

# CITIZENS FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Budget Presentation

April 13, 2020

# Financial Policies

- Budget timetable

Purpose: Establishes a timetable that ensures that the budget is produced, disseminated and reviewed on a timetable that permits adequate discussion and timely adoption

- Surplus policy

Purpose: Establishes written guidelines for the \$ amount of Current Fund Surplus to be maintained and for the timely monitoring of the Surplus. ***Available Surplus to be maintained at 15 – 20% of Budgeted Appropriations***

- Capital & Debt policy

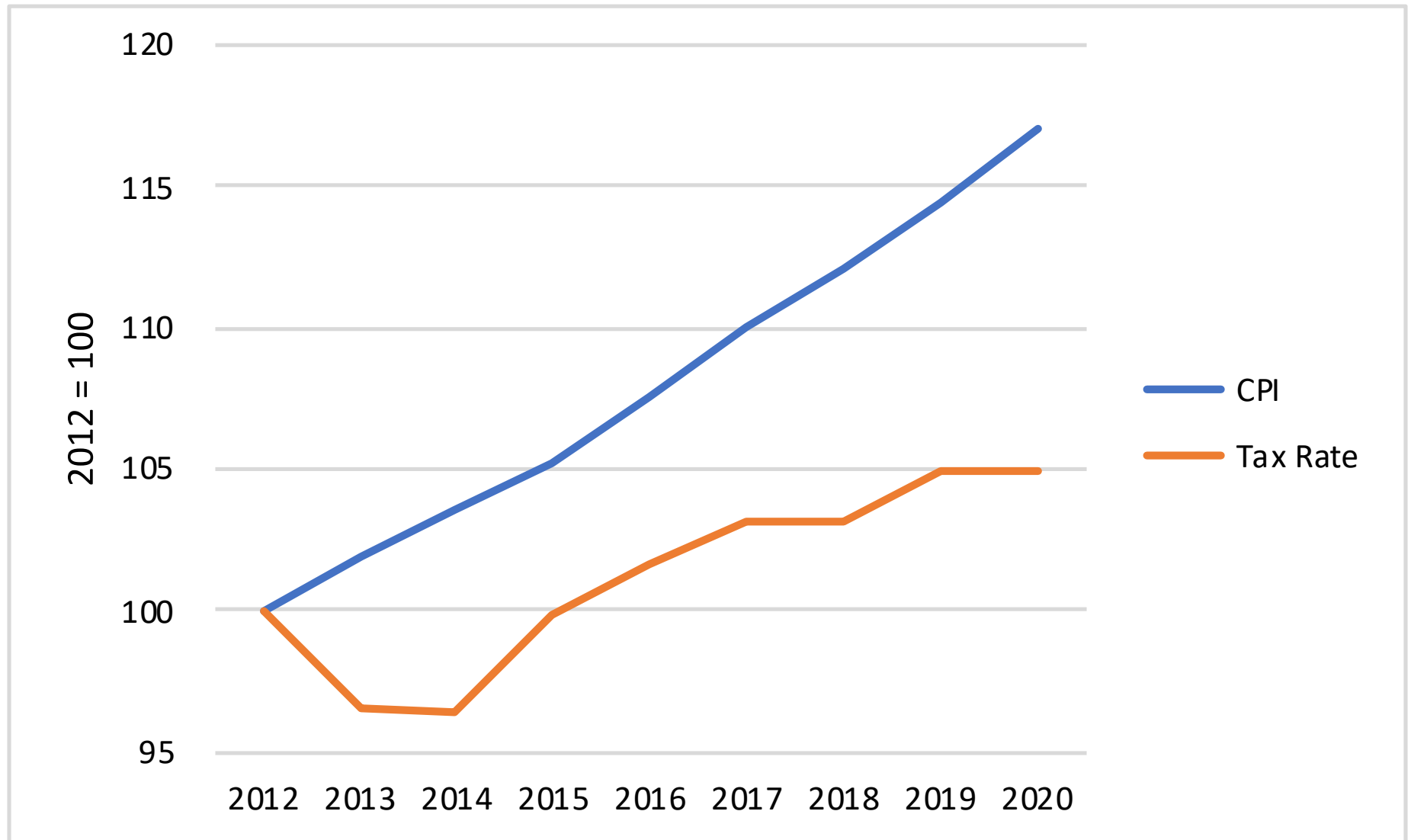
Purpose: To ensure that capital spending is managed to take into account its implications to the Town's future debt service obligations. ***Limit growth in Debt Service to ~1.5% / yr***

# Budget Summary

*To keep the Municipal portion of rateables flat with 2019, the Municipal Levy was reduced by \$612,991*

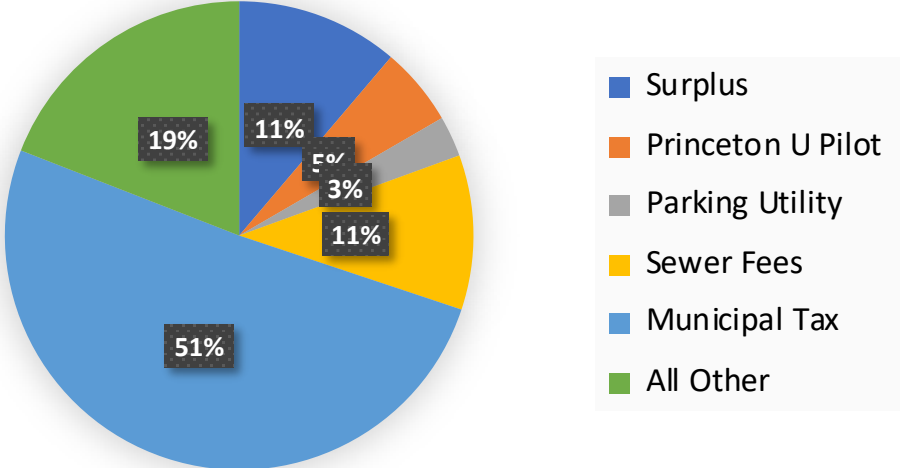
	2019	2020	change
<b>Revenues</b>			
Surplus Appropriated	\$ 7,600,000	\$ 7,200,000	\$ (400,000)
Municipal Tax Levy	35,350,317	35,491,519	141,202
All Other	21,268,672	21,492,454	223,782
	\$ 64,218,989	\$ 64,183,973	\$ (35,016)
<b>Appropriations</b>			
Salaries & Wages	\$ 18,688,612	\$ 18,282,844	\$ (405,768)
Pension, Health Ins. & Other Bens.	8,839,608	9,142,457	302,849
Debt Service	11,305,000	9,380,000	(1,925,000)
Cash Capital	400,000	1,925,000	1,525,000
All Other	24,985,769	25,453,672	467,903
	\$ 64,218,989	\$ 64,183,973	\$ (35,016)

# Growth in Municipal Tax Rate vs Inflation

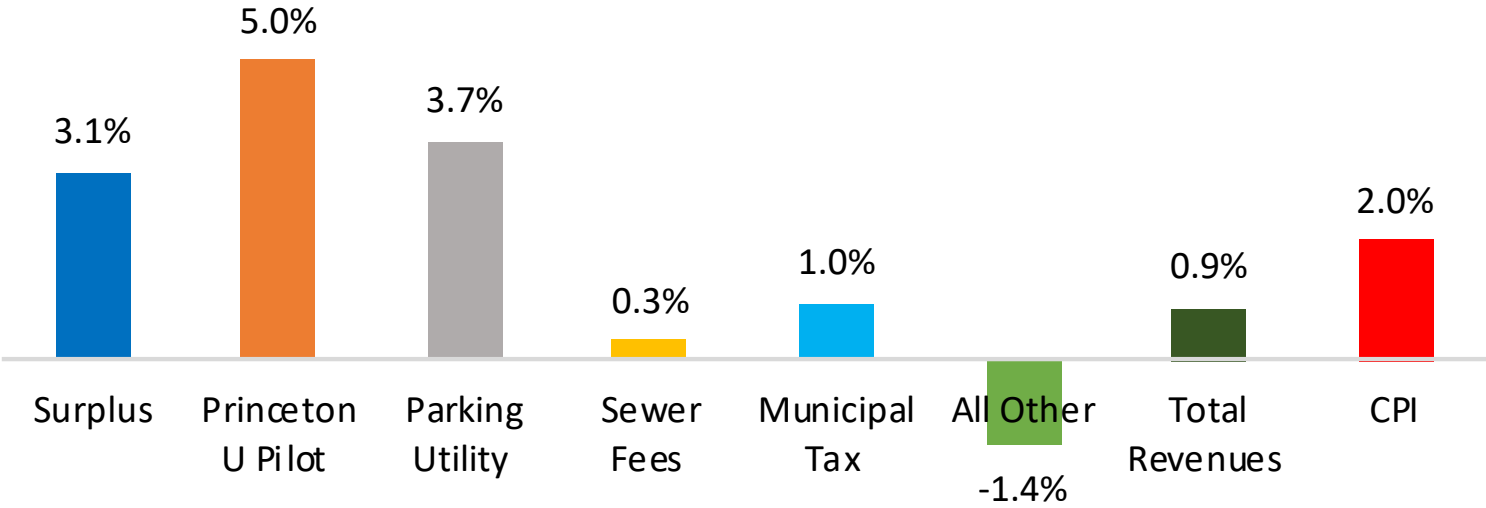


# Revenue Trends

2020 Revenues

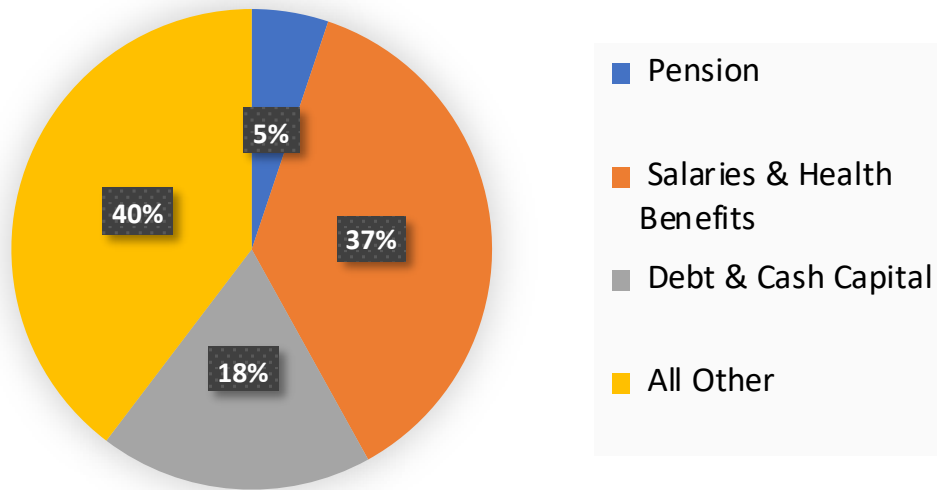


Growth in Revenues, 2013 - 2020, Annualized

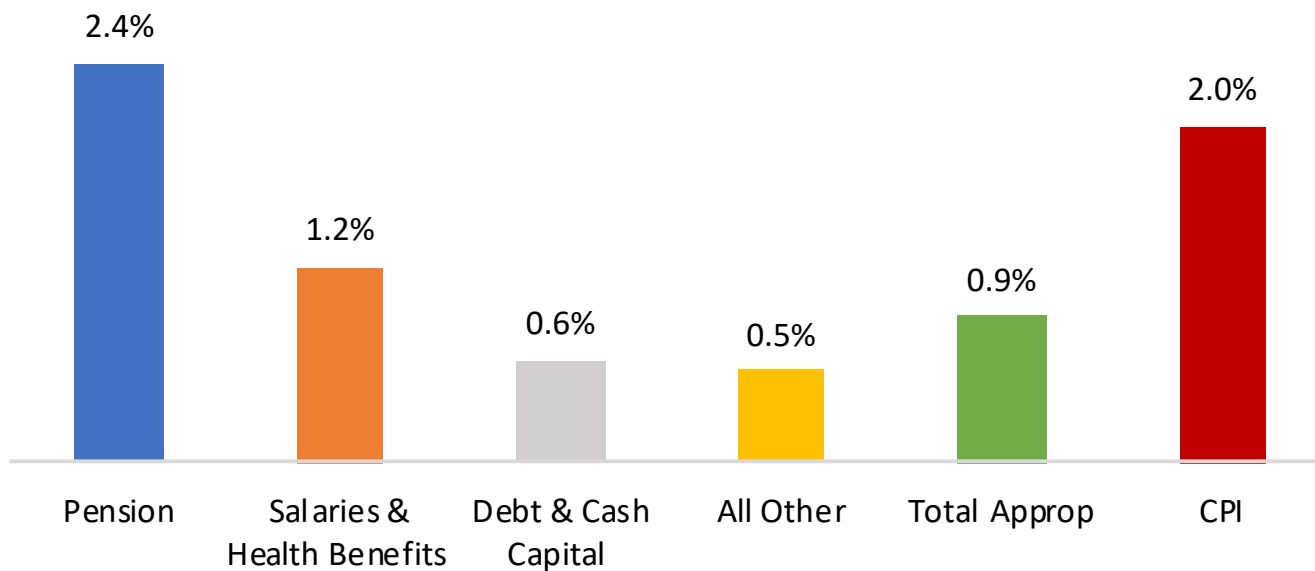


# Appropriation Trends

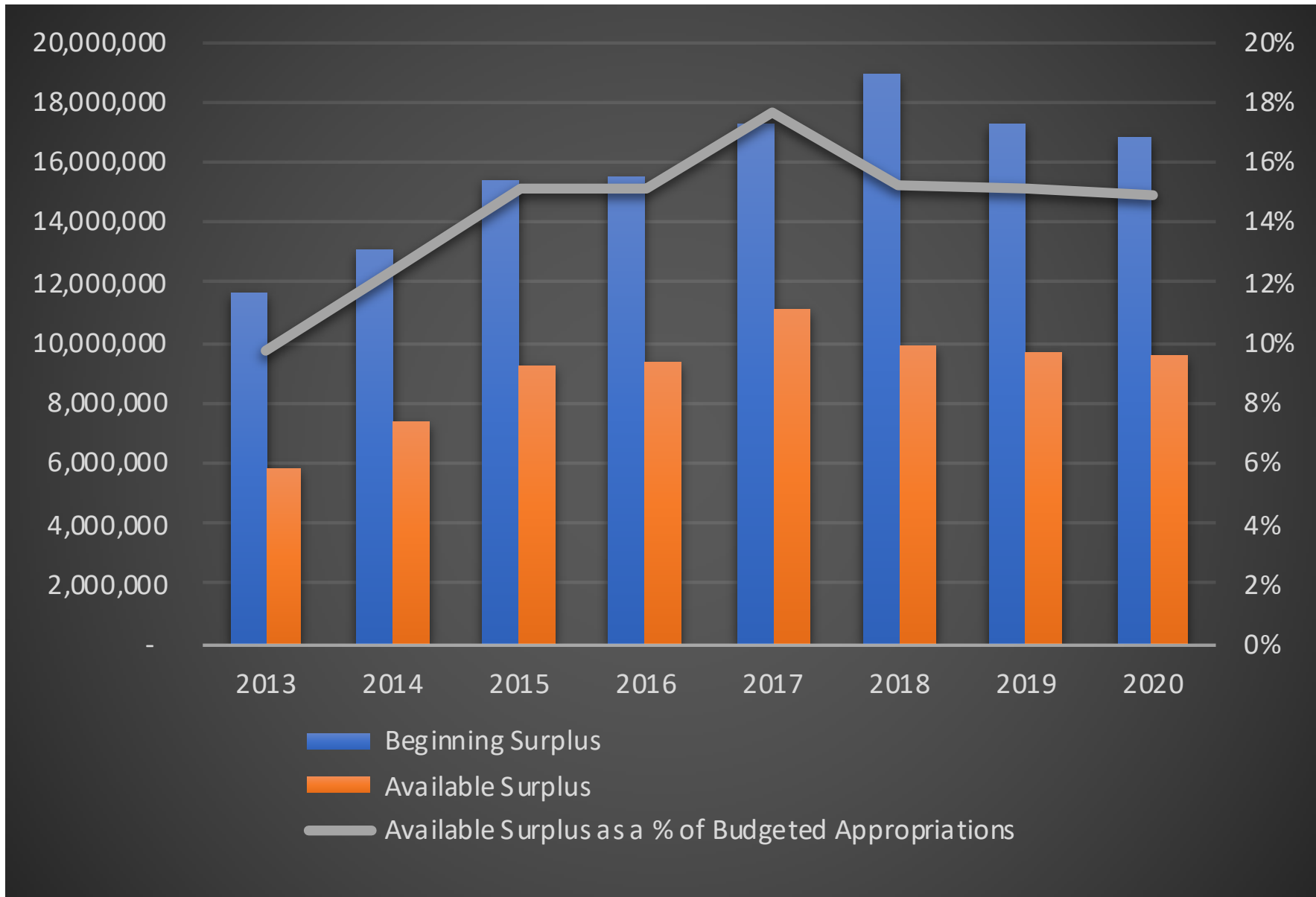
## 2020 Appropriations



## Growth in Approps. 2013 - 2020 Annualized

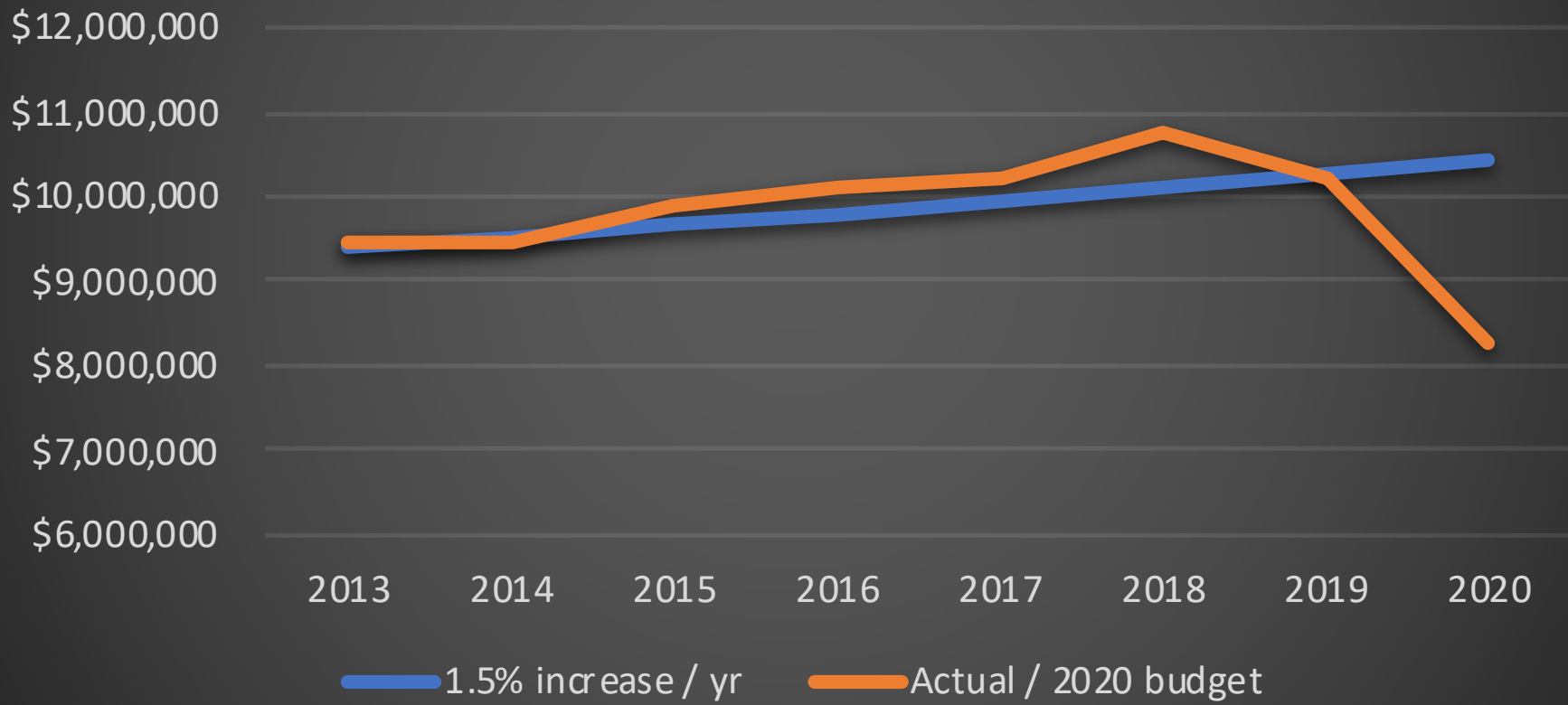


# Policy: Available Surplus = 15 – 20% of Budgeted Appropriations



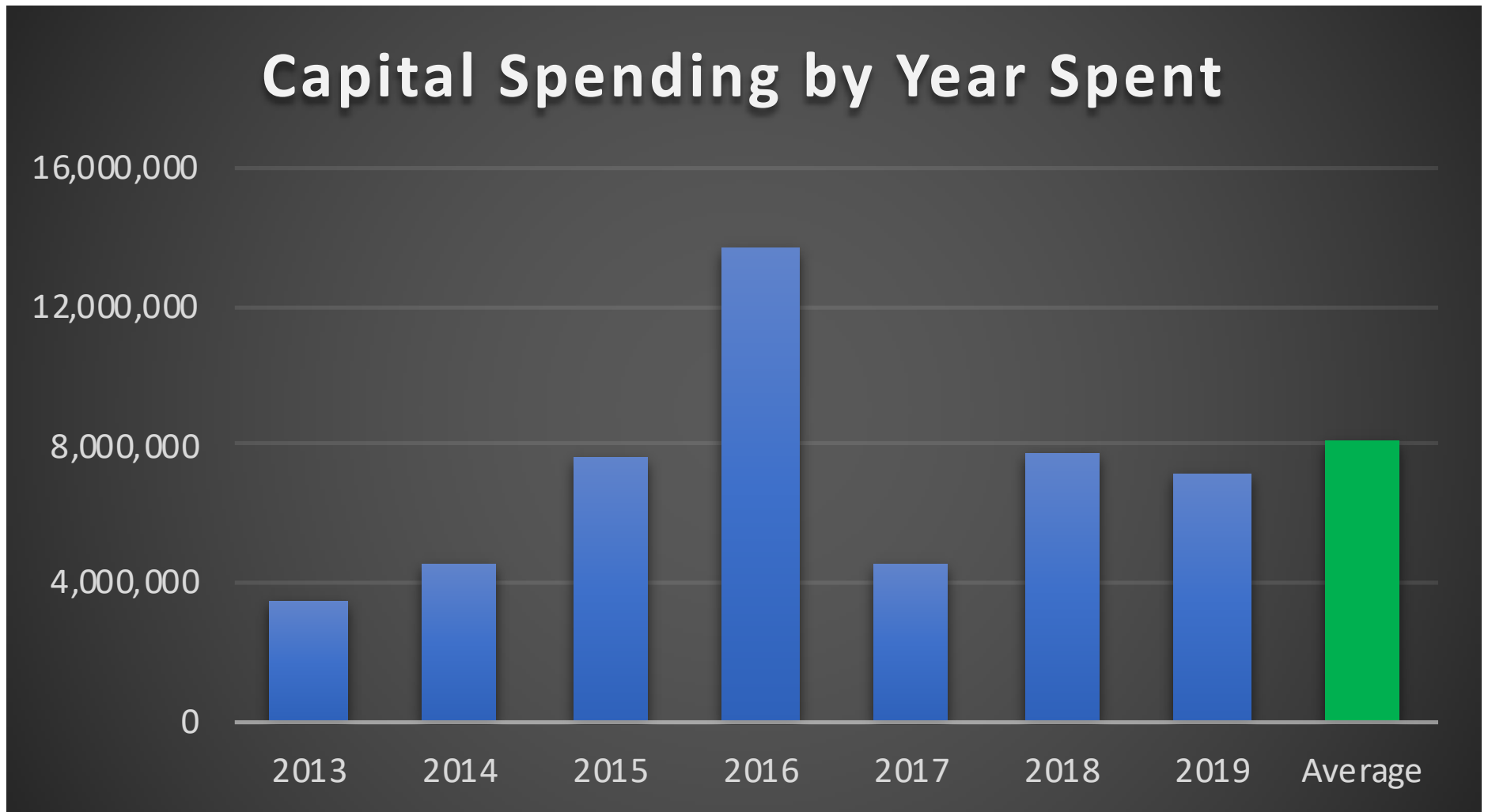
*For 2020, a decline in debt service payments permits more cash to be used for capital spending*

## Core Debt Service (Funded by Municipal Taxes)

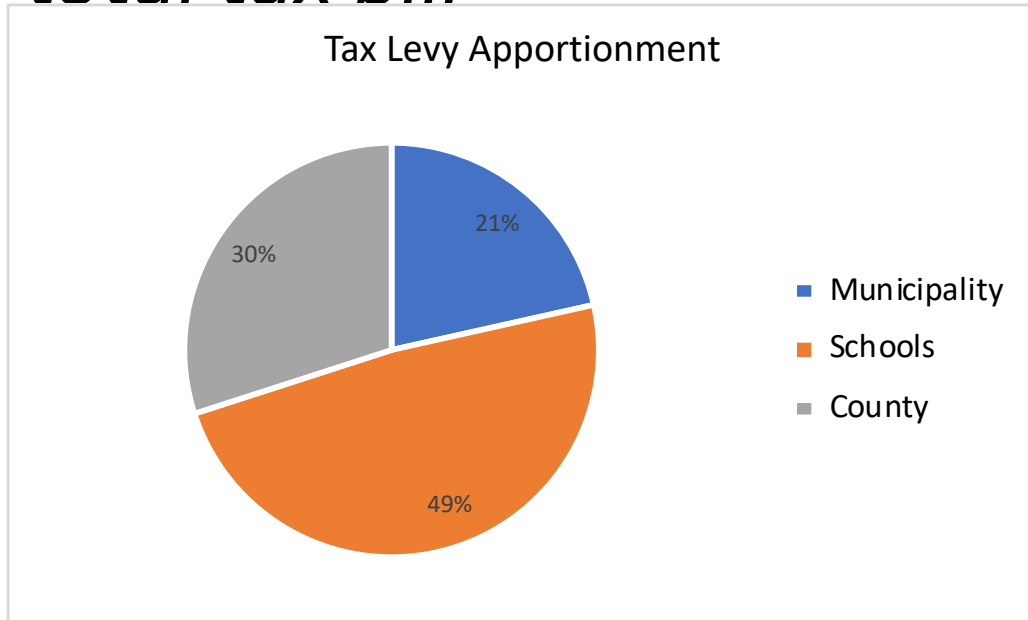




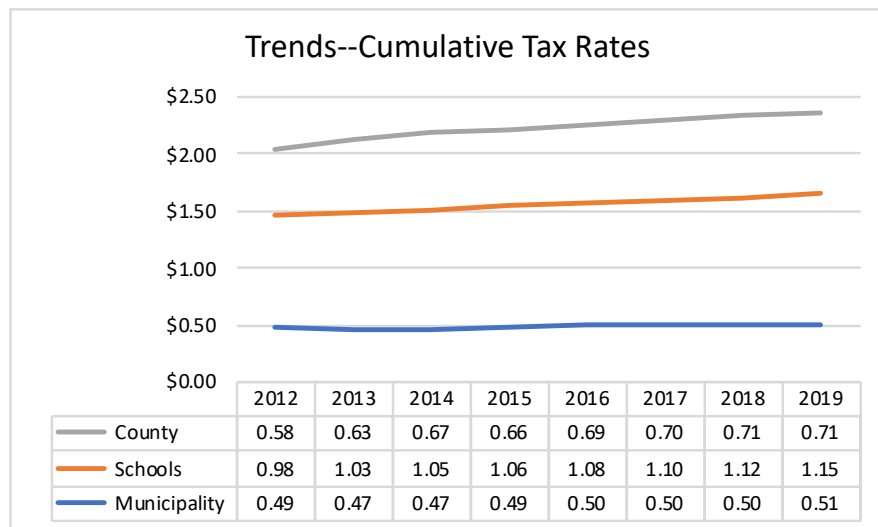
*Capital spending has been lower than anticipated in recent years*



# Municipal taxes are the smallest piece of the total tax bill



2019 Avg Res. Assessment	\$ 838,562
<i>Avg Tax Bill:</i>	
Municipal	\$ 4,277
School	9,652
County	<u>5,962</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 19,891



*Impact on Avg Residential Assessment from holding Municipal Tax Rate flat = \$ 78*

# Tax Base and Collection History

