

# Olmsted Township Today

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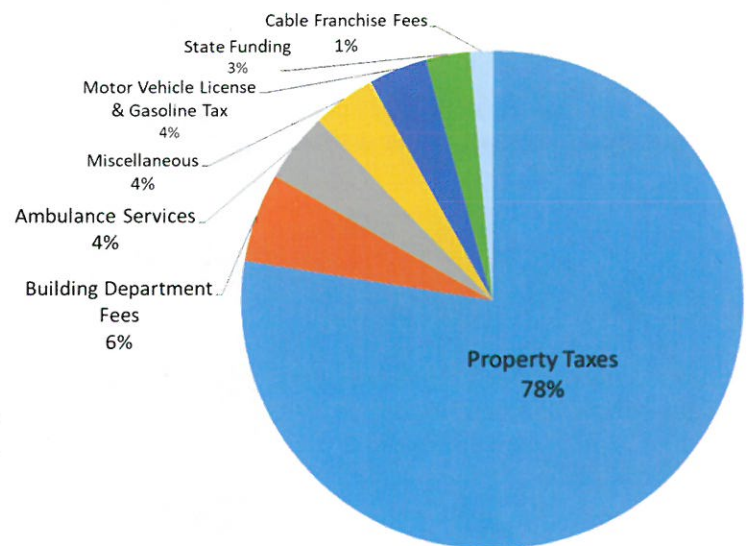
The Fiscal Officer and the Board of Trustees are pleased to present this 2021 Annual Report. It is an opportunity for us to say we take seriously our commitment to use tax dollars to provide services and infrastructure improvements in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

Our departments live within budgetary guidelines. Our goal is to assess needs, plan well, set aside funds for capital purchases and then spend wisely. We carry over recommended funding to begin each year and pay down debt ahead of schedule.

The chart on the right indicates revenue, that is, funding sources. Our total revenue for 2021 was \$9,053,777. You will note the primary source is property taxes. Homeowners of single-family dwellings and condominiums pay property taxes. Owners of manufactured homes pay a tax based on the value of their home, but not the property. The property tax in this instance is paid by the owner of the property. Property taxes on multi-family dwellings and apartments are paid by the property owner not the resident.

We thank you for your confidence and trust in us. It is an honor to serve our community.

## 2021 TOTAL OLMSTED TOWNSHIP REVENUE SOURCES



**Miscellaneous includes:** receipts for Workers' Compensation rebates, sales of old equipment, rental income, cost reimbursements, liquor permits, interest, NEORS cost-share, and grants.

## CHANGES TO TRASH COLLECTION



**Republic Services**, our trash provider, recently updated service to Olmsted Township. Beginning May 2022, Republic will provide weekly bulk collection on our regular service day. Republic asks that bulk items be limited to four items weekly. Yard Waste will also be collected weekly throughout the year. Please see our website or call (440)458-5191 for more information.



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# 2021 OLMSTED TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

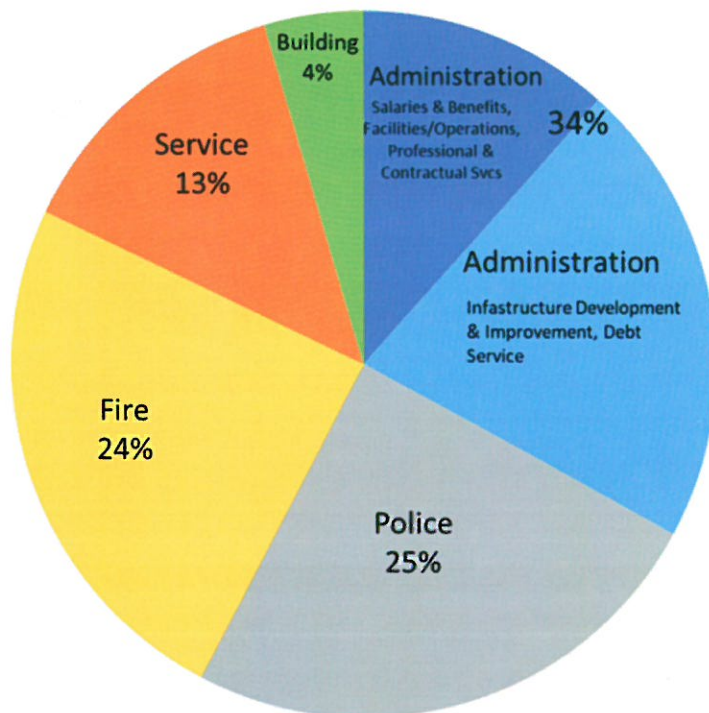
## DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS



The “\$100 bill” identifies the distribution of your property taxes. For every \$1,000 of property tax dollars paid, Olmsted Township receives \$187.90. If your taxes are \$5,000 annually, you pay \$939.50 for 24/7/365 Police and Fire protection, Public Service and Building Department services per year.

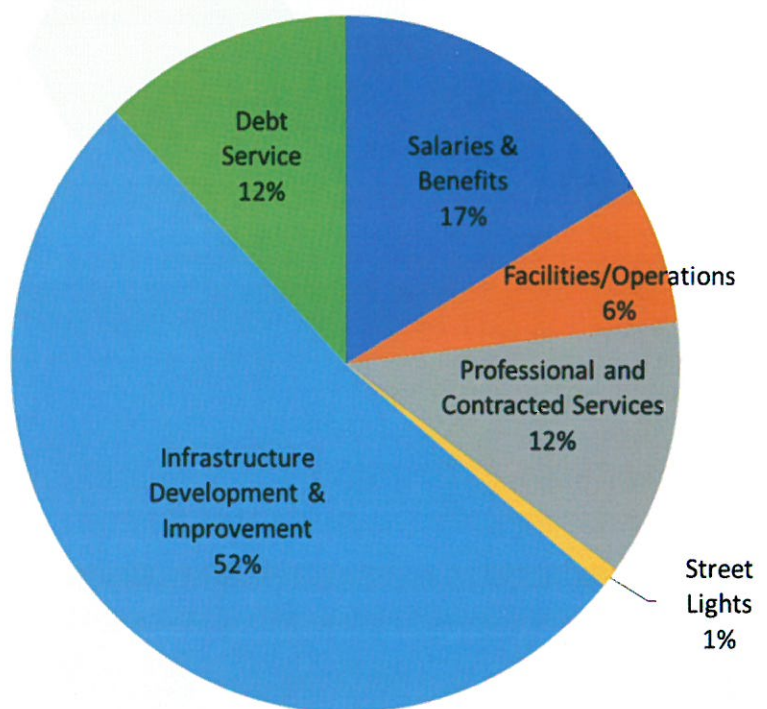
## 2021 COST OF EACH DEPARTMENT AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for 2021 were \$8,869,963.



## ADMINISTRATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

Costs of services in 2021 were \$2.9 million and were 34% of the total Township expenses. Of this \$2.9 million, 65% - \$1.9 million—was spent on infrastructure development & improvement, debt service and street lights. This reflects the Ohio township model of low-cost administrative services.



**Salaries & Benefits** include: salaries, retirement plans, SS/Medicare, healthcare, life, dental, vision, workers and unemployment compensation.

**Facilities/Operations** includes: rents, repairs, utilities, insurance, office/operating supplies & equipment.

**Professional & Contracted Services** includes accounting, legal, human resources, dispatch.

Total cost of dispatch is about \$280,000 per year. Administration pays about \$193,000 and the remainder is divided among all departments.

The cost of curbside trash/garbage removal - about \$715,000 in 2021, is not included in this model since it is an in/out for revenue and expense.

See our website for more detailed information.

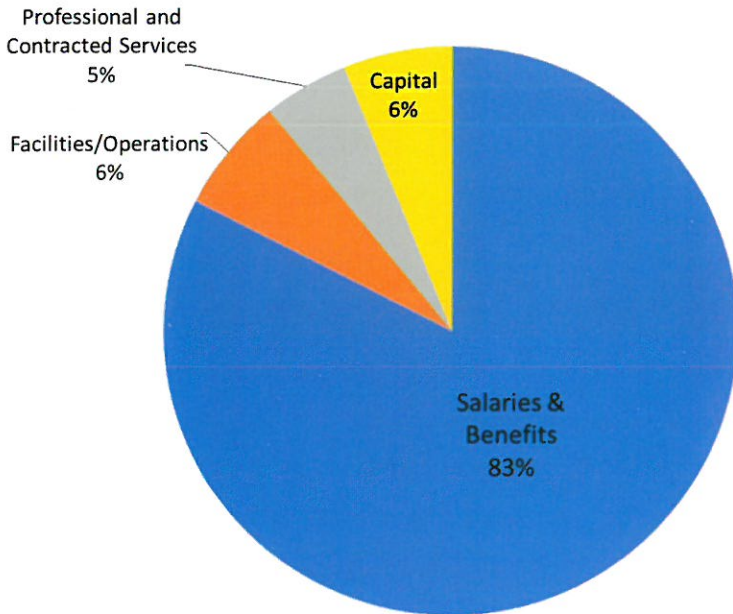


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## 2021 COST OF SERVICES BY DEPARTMENT

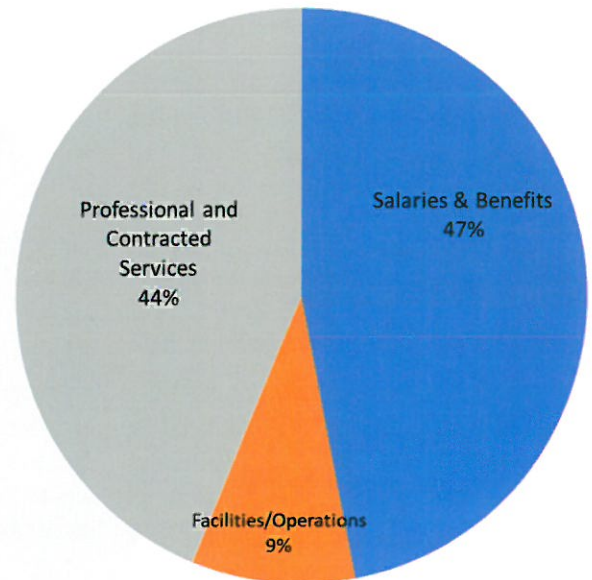
### POLICE

The 20 members of the Police Department responded to more than 10,000 calls for service in 2021. This team is dedicated to efficient and effective 24/7/365 service—one of the reasons Olmsted Township is consistently named one of the “safest cities”. Costs in 2021 were about \$2.2 million and 25% of our total Township expenses.



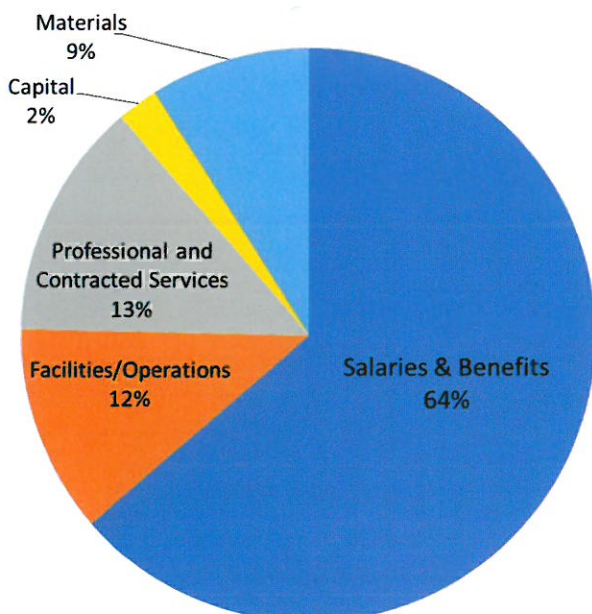
### BUILDING

The Township Building Department processed 991 permits in 2021, many on new construction builds, and went on 3,476 inspections to ensure work performed met the standard of enforced codes and reflect community values. Costs in 2021 were \$401,053 and 4% of our total Township expenses.



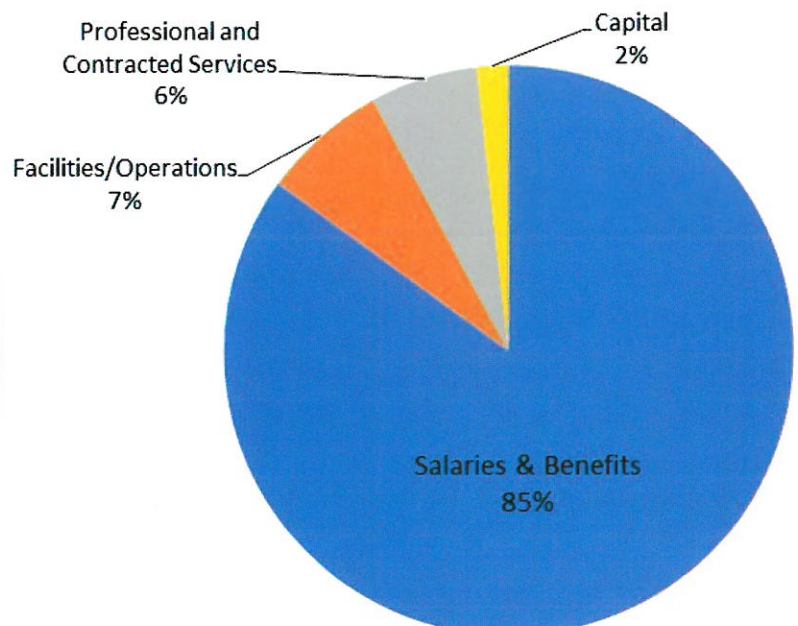
### PUBLIC SERVICE

Our Service Department is responsible for maintenance and repair of 44 miles of both Township and County roads, snow/ice removal, government facilities both interior and exterior, ditching and other services. In 2021 they responded to more than 1200 calls for information or service. This 10 member department is service driven and committed to the quality of life our residents expect. Costs in 2021 were about \$1.2 million and 13% of our total Township expenses.



### FIRE

Our highly-trained firefighter/paramedic members of the Fire Department responded to over 2,200 calls for service. 1,800 were EMS related and involved either immediate care or transport to a hospital. This 24 full/part-time staff is responsive and proactive through several outreach programs. Costs in 2021 were almost \$2.2 million and 24% of our total Township expenses.





## ARPA

Olmsted Township received \$706,493 in American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPA) in 2021. We will soon receive the second installment of \$706,493 in the coming weeks. Guidelines for use of this funding are specific; accounting guidelines are time sensitive and very detailed. Our Law Director and Fiscal Officer are our resources to ensure we remain within accepted parameters.

These funds must be appropriated by 2024 and used by 2026. Our goal is to use this money wisely to improve infrastructure in ways not possible through General Fund taxpayer funds. We are mainly prioritizing road and stormwater projects that will serve the entire community best.

This process is like what occurred in 2020-2021 with CARES funding. We received \$700,696 in federal funding through the State of Ohio and \$112,644 from Cuyahoga County. All expenditures were within guidelines and reporting has been completed.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Please note the enclosure that lists some of the services provided by Township Police, Fire, Public Service and Building Departments. Go to [www.olmstedtownship.org](http://www.olmstedtownship.org) for details on programs and services we offer. If you do not have access to a computer or have additional questions, call (440)782-5239 and we will direct your question. Speak clearly; leave your address and phone number and a brief message so we can return your call.

Follow us on Facebook to get the latest information.

## STEP INTO SPRING

We want to thank everyone who helped make our **Community Shred and Step into Spring** a



Township drone photo of Community Shred at the Service Complex

real success. About 250 residents and friends participated in one or both events. Thanks to our staff, local groups like Olmsted Garden Club, Scout Troop 102 and collaborating partners—NOPEC, NEORS, Solid Waste District, Soil Water Conservation District. Special thanks to students in Mrs. Canacci's art class at Falls Lenox Elementary School who created handprint caterpillars and butterflies that decorated our Community Room.



Student artwork on display at the Spring Event!

Our next Community Shred date is Saturday, October 22nd.

## NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

If you are sponsoring an event that involves closing, blocking, or using public roads in the Township, you will need to apply for an event permit, 90 days prior to the event. This will ensure safety services are aware of the event and are able to provide necessary aid should an emergency occur. Go online or call (440)235-4225 for additional information.

## INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM

The Trustees are always interested in talking with residents. Contact us at (440) 235-3099 to schedule a presentation for your community group or homeowners' association. We recently presented our State of the Township to residents of The Renaissance and members of the Olmsted Chamber of Commerce. We always include a question and answer opportunity.

## POLICE POWER BIKE



The Police Department recently received a new "Police Power Bike" to enhance the bike patrol program and Community Engagement focus.

Olmsted Township is one of the few agencies in Northeast Ohio to have received this new bike. It enhances the longevity of patrols and is much safer for the Officer riding it.

Be on the look out for our bike Officers patrolling this spring and summer!



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