2023 Village Budget in Brief

In December 2022, the Village Board adopted the 2023 Annual Budget of $46,156,289 effective for the period January 1 through December 31, 2023.

The budget cycle encompasses a yearlong series of public discussions about operational needs, capital improvements, economic development, debt management, financial forecasting, and strategic planning. The annual budget sets forth a financial plan to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the Village's Strategic Plan for 2021–26.

The budget is structured around the programs and services that are either provided to the community directly or help to internally support those programs.

This program-based budget is intended to demonstrate the link between Village goals and priorities and resource allocation. In order to capture all activity of the Village, the budget incorporates ten (10) separate funds to track program revenues and expenditures (see charts below).

Governmental Funds

- General Fund
- Capital Improvements
- Debt Service
- Tax Increment Financing

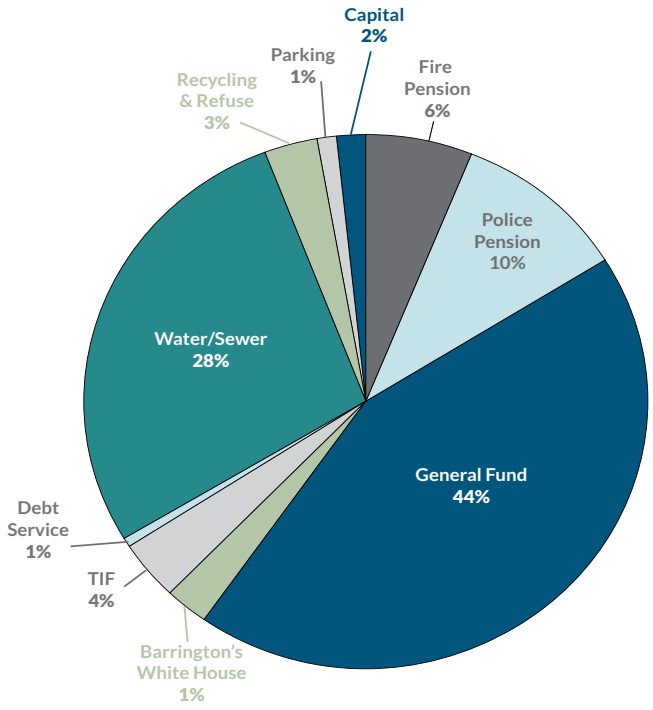
Enterprise Funds

- Water & Sewer
- Refuse & Recycling
- Parking
- Barrington's White House

Fiduciary Funds

- Police Pension
- Fire Pension

2023 Revenues



The Village strives to maintain a diverse revenue base that is not overly reliant on property taxes to support its services.

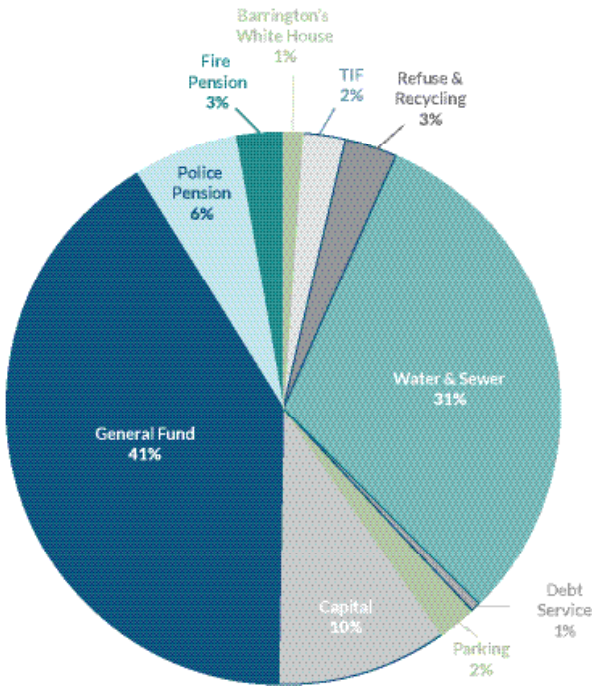
The chart above shows the distribution of revenue collection in the FY 2023 Annual Budget by fund.

2023 Expenditures

The total budget for all Village expenditures in 2023 is $46.2 million, representing an increase of 17% over the previous year. Much of the increase is due to to water and sewer capital projects including the replacement of lead service lines and inflationary increases on commodities in all funds.

Nearly half of the budget (41%) supports the activities of the General (operating) Fund. The General Fund accounts for most of the core services provided to the community, including police and fire service, street maintenance and snowplowing, forestry, engineering, code enforcement, and general administration. 71% of the General Fund's expenses go toward providing Village services in the form of labor costs.

2023 Expenses by Fund



A Breakdown of Your Property Tax Dollars

The Village portion of property tax on your real estate funds 8.9% of the Village's annual budget. Interestingly, of your total annual property tax bill, **only 7% supports the Village.** The graph at right depicts how property taxes are allocated to other taxing bodies in our area.

Capital Improvements

Capital improvements are permanent additions to the Village's assets, including the design, construction, purchase, or major renovations of roadways, land, buildings, and facilities. They can include new or existing infrastructure improvements or enhancements that extend the life of the asset. In the Village budget, 26.7% of expenses are allocated to capital investments ($12.3 million), including 10% in the Capital Improvements Fund and 16.7% in the Water & Sewer Fund. Of the total, 65.9% is allocated to infrastructure improvements, 9.3% to Village property improvements and 24.8% to the purchase of vehicles and equipment.

2023 Budgeted Improvements Include:

- Phase 2 Engineering for Route 14 Underpass
- Water Meter Replacement
- Lead Service Line Replacement
- Road Program
- Vehicles & Equipment

For more information on capital improvement projects, water rates, or the 2023 Annual Budget, go to barrington-il.gov.

Over the last five years, the Village has made considerable investments in its water and sewer utility system to ensure that the quality of water continues to meet or exceed IEPA standards. Recent improvements or enhancements include the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project (SSRP) that reduced flooding in a portion of town (while also eliminating sanitary sewer overflows in the same area); replacing water mains with a history of breaks; installing a phosphorous removal system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); creating a facility plan for the WWTP to provide for better maintenance and planning of long term projects; replacing Lift Station 1 (of 13) and associated force main; and replacing the Hart Road water main due to a history of breaks.

Grants from federal, state, county, or private entities allow the Village to leverage dollars to supplement Village funds, minimizing Village expenses for local projects. Grants and loans in the amount of $5 million are anticipated, including the following:

- $1,006,500 Grant funding
- $4,000,000 IEPA Principal Forgiveness Loan

Water Rate Increase Info

In the 2023 budget, the Village is committed to replacing all customer water meters with state-of-the-art technology (as the current meters have exceeded their useful life) and replacing lead service lines. The Village has also budgeted for repainting the water tower near the Barrington Area Library (which can cost up to several hundred thousand dollars), replacing deteriorated water mains, and performing repairs and replacements to components of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

To continue to meet the demands of the water and sewer utility, it was necessary to increase user fees. This rate adjustment will ensure that Village infrastructure can continue to provide reliable, safe and quality water to our customers and that wastewater can be treated in an environmentally friendly manner.

2023 RESIDENT WATER RATES

Combined Water & Sewer Rate	
NEW RATE	$15.08/1,000 gallons
Base Charge	
REMAINS UNCHANGED	$18.95/month

An average resident user of 8,000 gallons per month with a 3/4" meter should see an increase of approximately $8.96/month.

2023 NON-RESIDENT WATER RATES

Combined Water & Sewer Rate	
NEW RATE	$22.62/1,000 gallons
Base Charge	
REMAINS UNCHANGED	$28.42/month

An average non-resident user of 8,000 gallons per month with a 3/4" meter should see an increase of approximately $13.48/month.