

City of the Village of Indian Hill



Budget In Brief Fiscal Year 2024

November 20, 2023

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About the Budget

The Village of Indian Hill's Fiscal Year 2024 *Budget In Brief* is provided to serve as an overview of the Village's budget. This document provides a summary of the highlights to the budget, revenues the Village expects to receive and the planned areas where the money will be spent.

The budget was developed with input from the various Department Heads, Comptroller, Council's Standing Committees, including the Finance Committee. It will form the basis for the adoption of a 2024 Appropriation Ordinance on December 18, 2023.

The following summary information represents the 2024 budget as proposed by the administration and reviewed and accepted by the various Council standing committees. All budget expenditures are finalized with the passage of related ordinances at the December Council meeting. The Village of Indian Hill uses budgetary practices and techniques recommended by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). As required by State law, the proposed budget is balanced, meaning operational expenditures will not exceed operating revenues and available reserve funds.

The Fiscal Year 2024 budget was developed to assure that high level services are appropriately delivered and programs are maintained at current levels. The budget is a responsible allocation of public resources that maintains the Village of Indian Hill as a safe and secure environment for the benefit of all employees, residents and visitors of the City of the Village of Indian Hill.

Operating Budget: Revenue

Budgeted revenues in 2024 decreased \$578,500, or 2.9% from 2023 year-end estimates. This decrease is primarily due to the planned decrease in the income tax rate and was offset by increased Real Estate Tax collections. 2024 budgeted tax receipts were budgeted lower due to the planned decrease in the tax rate from 0.475% to 0.45%. 2023 receipts are currently projected to be \$2,030,000, or 14% higher than budgeted. Income Tax receipts are based on an increase of 2% in taxable earnings but are decreased due to the 0.25% reduction to the rate. 2024 Real Estate Tax is budgeted to increase \$227,000, or 25.7%. This increase is due to the increased valuations that were calculated when the county auditor performed their state mandated reappraisal in 2023. Interest Income increased significantly in 2023 as interest rates continued to increase. Interest Income is budgeted to remain level in 2024. Other receipts are budgeted to decrease \$197,000, or 31%. The decrease is primarily due to high collections in 2023 for sale of assets and equipment.

2024 Estimated Revenues



Income Tax
\$15,730,000

Real Estate Tax
\$1,110,192

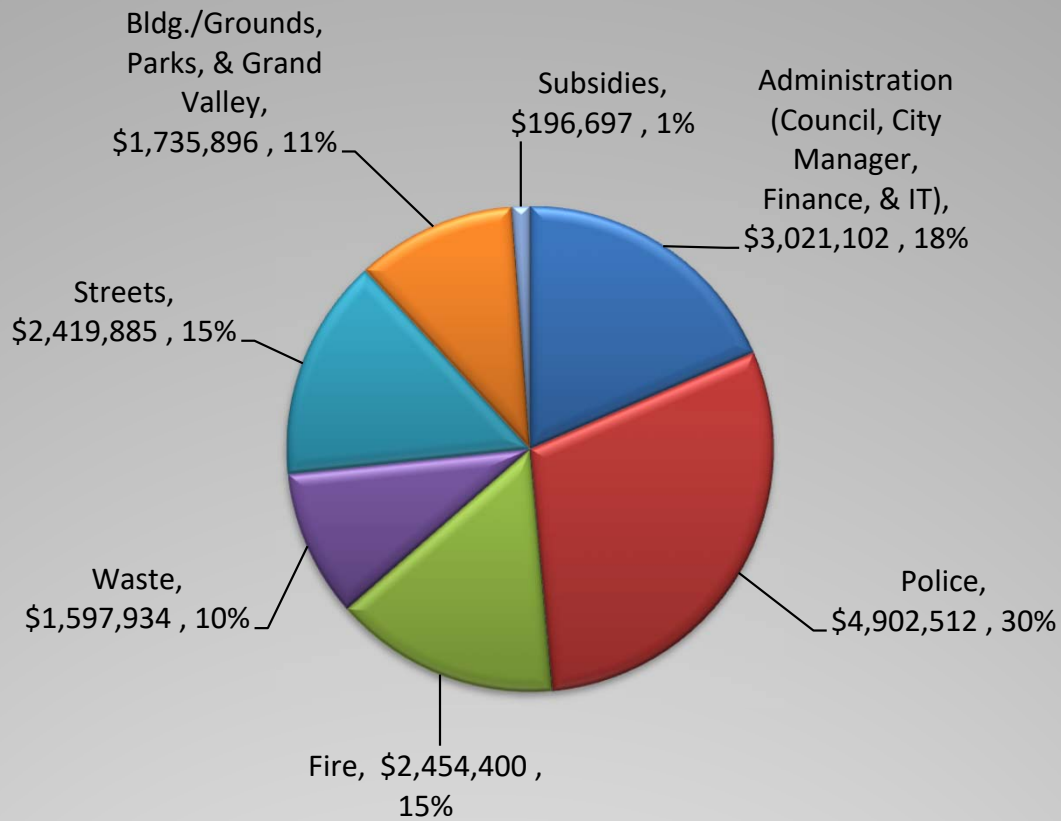
Interest Income
\$1,200,000

Local Government
\$270,000

Other/Charges for
Services
\$434,850

Street/St. Hwy
\$456,700

Operating Budget

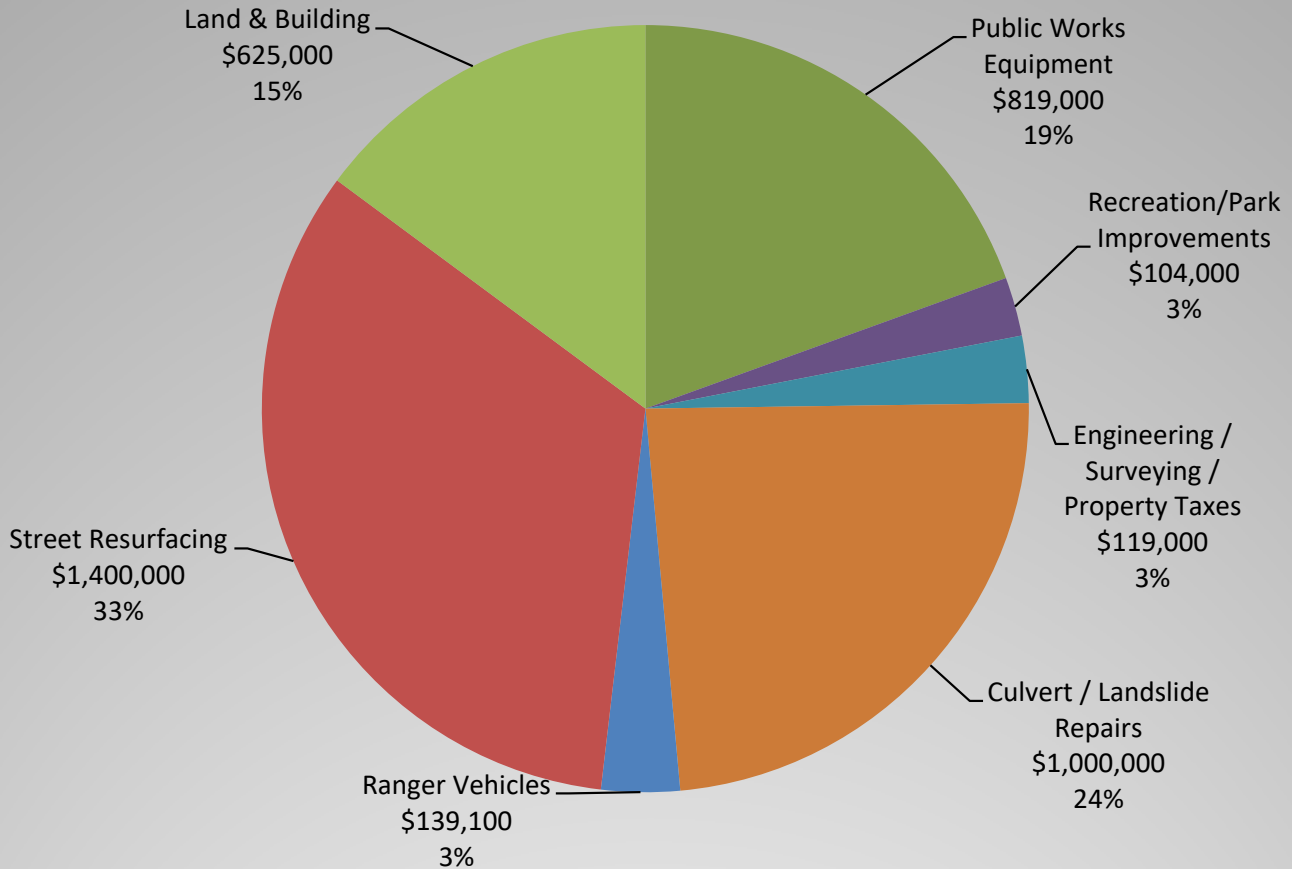


The 2024 Operating Budget of \$16,328,426 reflects a 7.5% increase over the Village's original 2023 Operating Budget plan and an 9.3% increase over the 2023 estimated year end expenditure. Significant highlights include:

1. An extra pay period (27th) that occurs approximately every 10 years due to bi-weekly pay process.
2. Establishment of the forestry management program.
3. A 38% increase in risk management insurance primarily due to nationwide property appraisal increases.
4. Purchase of additional traffic control equipment.
5. Program to install security cameras in parks
6. Necessary replacement for aging equipment and improvements to Village facilities.

Capital Improvement Reserve Fund

The 2024 Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (CIRF) equates to \$4.2 million and reflects a \$2.24 million or 34.7% decrease from 2023 year end estimates. The CIRF expenditures are shown in the following graph:



A significant portion of this decrease is due to three significant projects in 2023: i) Sycamore Creek Stream Restoration (offset by grants), and ii) delay of solar panel project, and iii) several landslide and culvert restoration projects. 2024 projects include:

- Two culverts; one on Kugler Mill Rd. (\$275,000) and one on Camargo Rd. (\$325,000)
- Landslide corrections, which includes engineering for Varner Road (\$100,000)
- Improvements to Stephan Field, including the creation of two pickle ball courts (\$104,000)
- Replace fencing at Public Works facility (\$180,000) and roof repair of Phase Two at Public Works (\$400,000)

The CIRF budget also includes a \$1.4 million road resurfacing program, contingency funds to account for unexpected landslide and culvert emergency repairs, and aging equipment replacement. These capital projects are the Village's continued commitment to much needed infrastructure improvements.

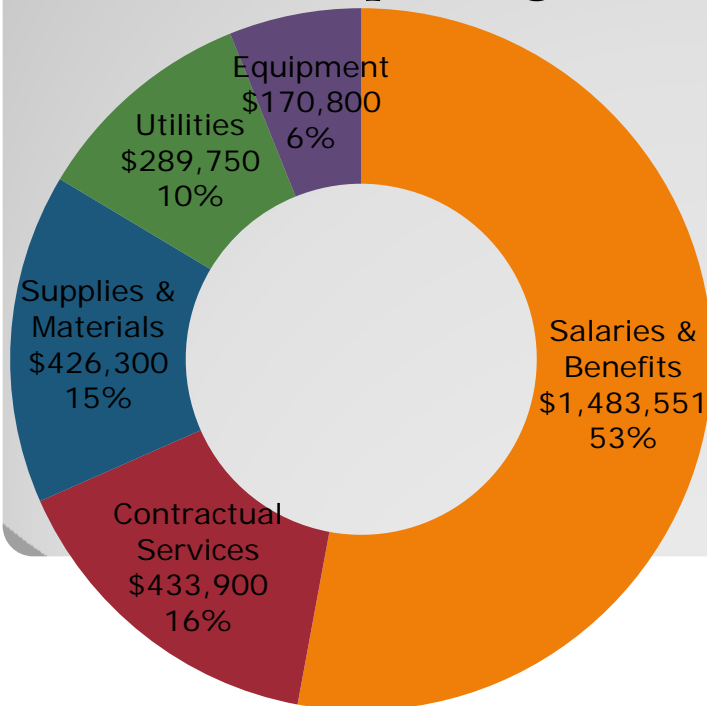
Water Works Fund

The 2024 Water Works operating expenditure budget equates to \$2.8 million (net sewer reimbursements to the Metropolitan Sewer District and water surcharge to Madeira & Hamilton County) and is a 37.4% increase (\$194,000) over the 2023 year-end forecast. The majority of this increase is due to:

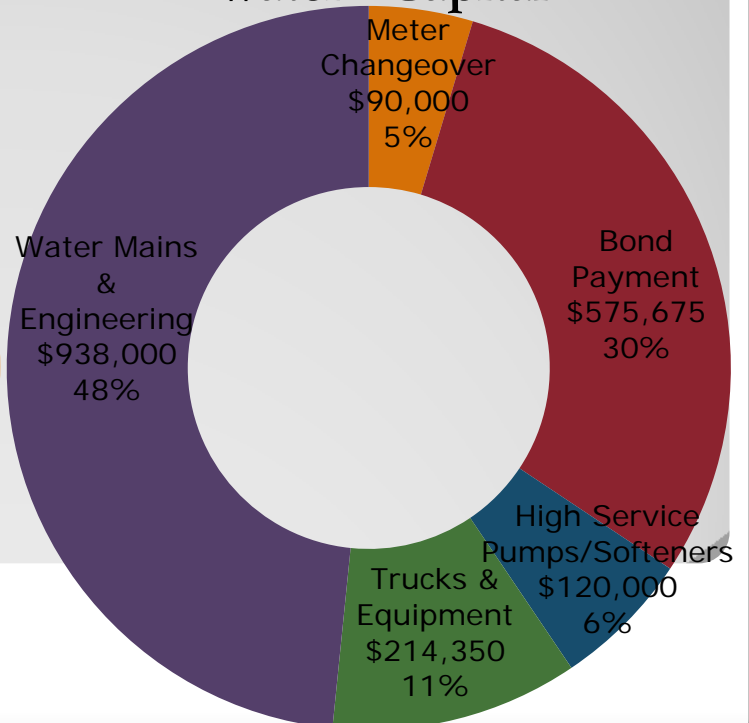
- Salary and fringe benefits increased 11.2% (\$149,000) primarily due to the extra pay period in 2024. Other factors include fringe benefit items changing to quarterly in 2023, leading to a decreased 2023 estimate, and several less tenured employees receiving step-increases
- Contractual services increased 19%. The primary increase is due to one more water well being maintained in 2024 and property insurance increases.
- Supplies and Materials increased due to the cost of chemicals (9.8% increase from 2023 forecast)

The 2024 Water Works Capital Improvement Reserve Fund (CIRF) and Retirement Reserve Fund equates to \$1.94 million and reflects a \$711,000 or 27% decrease from 2023 year-end (net of new bond projects). A significant portion of the CIRF is dedicated to \$938,000 for a water main replacement on Miami Road. The 2024 budget also includes \$120,000 in expenditures for two water softener valve replacements, \$58,000 for replacement of a truck, and \$156,000 to replace a backhoe. 2023 included an estimated \$4.5 million in expenditures related to the 2021 bond issuance, used to improve the Village's waterworks system, which included several water main replacements/improvements.

Water - Operating



Water - Capital





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