

# Financial Report

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# Your Township By The Numbers

Welcome to the first edition of Clearcreek Township's *Financial Report to the Community*. In an effort to become more transparent to our residents, Fiscal Officer Linda Oda has prepared this document.

Additionally, please visit our website at [www.clearcreektownship.com](http://www.clearcreektownship.com) where you will find information that is updated monthly under the "Fiscal Office" tab. There you can view every payment issued by the township, as well all money received. The township's Annual Financial Reports, as well as the Board of Trustee's bi-monthly minutes, are also available.

The information in these pages is all public record. In fact, with the exception of some personnel information, all information in Clearcreek Township and other governments is considered "public record." This means every citizen has a right to view this information, and to ask questions. Any government is only as good as its citizenry, and we hope you will become actively involved to make Clearcreek Township the best that it can be.

On the following pages, you will find a 3-year history of the township's spending, receipts and levy information. Clearcreek Township has a budget of almost \$13 million, and the breakdown of those expenditures can be clearly seen on the graphs provided. On the back page is information on the taxes collected from township residents through property and other taxes.

Questions or comments can be directed to Mrs. Oda by email at [loda@clearcreektownship.com](mailto:loda@clearcreektownship.com) or [lindaoda@go-concepts.com](mailto:lindaoda@go-concepts.com) or by phone at (w) 937.748.1267 or (c) 513.218.4851.



*Clearcreek Township Fiscal Officer Linda Oda is pictured with State Representative Pete Beck, who honored her with a proclamation from himself and Speaker Bill Batchelder. Also pictured are Trustees Dale Lamb, Cathy Anspach and Ed Wade.*

*Linda A. Oda*



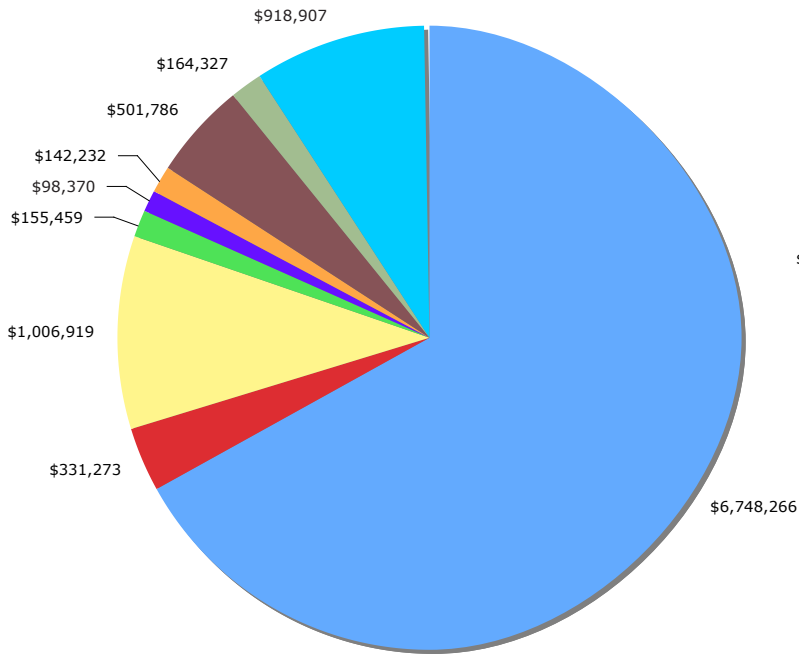
*Township Trustees (from left) Dale Lamb, Ed Wade and Cathy Anspach peruse the Financial Report to the Community before approving it for distribution. Also pictured are Fiscal Officer Linda Oda, Fire Chief Bob Kidd, and Police Chief John Terrill.*

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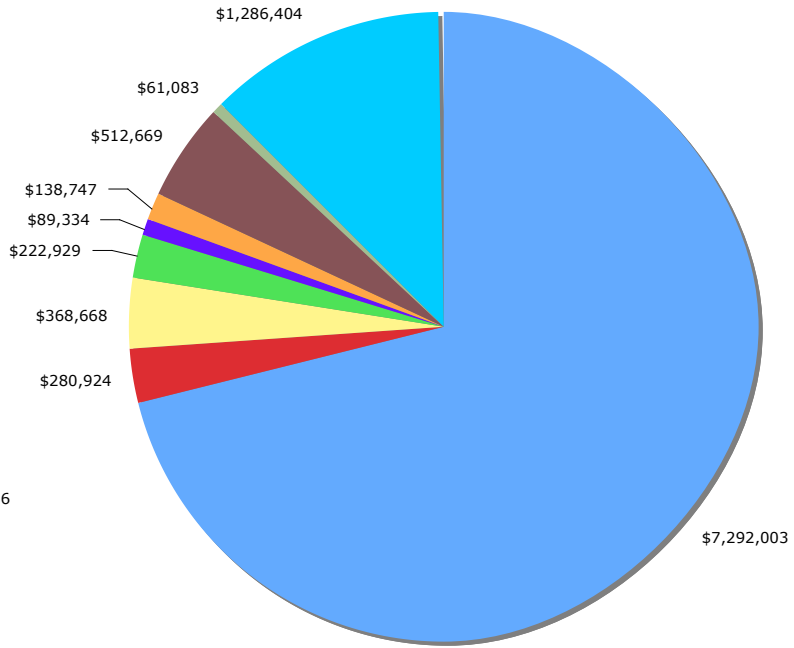
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# REVENUES

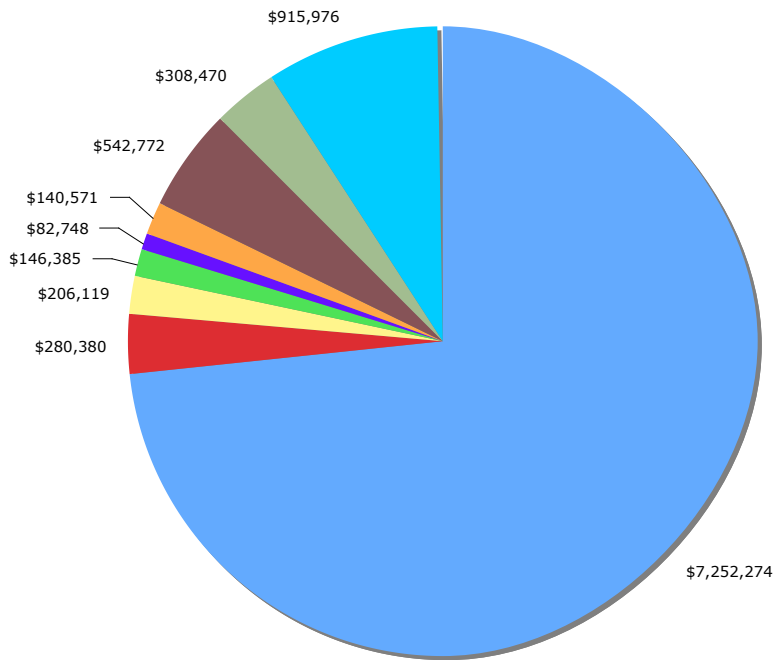
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**\$10,067,539**



**2009 Revenues**  
**\$10,252,761**



**2008 Revenues**  
**\$9,875,695**

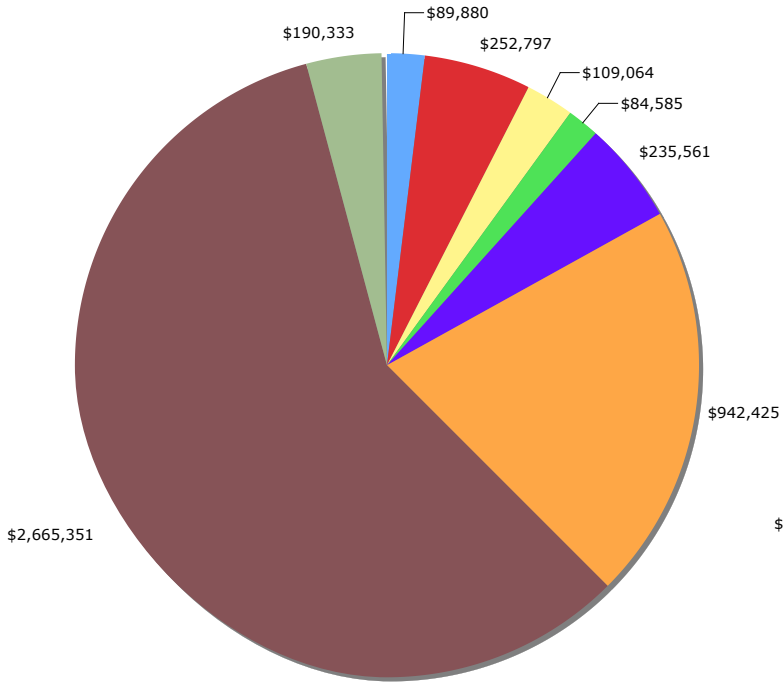


- Property Tax
- Property Tax Allocation (State)
- Cable Franchise
- EMS Recovery
- Misc. (Fines, rentals, inter-governmental, estate, etc.)
- Local gov. distribution
- Motor Vehicle Licenses (State & Local)
- Gasoline Tax
- Interest

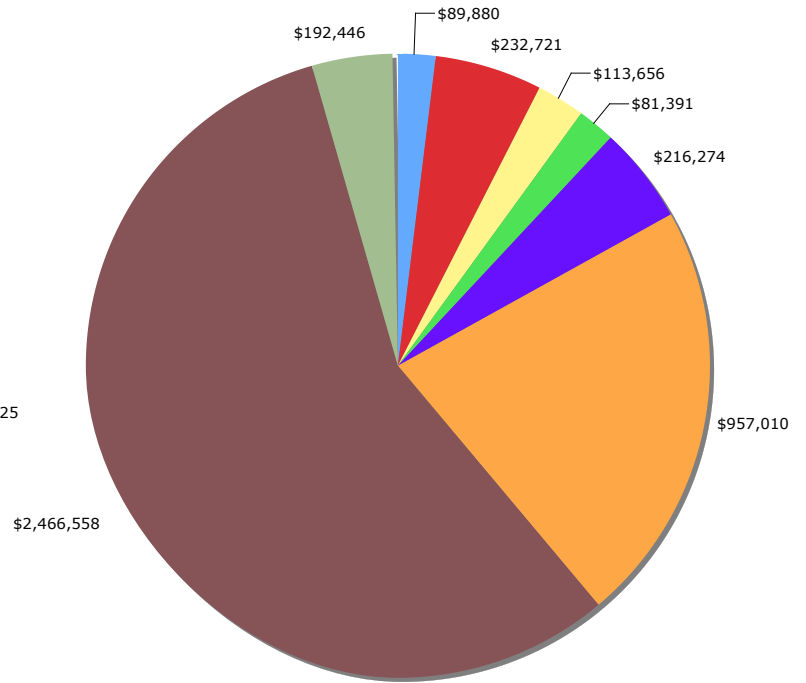
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# SALARIES

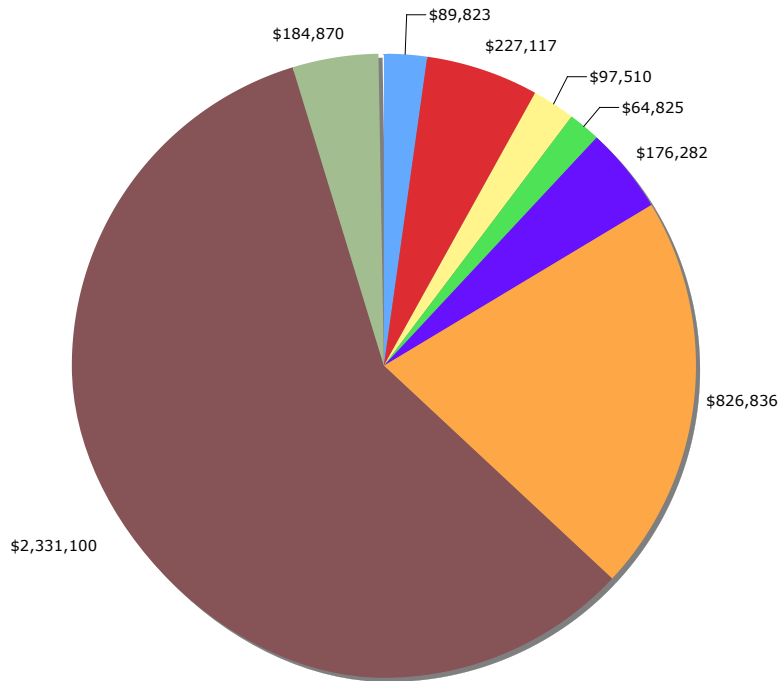
**2010 Salaries\***  
**\$4,560,996**



**2009 Salaries**  
**\$4,349,936**



**2008 Salaries**  
**\$3,998,363**

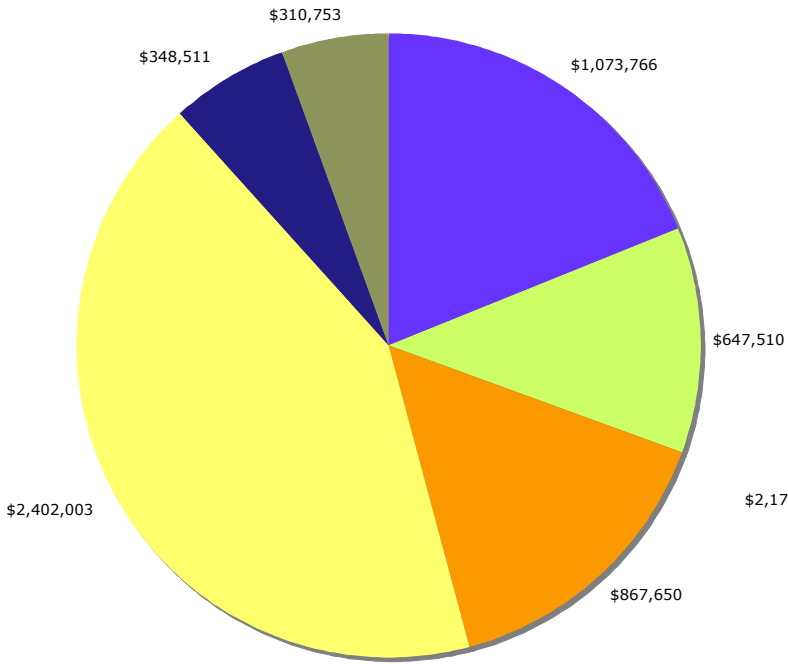


- Elected officials
- Administration
- Zoning
- Park
- Maintenance
- Police
- Fire
- EMS

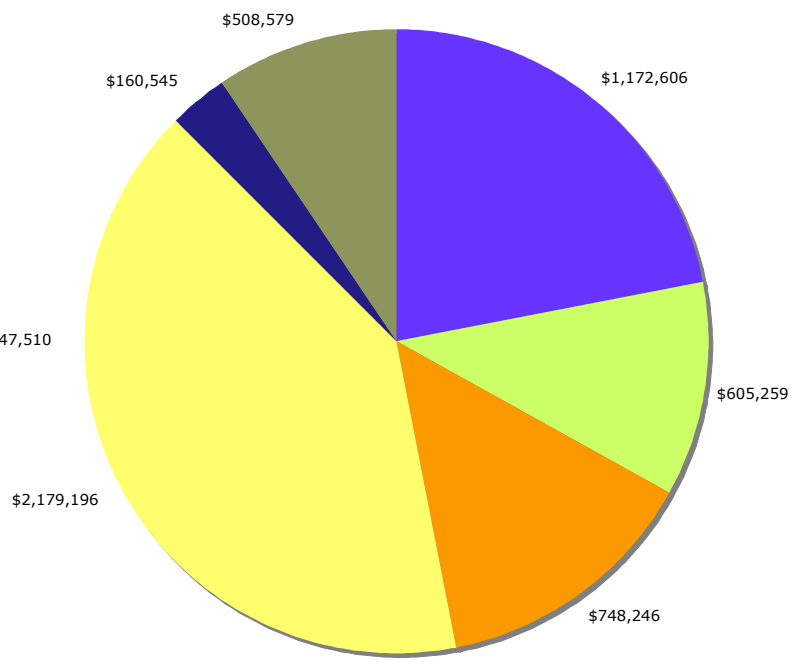
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# EXPENDITURES

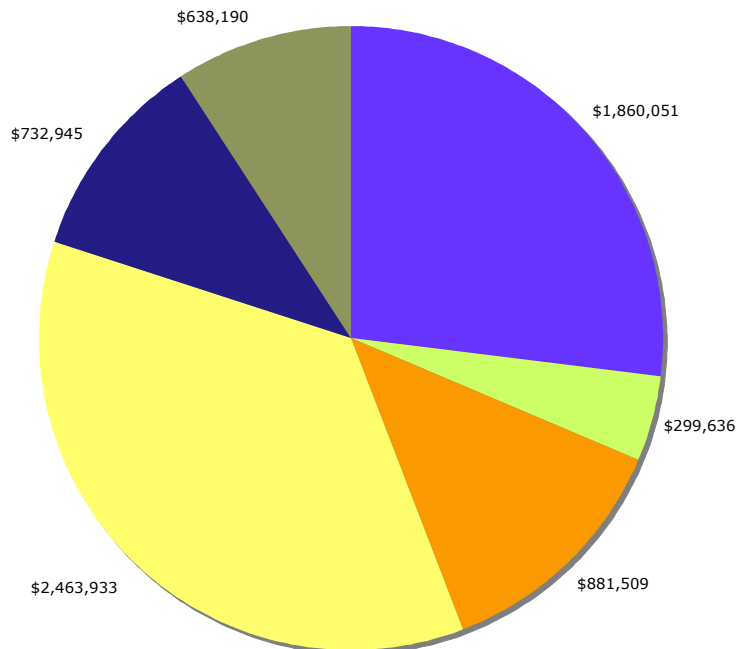
**2010 Expenditures\***  
**\$10,220,189**



**2009 Expenditures**  
**\$9,724,367**



**2008 Expenditures**  
**\$10,874,627**



■ General Fund   
 ■ Maintenance   
 ■ Police   
 ■ Fire & EMS   
 ■ Land Purchases   
 ■ Other

\*Unaudited

# History Of Tax Levies



**In 1981**, voters in Clearcreek Township approved a levy to support a full-time police force. The actual Police District was formed in 1975 when a group of citizens requested the formation following a rash of break-ins. Prior to 1975, Clearcreek Township residents were protected by the Warren County Sheriff's office.

The 4.0 mill continuing tax levy generated about \$225,640 per year. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 paid about \$140 annually for police protection. As a continuing tax levy, voters did not need to renew the levy. Today, the effective rate is 1.4 mills, and the yield is \$740,000 annually.

As the township grew, so did its need for police protection. Voters approved an additional 2 mills (generating \$202,000) in 1989, and then in 1999, another 1.5 mills was approved (generating \$328,500). Today, .95 is collected on the 2-mill tax levy and 1.07 is collected on the 1.5 mill tax levy for a total yield of \$1,010,000.

In all, 7.5 continuing mills have been approved by Clearcreek Township taxpayers for police protection. It is important to remember, however, that today, only 3.42 mills – generating \$1,750,000 - are being collected because of people moving into the township and rising home values.

NOTE: The Clearcreek Township Police District today covers about 77 miles, and answers all calls for assistance in the township. While they may assist the Springboro Police Department and other neighboring communities when needed, the Township Police Department works exclusively for the residents of Clearcreek Township.



**In 1982**, the City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township joined to form the Clearcreek Fire District. They passed a 1 mill tax levy that generated \$97,680. Today, that levy is collecting at .34 mill and yields \$325,000. Previously, township residents had been served for decades by the volunteer Springboro Fire Company, which was dissolved when the Clearcreek Fire District was created.



As the city and township grew, the need for more firefighters/EMS personnel and equipment grew. A 2.5 mill tax levy was passed in 1987 (\$300,452) and another 3.85 mill tax levy was approved in 2001 (\$2,362,575). Today, those tax levies are collected at .98 for the 2.5 mill levy and 3.41 for the 3.85 mill levy for a total yield of \$4,250,000.

In all, 7.35 mills have been approved by Clearcreek Township and City of Springboro taxpayers for fire and EMS protection, and since the levies are all continuing levies, they do not need to be renewed. It is important to remember, however, that today, only 4.73 mills are being collected because of people moving into the township and rising home values. The owner of a home valued at \$100,000 paid about \$165.55\*\* towards fire protection in 2010.

Taxpayers also pay inside millage (non-voted upon property taxes). In Clearcreek Township, 2.12 mills are collected for the general fund, and road and bridges, costing the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 about \$74.20\*\* per year.

When combined, taxpayers in Clearcreek Township pay 10.36 effective mills to operate the police, fire, and general operation of the township. This amounts to about \$359.45\*\* in annual assessments to the owner of a \$100,000 home. (The owner of a home valued at \$300,000 would pay \$1,078.35.) That places Clearcreek Township third out of Warren County's 11 townships in the amount of taxes collected through property taxes: Deerfield (12.3), Salem (10.65), **Clearcreek (10.27)**, Hamilton (10.26), Union (8.10), Turtlecreek (7.57), Wayne (6.80), Harlan (6.68), Massie (4.58), Washington (3.56) and Franklin (2.56).

Note: Information provided by the Warren County Auditor's office.

\*\*Does not include any property tax rollbacks that may be in effect.

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