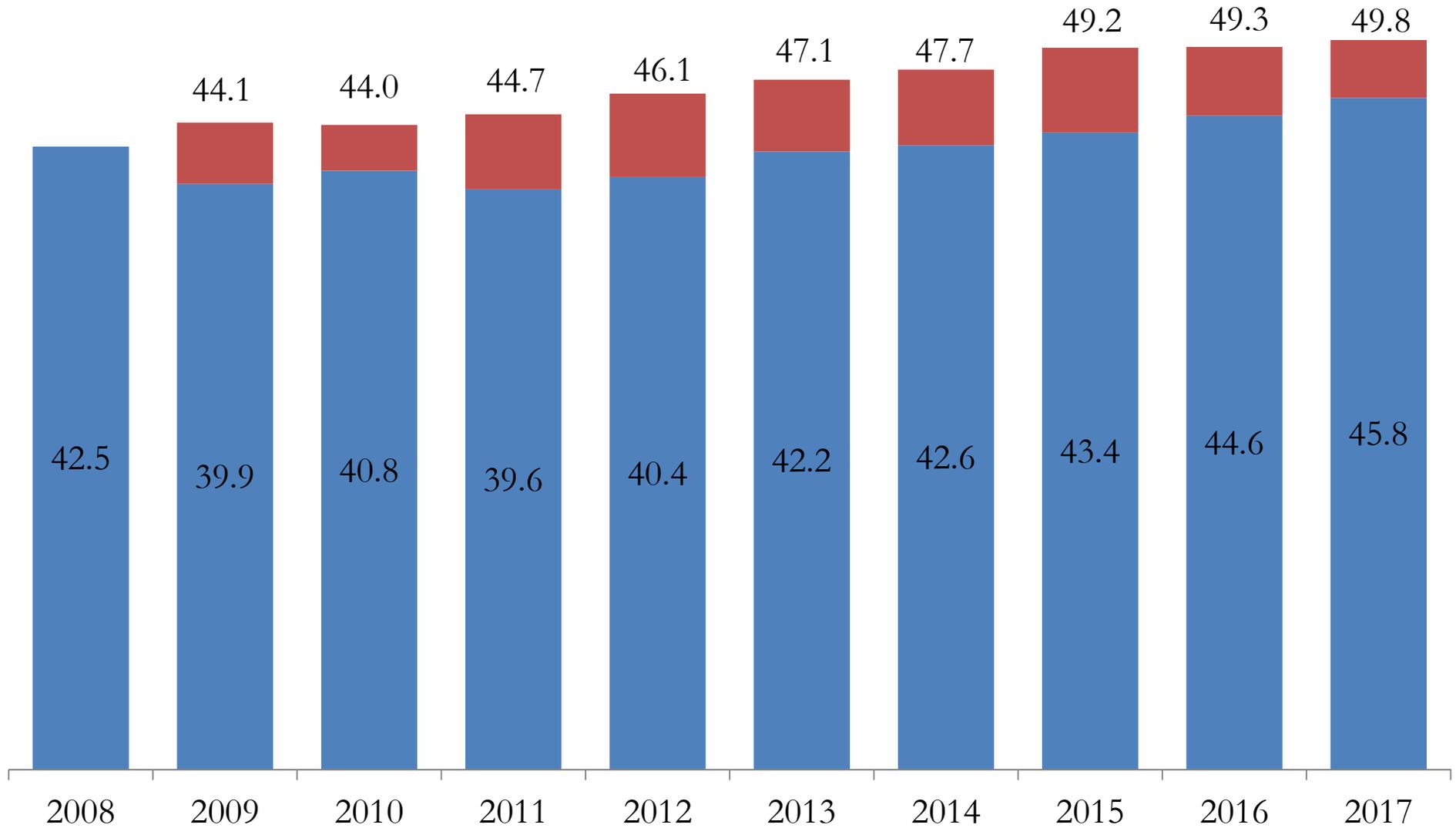
All Funds (\$ millions)

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# Appropriation History

All Funds (\$ millions)





# Summary of Proposed Tax Changes

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	<b>Town-Outside</b>	
	<b>Village Residents</b>	<b>Village Residents</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Tax Rate Summary for 2017 (Proposed):		
General Fund	\$ 4.8904	\$ 4.8904
Town Outside Village Fund	2.3563	-
Highway - DA (Bridges)	0.0457	0.0457
Highway - DB	<u>3.2944</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Rate (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)</b>	<b><u>\$ 10.5867</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4.9361</u></b>
<b>Actual tax rates - 2016</b>	<b><u>\$ 10.1537</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4.7290</u></b>
Dollar Change	<b><u>\$ 0.4329</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.2070</u></b>

# Tax Impact

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- 2017 proposed rate increase from 2008:
  - \$1.60 for residents outside the villages
  - \$0.89 for village residents
- Average increase over the past ten years:
  - 1.69% for residents outside the villages
  - 2.08% for village residents
- 2017 estimated tax bill increase on a \$100k assessed home:

	<u>Outside Villages</u>	<u>Village</u>
Annualized	<u>\$ 43.29</u>	<u>\$ 20.70</u>
Monthly escrow	<u>\$ 3.61</u>	<u>\$ 1.73</u>

# Tax Composition

TOWN OF HAMBURG TOWN RESIDENT \$100,000 ASSESSED VALUE	
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CAPITAL CHARGES	27.16
MANDATORY SERVICES	
GOVERNMENT SERVICES	153.87
PUBLIC SAFETY	213.11
COMMUNITY SVCS/REC	6.73
**** BALANCE ****	373.71
NONMANDATORY SERVICES	
GOVERNMENT SERVICES	20.87
PUBLIC SAFETY	404.85
COMMUNITY SVCS/REC	232.08
**** BALANCE ****	657.80
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TOTAL DUE	1058.67
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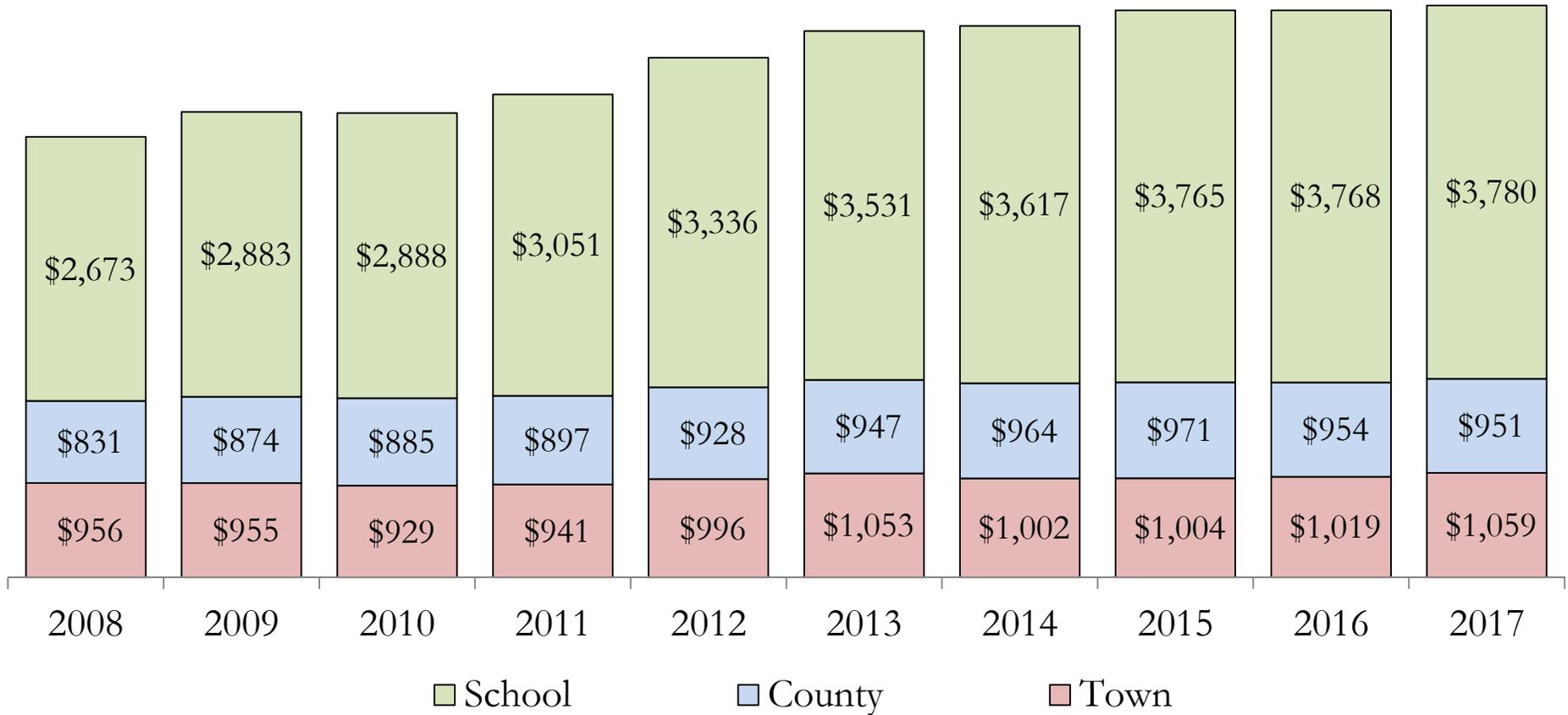
# Tax Composition

TOWN OF HAMBURG VILLAGE RESIDENT \$100,000 ASSESSED VALUE		
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CAPITAL CHARGES		18.68
MANDATORY SERVICES		
GOVERNMENT SERVICES	128.77	
PUBLIC SAFETY	60.12	
COMMUNITY SVCS/REC	0.87	
**** BALANCE ****		189.76
NONMANDATORY SERVICES		
GOVERNMENT SERVICES	18.77	
PUBLIC SAFETY	47.73	
COMMUNITY SVCS/REC	218.66	
**** BALANCE ****		285.16
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TOTAL DUE		493.60
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# Composition of Tax Bill (\$) ^

Tax Payer within Town of Hamburg and Hamburg School District  
(last ten years)

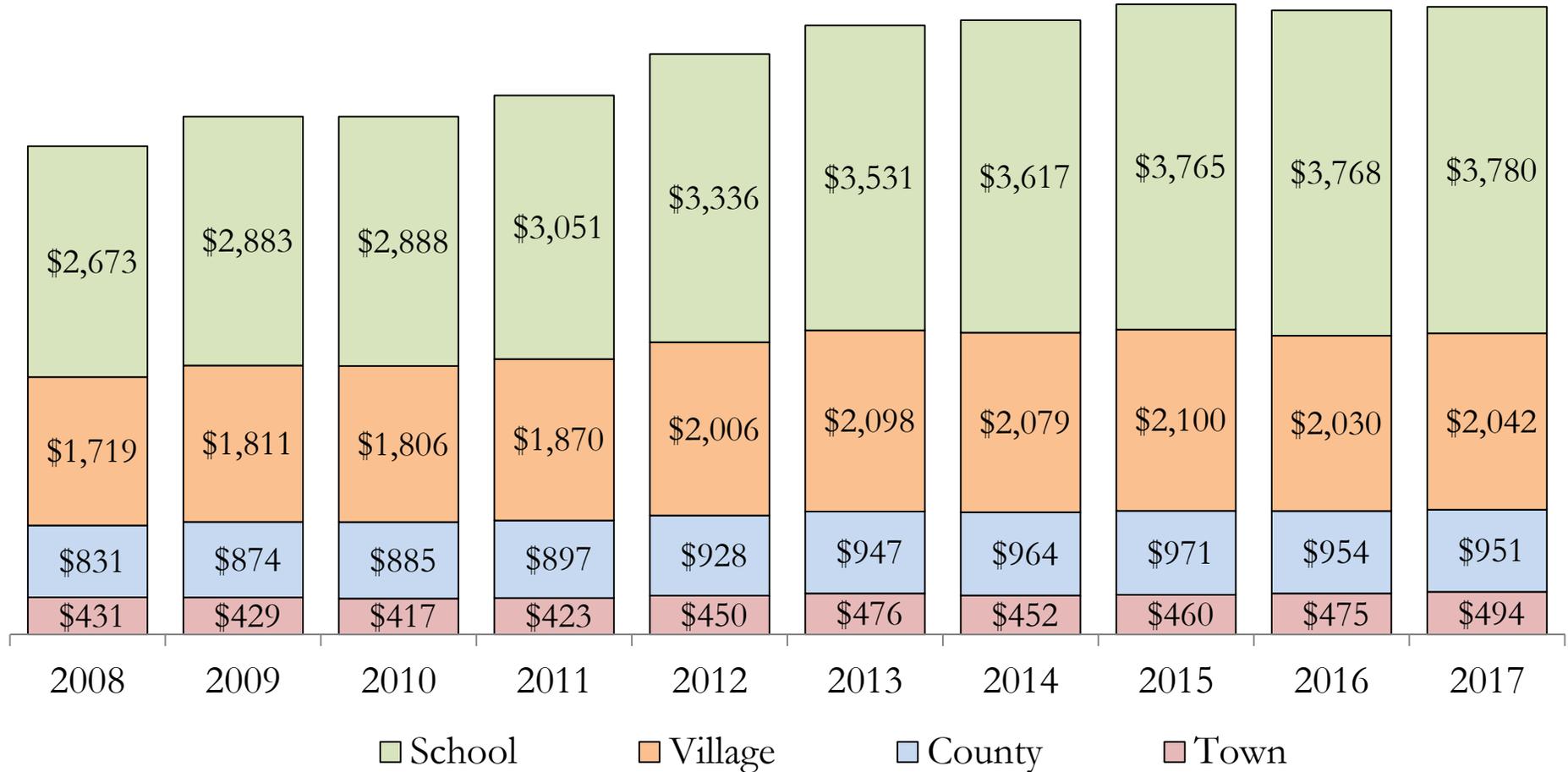
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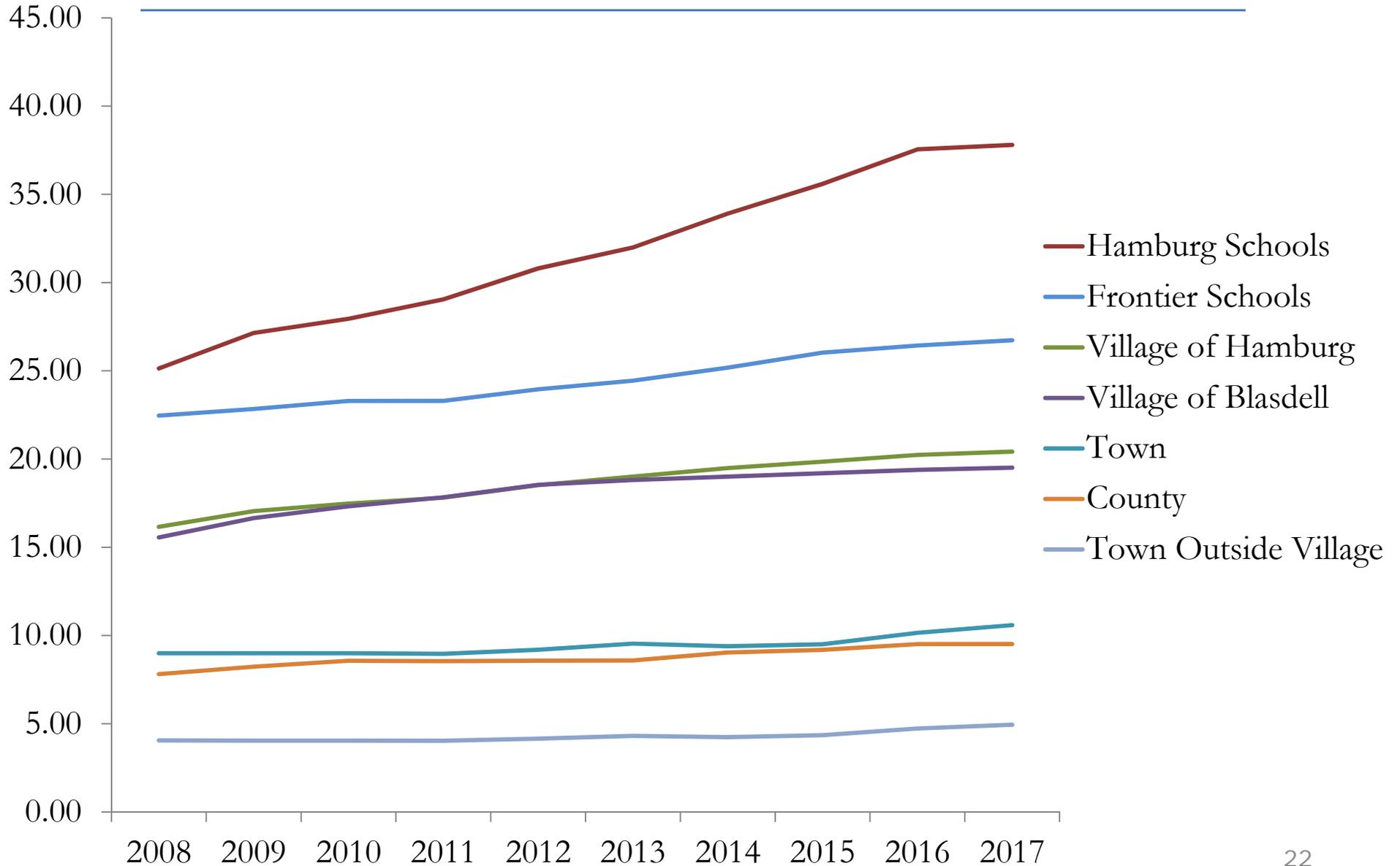
Tax Payer within Village of Hamburg and Hamburg School District  
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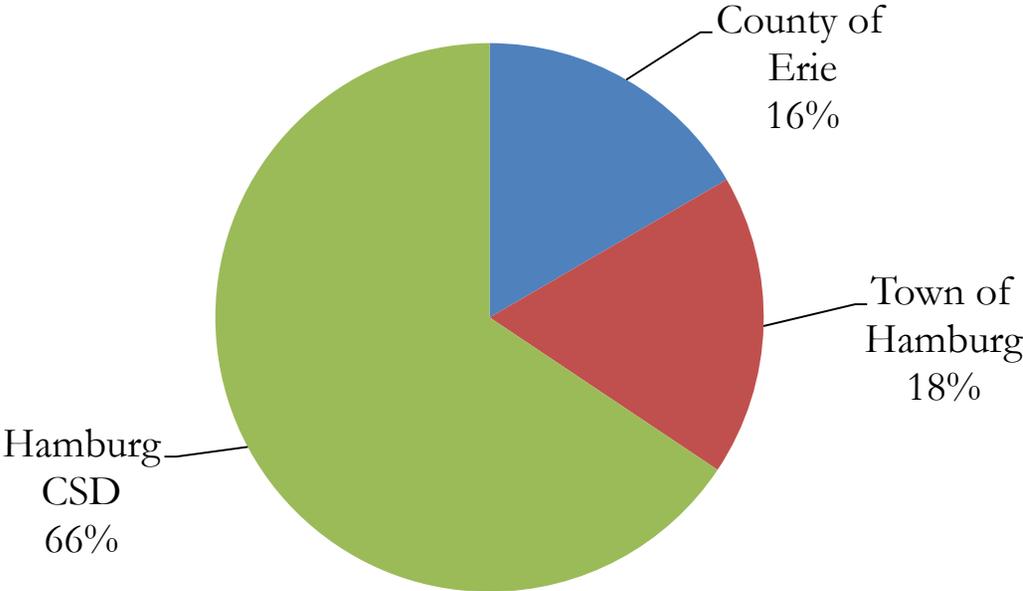
# Tax Rate Comparison Ten Year History

(\$, per 1,000 of assessed valuation)



# Percent of Taxes Paid

2016 Rates

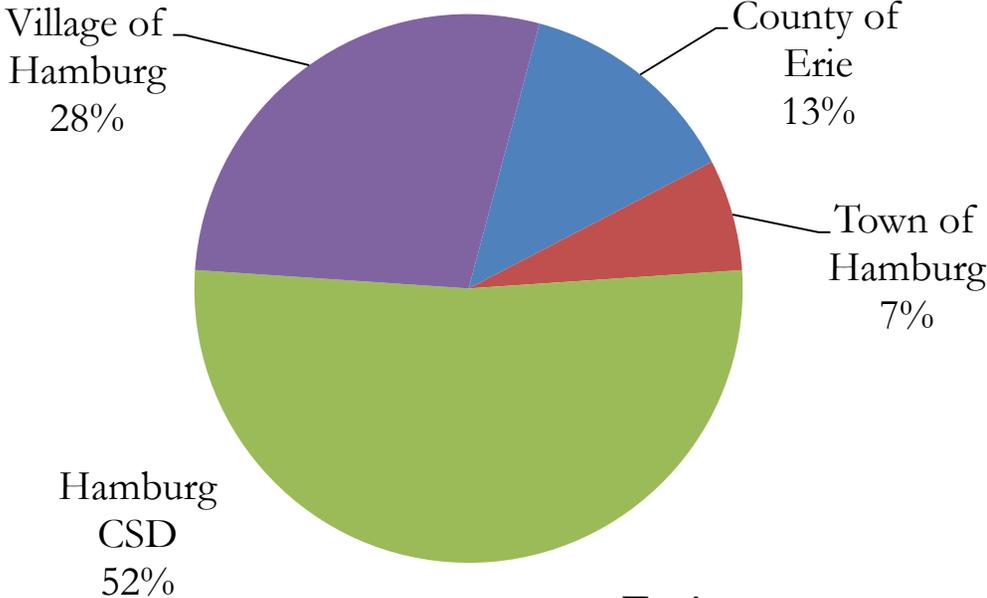


Assumes that the taxpayer lives in the Town (outside villages) and in the Hamburg Central School District.

Entity	Tax Rate
County of Erie	\$ 9.51
Town of Hamburg	10.15
Hamburg Central School District	37.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 57.21</b>

# Percent of Taxes Paid

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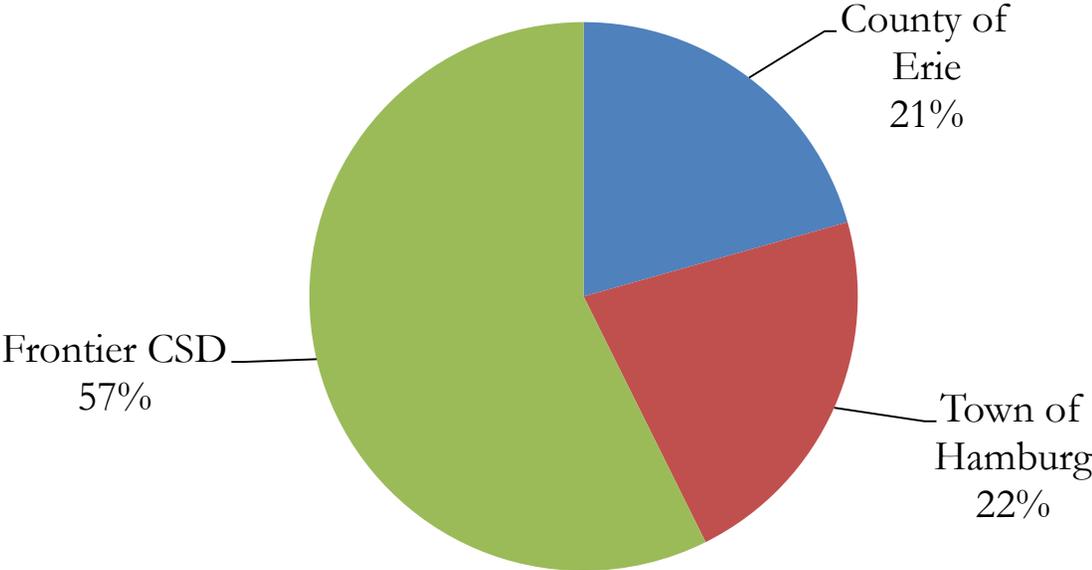


Entity	Tax Rate
County of Erie	\$ 9.51
Town of Hamburg	4.73
Village of Hamburg	20.23
Hamburg Central School District	<u>37.55</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 72.02</u></b>

Assumes that the taxpayer lives in the Village of Hamburg and in the Hamburg Central School District.

# Percent of Taxes Paid

2016 Rates

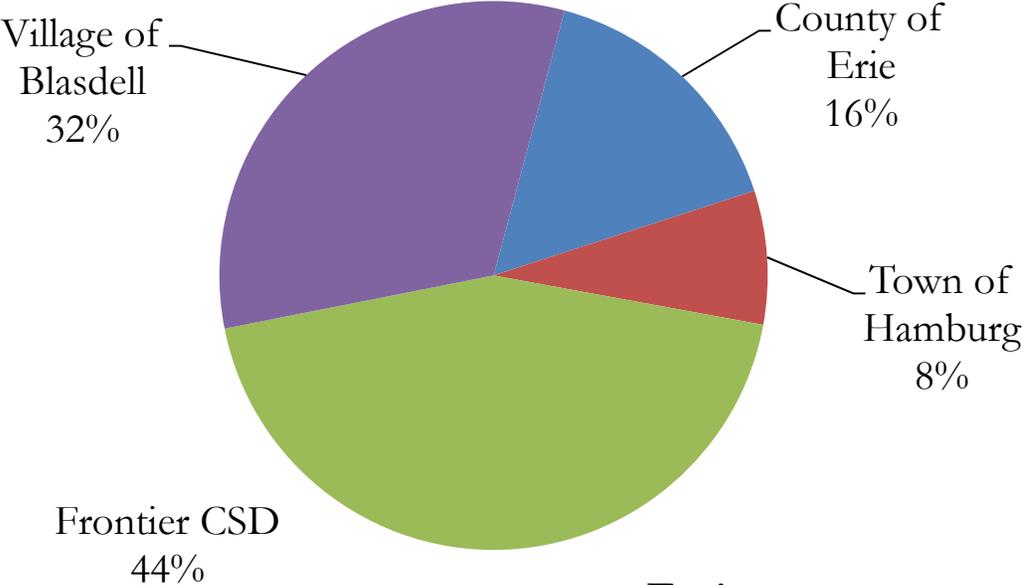


Assumes that the taxpayer lives in the Town (outside villages) and in the Frontier Central School District.

Entity	Tax Rate
County of Erie	\$ 9.51
Town of Hamburg	10.15
Frontier Central School District	<u>26.43</u>
Total	<u>\$ 46.09</u>

# Percent of Taxes Paid

2016 Rates



Entity	Tax Rate
County of Erie	\$ 9.51
Town of Hamburg	4.73
Village of Blasdell	19.38
Frontier Central School District	<u>26.43</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.05</u></b>

Assumes that the taxpayer lives in the Village of Blasdell and in the Frontier Central School District.

# Hamburg

2017 Budget Public Hearing

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We look forward to your  
comments and suggestions to  
further improve the budget.