

## How Hanover Township Residents' Taxes Compare with Our Neighbors

Sometimes it is important to compare what we as residents in Hanover Township receive in comparison to other municipalities that either is abutting to us or are similar to us in Northampton County either in size or in services provided. The chart below outlines the municipalities that Hanover Township most resembles either in services along the Route 22 & 33 corridors or are a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township like Hanover.

This information is presented so that residents in the Township have an understanding as to how their tax dollars are used and how we compare to those in our immediate area.

ASSESSED VALUE		BUSHKILL	PALMER	EAST ALLEN	FORKS	BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP (1 <sup>ST</sup> Class)	LOWER NAZARETH	HANOVER
	NOTES	2	2	3, 4, 5	2	3	3	2
↓	2015 → MILL RATE	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.35	5.99	4.15	3.9
\$150,000		1,125.00	1,050.00	975.50	952.50	898.50	622.50	585.00
\$100,000		750.00	700.00	650.00	635.00	599.00	415.00	390.00
\$50,000		375.00	350.00	325.00	317.50	299.50	207.50	195.00

Notes: (1) Hanover's Fire Tax is .5; (2) These Townships contract and bill for refuse & recycling; (3) These Townships the resident contract for their own refuse & recycling; (4) State Police protection; (5) East Allen's Fire Tax is 1.0.

## What You Wanted To Know About Taxes ..... And Were Afraid To Ask

Do you know what a mill is? Do you know how many mills of real estate taxes you pay to Hanover Township, the County of Northampton and the Bethlehem Area School District? Do you know how the assessed value of your house and the millage rates are used to compute your taxes? Everyone pays real estate taxes if they own a property, but most people don't understand how their taxes are computed or how all the verbiage about millage and assessed value translates to your wallet. Well, read on and hopefully some, if not all of your questions will be answered.

The word mill means a money amount equal to 1/10 of one cent. One mill is represented in decimal form as .001. Each year the three taxing authorities, the Township, the County and the School District establish the millage rate for the upcoming year. Currently the rates are: Hanover Township – 3.9 mills (.0039), County of Northampton – 11.8 mills (.0118) for 2015 up from 10.8 (.0108) in 2014 and Bethlehem Area School District – 48.36 (.04836) for 2014 / 2015 up from 48.36 (.04836) in 2013 / 2014.

## TAXES FOR RESIDENTS OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Taxing Entity	Assessed Home Value	Mill Rate	Cost
<b>Bethlehem Area School District **</b>	\$50,000	50.99	\$2,549.50
<b>County of Northampton **</b>	\$50,000	11.8	\$590.00
Township of Hanover	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00
<b>Bethlehem Area School District **</b>	\$100,000	50.99	\$5,099.00
<b>County of Northampton **</b>	\$100,000	11.8	\$1,180.00
Township of Hanover	\$100,000	3.9	\$390.00
<b>Bethlehem Area School District **</b>	\$150,000	50.99	\$7,648.50
<b>County of Northampton **</b>	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00

**\*\* Indicates a rate increase from 2014 to 2015**