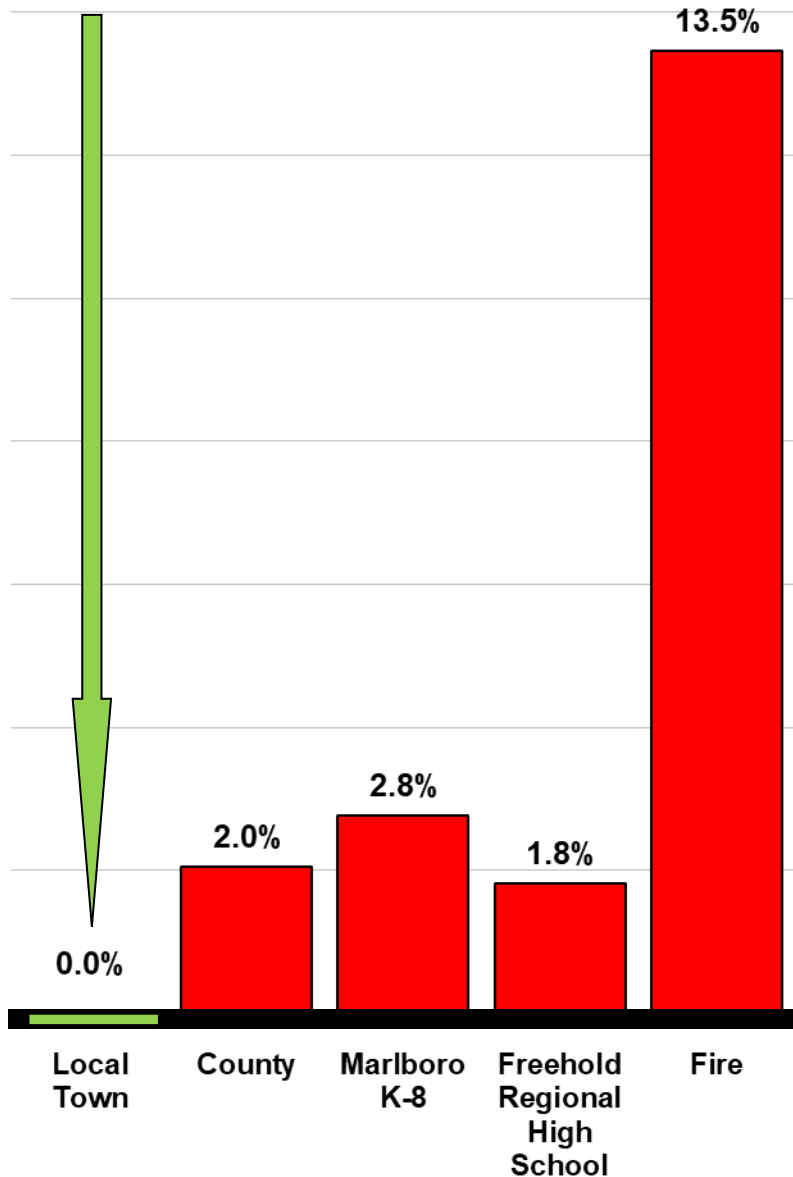


# YOUR TAX BILL EXPLAINED

## Mayor Hornik 2023 Local Town Services Budget: NO INCREASE IN TAXES



## Where do your local tax dollars go?

### Local Town Services

The share of the tax bill under the purview of Mayor Hornik and the Council consists of only 18% of the total tax bill. This funds services such as police, park and road maintenance, snow, brush and leaf removal. In 2023, Mayor Hornik submitted and the Township Council approved a budget with **a 0% tax increase** over 2022.

### Schools

Independent from Mayor Hornik and the Council, separately elected Board of Education members govern each of the Marlboro K-8 and Freehold Regional High School districts. The taxes raised in support of the K-8 and Regional districts together make up 68% of the total tax bill. In 2023, the K-8 Board approved a budget which **increased** taxes by 2.8% as compared to 2022. The Regional Board approved a budget which **increased** taxes by 1.8% over 2022.

### Monmouth County

Governed by a separately elected Board of County Commissioners, Monmouth County operates parks, maintains roadways and provides health and library services. This makes up 13% of the total tax bill. The County approved a budget which **increased** taxes by 2% over 2022.

### Fire Districts

Governed by separately elected Boards of Commissioners, the three Fire Districts in Marlboro collectively provide fire services to the Township. Fire services make up approximately 1% of the total tax bill. On average, the Fire Districts approved budgets which **increased** taxes by 13.5% over 2022.

## TAX FACTS

On Mayor Hornik's watch:

- Marlboro maintains a Triple A Credit Rating from Moody's and S&P - one of only 6 towns in NJ to have that distinction.
- Marlboro's average municipal property taxes ranked in the lowest 10 of 53 Monmouth County towns. (NJDLGS 2022)
- Property tax bill increase held at modest average of 1.89% per year.
- Outstanding Debt is only 21% of max permitted in NJ – right in line with our neighboring towns.

