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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Mount Laurel Council Holds The Line On Taxes**

Mount Laurel Mayor Linda Bobo and Deputy Mayor Irwin Edelson have announced that the Township Council has passed a 2016 municipal budget with a zero tax increase.

Of every dollar collected from property taxpayers in the Township, only 12 cents is dedicated to the Township government. For that 12 cents, the Township provides Police and EMS services, Emergency Management, trash and snow removal, public works, maintenance of public property, township events, maintains the community center, services debt, pays for utilities, street lighting and the salaries and benefits of all the Township employees.

Over the last 7 budget cycles, the total money raised by local taxation for municipal government has risen only 1.9%, from \$19,393,881 in 2010 to \$19,759,969 in 2016 despite the fact that health costs for employees has gone up more than 50% (State Health Benefits Plan) and consumer prices have risen 9.34% (inflationdata.com).

“This budget set the Township on sound financial footing and continues our mission of making sure the taxpayers’ dollars are spent wisely,” said Bobo. “The council members are residents that pay taxes, and we share the same concerns as our neighbors.”

“The council believes we should look at the budget the same as every family in Mount Laurel looks at their household budgets,” said Edelson, “we will continue to find ways to get the best bang for our tax dollar.”

The budget will leave a reserve of between \$3 and \$4 million, depending on collections from permitting, grants, collection of delinquent taxes and other revenue sources.