

Borough of Coraopolis PA, 15108 WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

As of April 7, 2006

Before you can understand where your tax dollars go, lets look at the different taxing bodies and determine how much each entity gets.

If your home is valued at \$75,000 your estimated taxes for that property would be:

County of Allegheny	4.69 mills	or	\$ 351.75 annually
Borough of Coraopolis	10.50mills	or	\$ 787.50 annually
Cornell School District	19.89mills	or	\$1491.75 annually

The Borough of Coraopolis has estimated that property taxes should generate approximately 1.7 million dollars in 2006. This is approximately 45% of the revenue needed to operate the Borough for this year. Where does the rest of the money come from?

Per Capita and Earned Income Taxes	\$310,000
Emergency Services Tax (Occupation Taxes)	\$ 84,600
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	\$ 40,000
Mechanical Device Permits	\$ 42,000
Cable TV Franchise Taxes	\$ 45,000
Fines-Ordinance Violations/Parking Meter Fines	\$ 42,500
Antenna Rentals	\$ 77,000
Interest	\$ 10,000
Intergovernmental Aid(Grants, Pension State Aid, Rad Sales Tax, Etc)	\$334,366
Charges for Services	\$ 89,414
Refuse Fees	\$261,360
Liquid Fuel Taxes	\$104,362
Grants(Street lights/Boro Paving Projects)	\$112,140
Available Bond Funds	\$110,000

So now we know where the money comes from, **WHERE DOES IT GO!**

The budget for the Borough of Coraopolis is broken down into 17 separate categories. Each grouping includes salaries, insurance, and general expenses related to that group or department. The Departments and their related expenses are:

General Government -Includes Mayor, Council, Manager, Solicitor, and Engineer	\$ 186,710
Tax Collection -Includes Tax Collector and Contracted Services-PaMS	\$ 53,500
Municipal Building -Costs to maintain the Borough Building	\$ 34,500
Public Safety-Police -Includes Police, Dispatchers, School Crossing Guards, Animal Control Services, Vehicle Maintenance, Signs, & Traffic Signals	\$1,205,477
Public Safety-Fire -Includes Fire Marshall and Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Dept Exp.	\$ 15,750
Planning and Zoning -Zoning Hearing Board and Building Inspection Services	\$ 14,500
Health and Sanitation -Cost of garbage & recycling removal	\$ 264,614
Public Works -Includes cost of Street Maintenance Department and Seasonal Labor	\$ 228,227
Street Lighting -Cost of electric service for street lights	\$ 125,000

Parks and Playgrounds -Maintenance of Bliwas Field and Ridge Ave.Tot-Lot	\$ 6,500
Library -Wages, utilities, & maintenance for Coraopolis Memorial Library	\$ 73,825
Bonds and Notes -General Obligation Bonds and Loan Payments as follows:	
2003 General Obligation Bond Payment	\$ 189,361
Fire Truck Loan	\$ 39,556
Police Car Loan	\$ 14,634
Dump Truck Loan	\$ 15,624
Insurance -Insurance package for Liability, Umbrella, and Flood Coverage	\$ 48,919
Employee Benefits -Employee benefits to include:	
Pension Contribution-Borough Employees & Police	\$ 255,073
Unemployment Comp, Social Security, Group Insurance	\$ 66,811
Civic Contributions - Includes Fire Dept Truck Fund, Memorial Day Parade,	
Ambulance Authority	\$ 11,300
Miscellaneous -Refunds of Real Estate Judgments	\$ 25,000
Repairs and Maintenance-Parking Meters	\$ 8,000
Capital Improvements -Street Lights Replacement Project	
Arch Street Resurfacing	\$ 60,000
Borough Garage Asphalt Project	\$ 60,000
Miscellaneous Capital Expenditures	\$ 84,651

It is the hope of the Borough of Coraopolis that the above detail will give you a better appreciation as to how your taxes are being utilized. The Borough Manager is available at manager@coraopolispa.com to answer your specific questions concerning the budget and any other matters that may arise.