



# Your Local Tax Bill Explained & What's New in Smithfield

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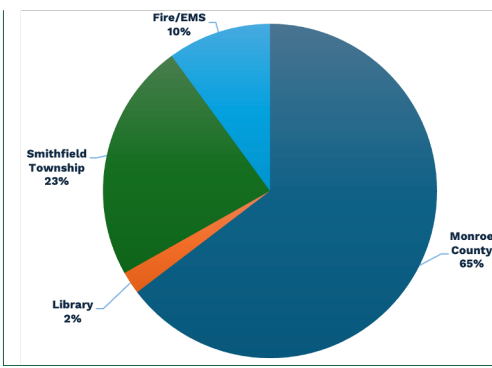
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## Your 2025 Local Tax Bill includes:

Monroe County Tax	5.4773 mills
Eastern Monroe Public Library Tax	.185914 mills
Smithfield Township Tax	1.96 mills
Fire & Emergency Medical Services Taxes	.85 mills
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8.473214 mills</b>

## The average home in Smithfield Township will pay:

Monroe County	\$958.53
Eastern Monroe Public Library	\$32.53
Smithfield Township	\$343.00
Fire & Emergency Medical Services	\$148.75
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,482.81</b>



## What Changed from 2024 to 2025?

Smithfield Township Supervisors adopted a budget with **NO TAX INCREASE**, keeping the Township millage rate at 1.96 mills and the Fire/EMS taxes at a combined .85 mills.

Monroe County Commissioners increased the county's millage rate from 3.9773 mills to 5.4773 mills, yielding an average increase of \$150 per \$100,000 in assessed value. The Library tax remains the same at .185914 mills.

School Tax Bills will not come until August. Questions or inquiries regarding the School Tax should be forwarded to East Stroudsburg Area School District. Call the Business Office at 570.424.8500 or visit [www.ESASD.net](http://www.ESASD.net).



# 2024 In Review

## Overall

- Awarded \$512,000 in total grants
- Onboarded new team members in several positions:
  - Volunteer Boards – 9 members
  - Administration – 3 members
  - Public Works – 2 members
- Adopted 39 Resolutions and 6 Ordinances
- Reviewed 6 Land Development submissions, 7 Sketch Plan submissions

## Parks & Recreation

- Awarded \$264,000 in parks grants
- Opened long-awaited Marshalls Falls Park
- Implemented fee for out-of-county parks visitors, saving on clean-up costs
- Worked with community partners Brodhead Watershed Association, Pocono Disc Golf, and Pocono Area Cycling Trails to improve park features
- Begun Master Site Plan process with River's Edge Bike Park, enabling the park to be eligible for future grant funds
- Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

## Public Works

- Took all paving in-house, working with Middle Smithfield to more efficiently pave roads
- Paved 3.5 miles of Township roads
- Utilized 1,450 tons of deicer/anti-skid for snow/ice clearing
- Utilized 4,945 tons of asphalt for paving/maintenance
- Received new equipment including 2 new Ford 600's, John Deere 544 G-Tier Loader, John Deere 325 G-Tier Skid Loader & Peterbilt 220 Leaf Truck
- Spring cleanup resulted in 220 cubic yards of waste and 19,986 lbs of scrap metal collected, & 2,680 lbs of tires recycled

## Administration

- Launched Open Developer Projects & Open Township Projects pages to make land/ordinance development more transparent
- Prevailed in 3 Zoning/Codes Enforcement cases
- Resolved 44 formal complaints/requests for action
- Administered 137 open records requests
- Sent out 14 Enforcement Notices
- Granted 169 Zoning permits



# Looking Ahead

## 2025 Highlights

- No tax increase for Municipal Tax, Fire Tax, and EMS Tax
- Bureau Veritas to serve as Zoning/Codes Enforcement officials
- Continued support for first responders with direct funding for service providers and Volunteer Service Tax Credit
- Additional in-house paving for maximum efficiency, including River Rd, Carillon Dr, Campanile Ct, and several other roads
- Completion of Green Light Go, automating traffic signals on 209 Corridor
- Three public events including Trunk or Treat & Fall Fest

### ***A Note from the Board of Supervisors***

The Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors extends heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff for their successes in 2024. Their hard work has brought significant advancements in public safety, infrastructure, and recreation.

The 2025 budget continues our commitment to supporting emergency services, providing over \$344,000 to our three fire departments and more than \$187,000 to our two EMS providers. These funds reflect our recognition of the critical role these services play in safeguarding our community and neighboring communities. Smithfield has also committed to assisting providers apply for grant funds.

Key improvements are planned for the Public Works Department, including the acquisition of two new dump trucks to replace two aging vehicles. We look forward to the completion of the Green Light Go grant, automating traffic signals along the Route 209 Corridor, improving safety and traffic flow.

In our parks, the anticipated completion of the second phase of Marshalls Falls Park, third phase of the Waterfront Wellness Park (Vision Loss Trail), and River's Edge Bike Park Master Site Plan reflect our investment in recreation and sustainability.

We are also committed to the completion of several reforms to our Code of Ordinances, improving quality-of-life and expanding opportunities for local businesses. You can follow these updates, along with developer projects, meeting updates, and more on our website.

Together, we continue building a safer, stronger, and more vibrant Smithfield. We wish you a healthy and happy 2025.

**Jacob A. Pride**  
Chairman

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Supervisor

## Meeting Schedules

### Board of Supervisors

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.  
(\*unless otherwise noted)

January 6*, 14, 28	July 8, 22
February 11, 25	August 12, 26
March 11, 25	September 9, 23
April 8, 22	October 14, 28
May 13, 27	November 12*, 18*
June 10, 24	December 9, 16*

### Board of Auditors

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each January at 5:00 p.m.

January 7

### Planning Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

January 9	July 10
February 13	August 14
March 13	September 11
April 10	October 9
May 8	November 13
June 12	December 11

### Zoning Hearing Board

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

January 7	July 1
February 4	August 5
March 4	September 2
April 1	October 7
May 6	November 4
June 3	December 2

### Environmental Advisory Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
(\*unless otherwise noted)

January 21	July 15
February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 19*
June 17	December 17*

## Holidays

January 1	New Year's Day
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
April 18	Good Friday
May 26	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
October 13	Columbus/Indigenous Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Day After Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	1 p.m. Closing
	New Year's Eve