

**PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 2021 BUDGET  
TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020  
GoToMeeting**

The Public Hearing commenced at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Brandon Paulin, Mayor  
Ron Sitoula, Vice Mayor  
Randy Albright, Councilman  
Ryan Hicks, Town Manager  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk  
Ginger Foster, Finance Director

**NUMBER OF CITIZENS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: 1**

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive feedback/comments from Town residents on the FY 2021 Budget. The budget ordinance 05-01-20 was introduced. The budget ordinance will be adopted during the June 1, 2020 Town meeting. The Town Manager gave the presentation of the FY 2021 Budget with his message and introduction of the numbers. The General Fund revenue is \$1,575,910, 53% local taxes and 37% in State revenues. The General Fund expenditure is \$1,575,910. Town Manager Hicks reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Trash Fund, Water/Wastewater, Parks Fund and Pavilion.

Objectives include repairing/replacing the Town's aging infrastructure. Repairs to Well #3 and Waste Water Treatment Plant, lift station on Dogwood and add a new well in the near future. Set fees for water, sewer and trash at levels needed to sustain and improve the level of services provided and be fiscally sound operations. There is no increase in utility rates this year. Balance revenues and spending. Allocate costs among the various funds. Look into the future and prepare for major capital projects in the years ahead. Waste Water Treatment Plant, well repair, trash truck purchase, improvements to Town facilities, Pavilion, Senior Center, and the Town Hall. Increase police presence in Town. Continue and expand on the Town's community and children's activities. Also looking to create a Family Enrichment Center with State Bond Bills and the help of Charles County United Way at the old PNC location. Provide the citizens of the Town with well-trained/educated employees. Upgrade aging equipment. Adding a picnic area and restrooms along the Village Green with funding from the State. Build our own salt storage facility at our public works building. Address stormwater issues throughout Town by adding a stormwater ordinance which will include a yearly fee. Online bill pay is operational, and the Town is looking to expand the system. The Town Manager also mentioned the possibility of the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department being interested in installing a sign at the old PNC location to advertise their and other local events.

To summarize the budget, the property tax rate remains the same at \$0.30 per \$100 assessed value. Water, Wastewater, and trash rates remain the same. Capital contribution fees remain the same at \$9,685. Continue work on the Boardwalk, restrooms on the Village Green and the Family/Youth Center. The Town has been implementing grant funded projects with funds awarded in recent years. The Town has also successfully sought additional grant funds for projects to be carried out over the next couple of years. We have received funding from MDE, MEA, SHA, MHAA, EPA, DHCD, DNR, and MDOT for water/wastewater, parks, roads, Recreational Trails, Bikeways, and Heritage for trail projects in the Town. The Town also received State Bond Bills for purchase of the old PNC building and the monies are also to be used

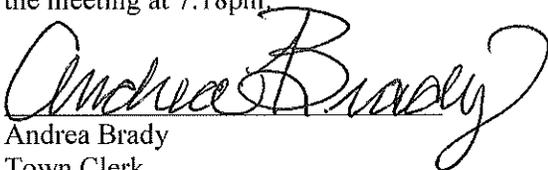
to renovate said building. The Town has been upgrading public facilities, as well as infrastructure improvements, as part of a movement to encourage private development. The Town is in the process of purchasing the Henderson Property for possible future development.

Mayor Paulin made a motion to open the floor for public comment. Councilman Albright seconds the motion. Motion carried.

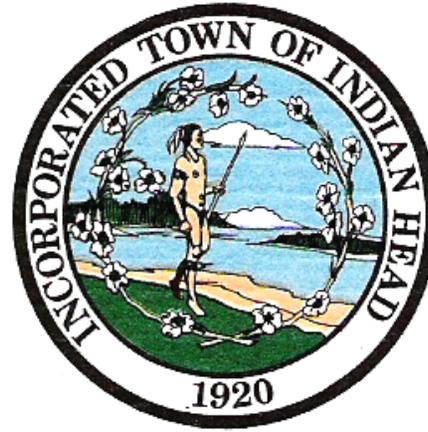
Vice Mayor Sitoula asked about funding for the Boardwalk Project, and if there will be a capital improvement amount that was not included in this budget. Town Manager Hicks explained that a budget amendment will be done for the funding once the construction process begins.

Vice Mayor Sitoula asked if the current COVID-19 situation will have an impact on funding and if a fund will need to be started in anticipation of any effect. Town Manager Hicks explained that the reason for no increase in taxes and fees is due to the financial hardship that COVID-19 is causing on the residents. Town Manager Hicks and the Finance Officer also have concerns over potentially not receiving the anticipated amount of income taxes and the residents abilities to pay their utility bills at this time, since that is also a source of revenue for the Town. The Town is continuing to receive Highway User Funds at this time. Town Manager Hicks and the Council discussed current programs for relief that the Town Manager is already applying for as well as the possibility of stimulus funds for smaller municipalities.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Paulin made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Albright seconds the motion. Mayor Paulin closed the Public Hearing and adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

  
Andrea Brady  
Town Clerk

6/1/2020  
Date



# **TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD**

## **PUBLIC HEARING FY 2021 BUDGET**

May 6, 2020

# FY 2021 BUDGET

## July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

### Manager's Message

**With this year's proposed budget we worked to fulfill these objectives:**

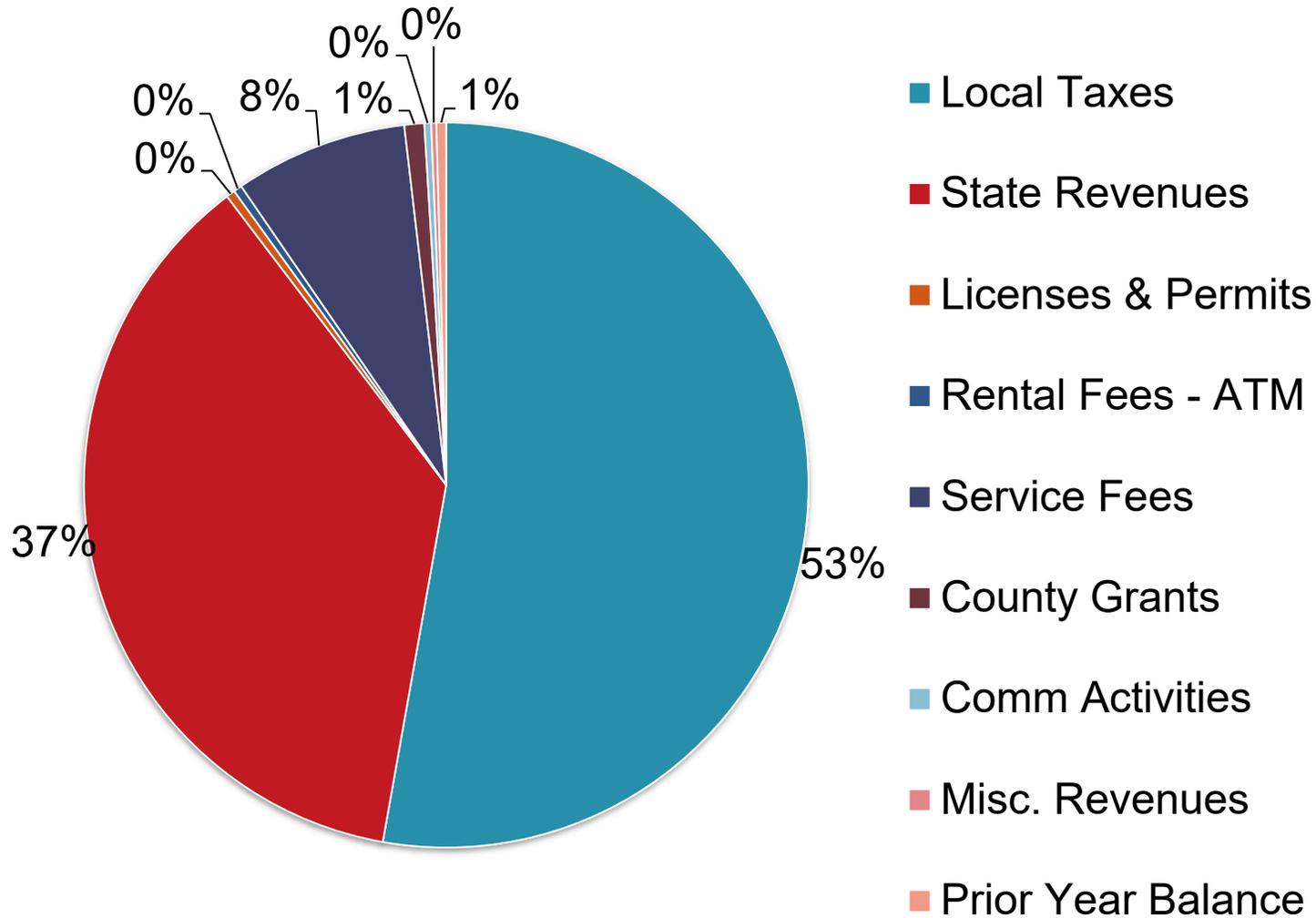
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- Set fees for water, sewer and trash at levels needed to sustain and improve the level of services provided and be fiscally sound operations. No increase in utility rates this year.
- Balance revenues and spending.
- Allocate costs among the various funds.
- Look into the future and prepare for major capital projects in the years ahead. WWTP, well repair, trash truck purchase, improvements to Town facilities, Pavilion, Senior Center and the Town Hall.
- Increase police presence in Town.
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- Provide the citizens of the Town with well trained/educated employees.
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**This budget represents our best efforts to balance the service levels for our citizens  
and prudent finances to provide those services.**



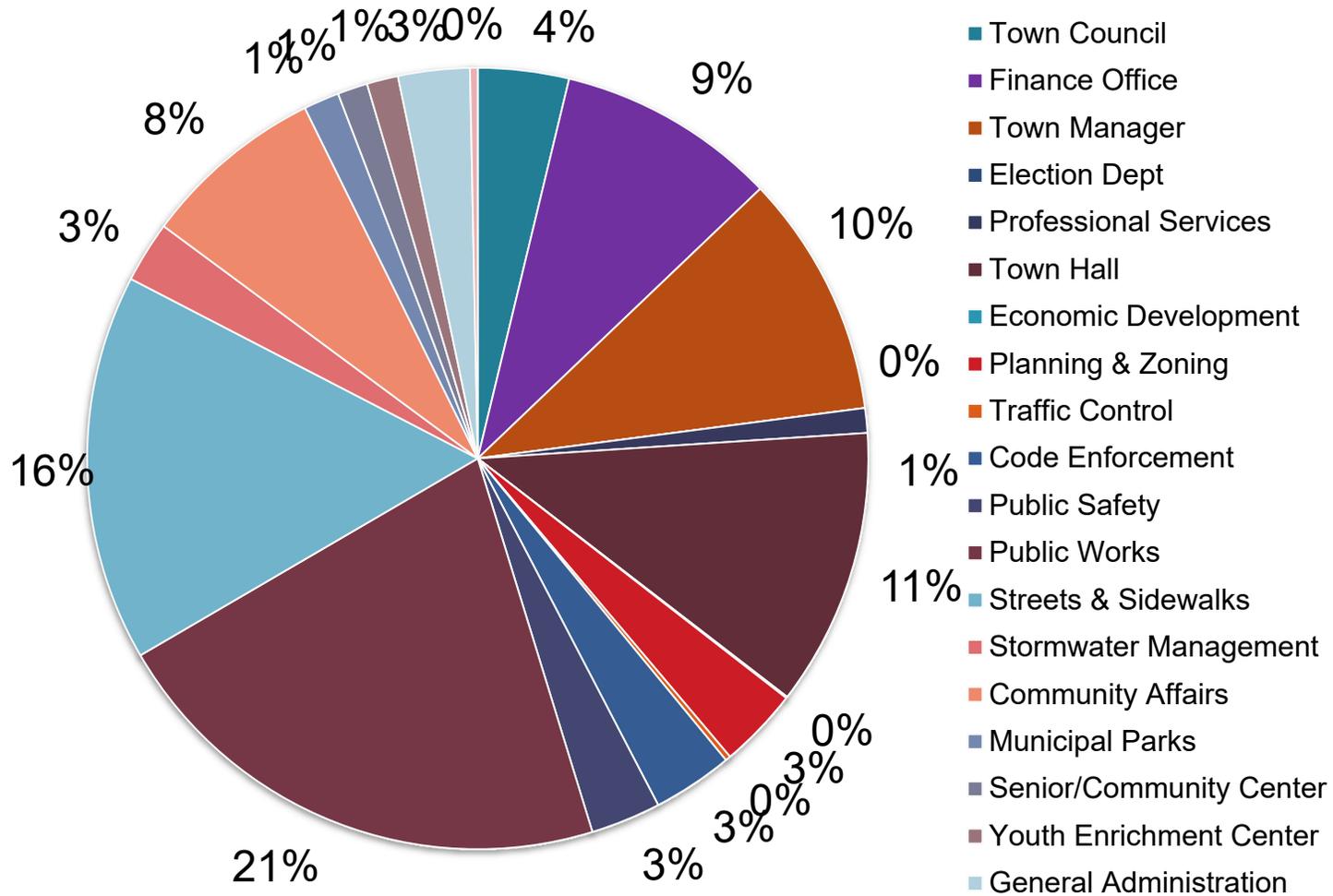
# FY 2021 GENERAL FUND REVENUES

**\$1,575,910**



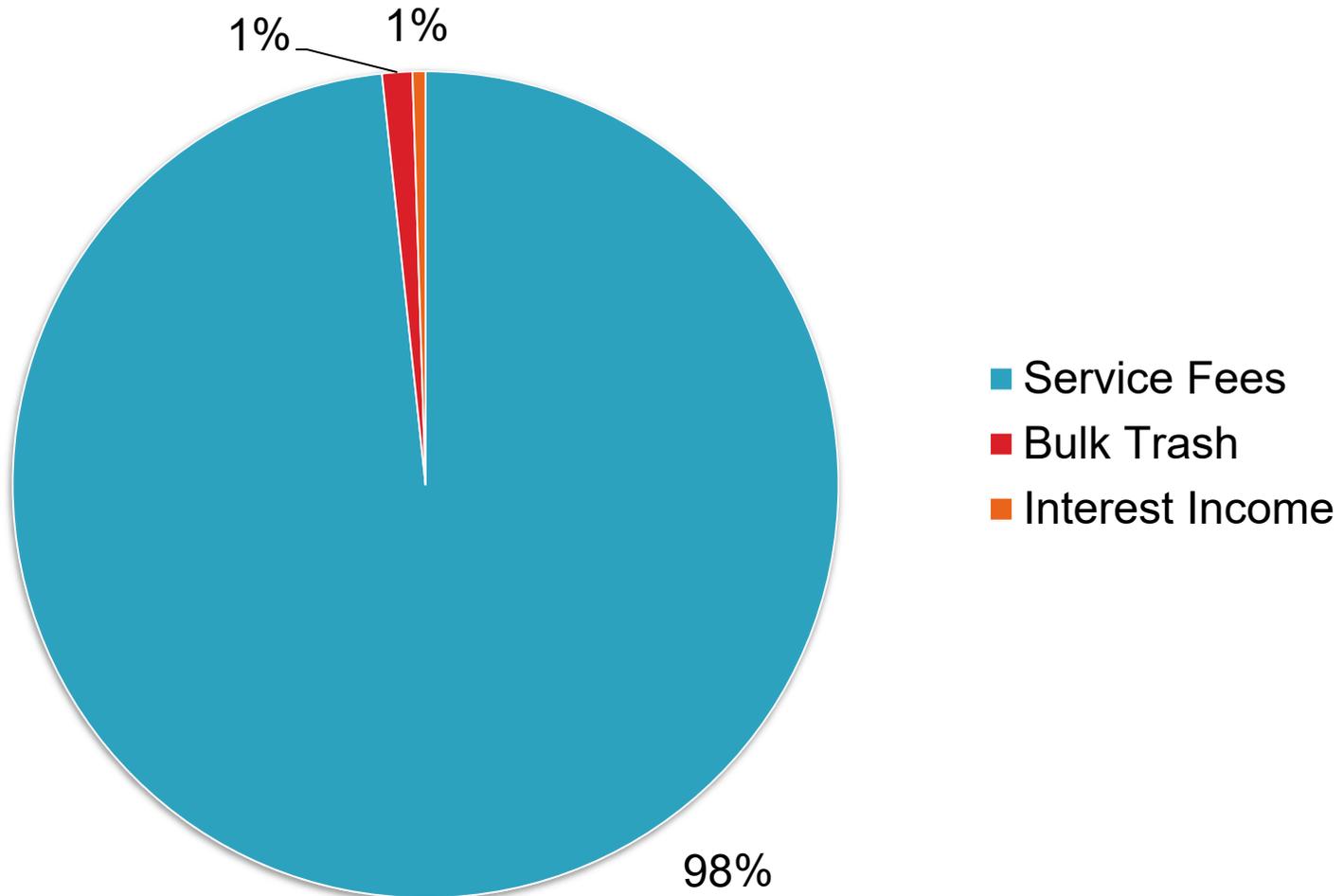
# FY 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

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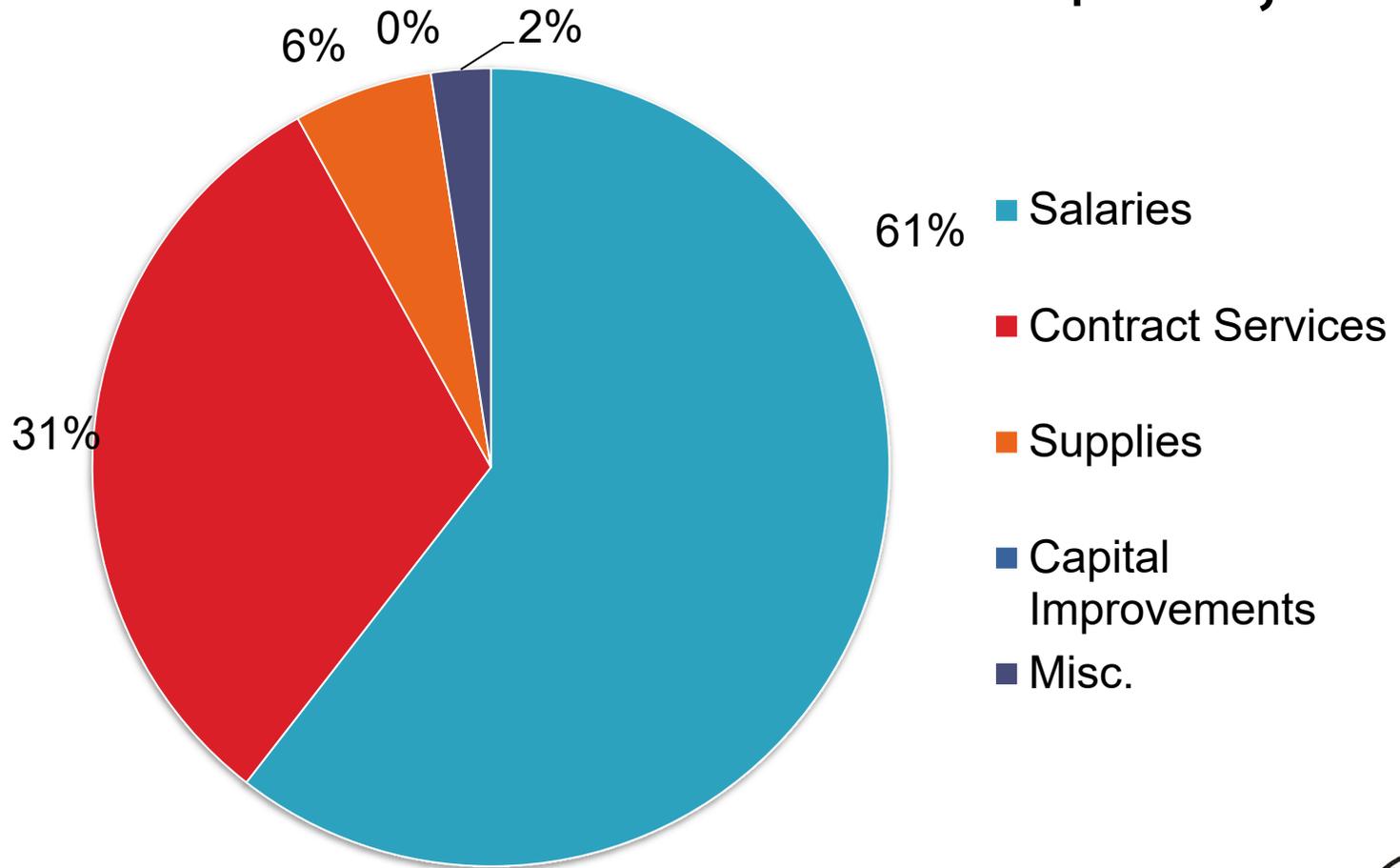
# FY 2021 TRASH FUND REVENUES

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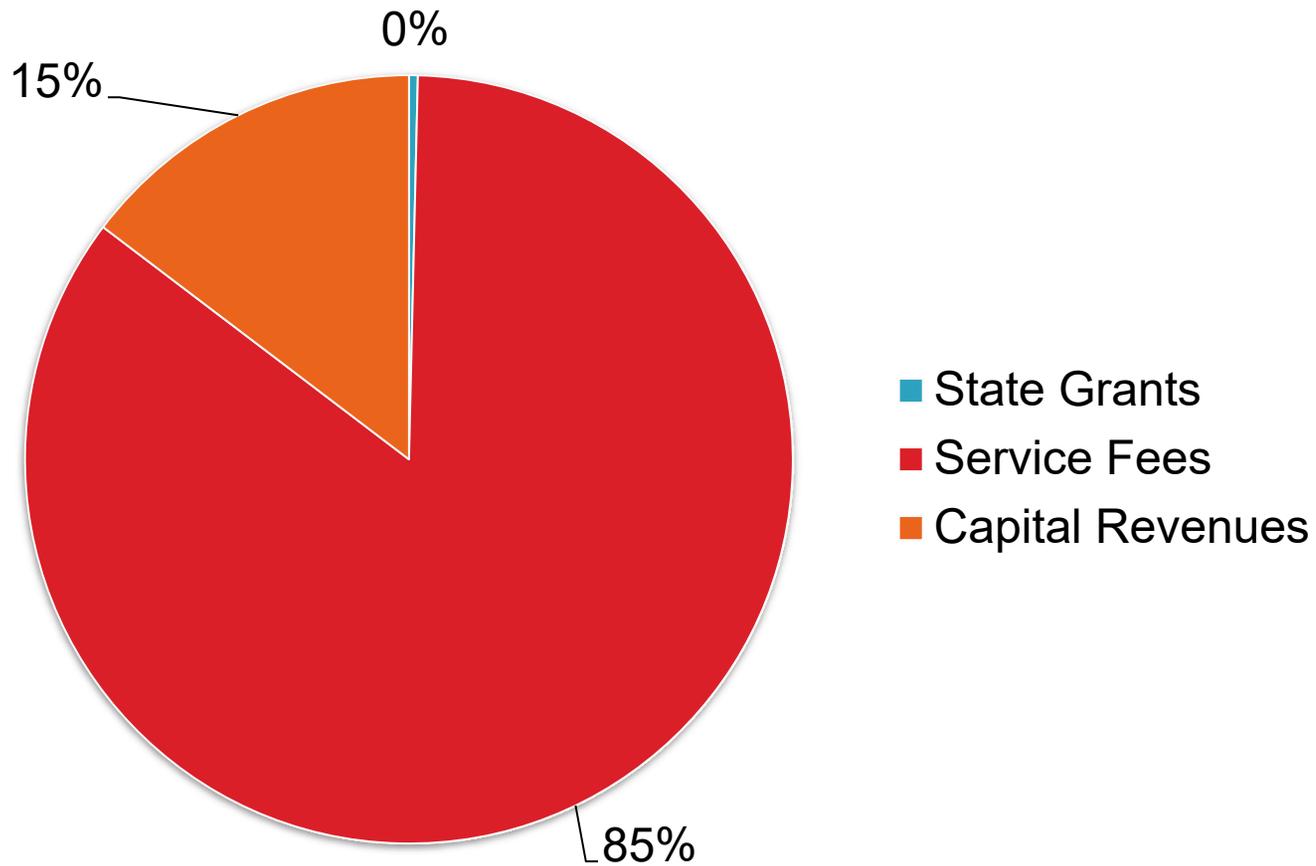
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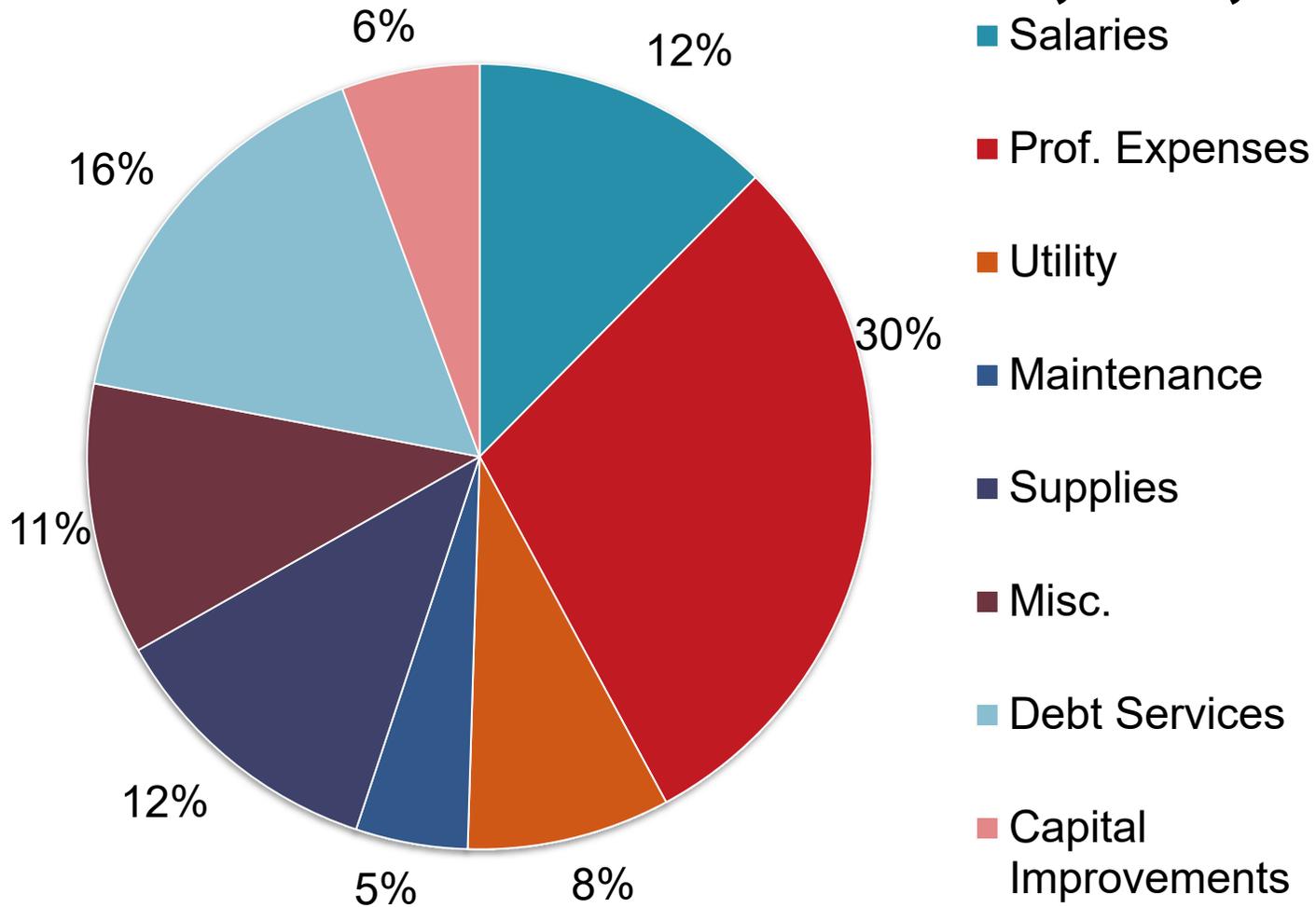
# FY 2021 WATER/WASTEWATER REVENUES

**\$1,337,657**



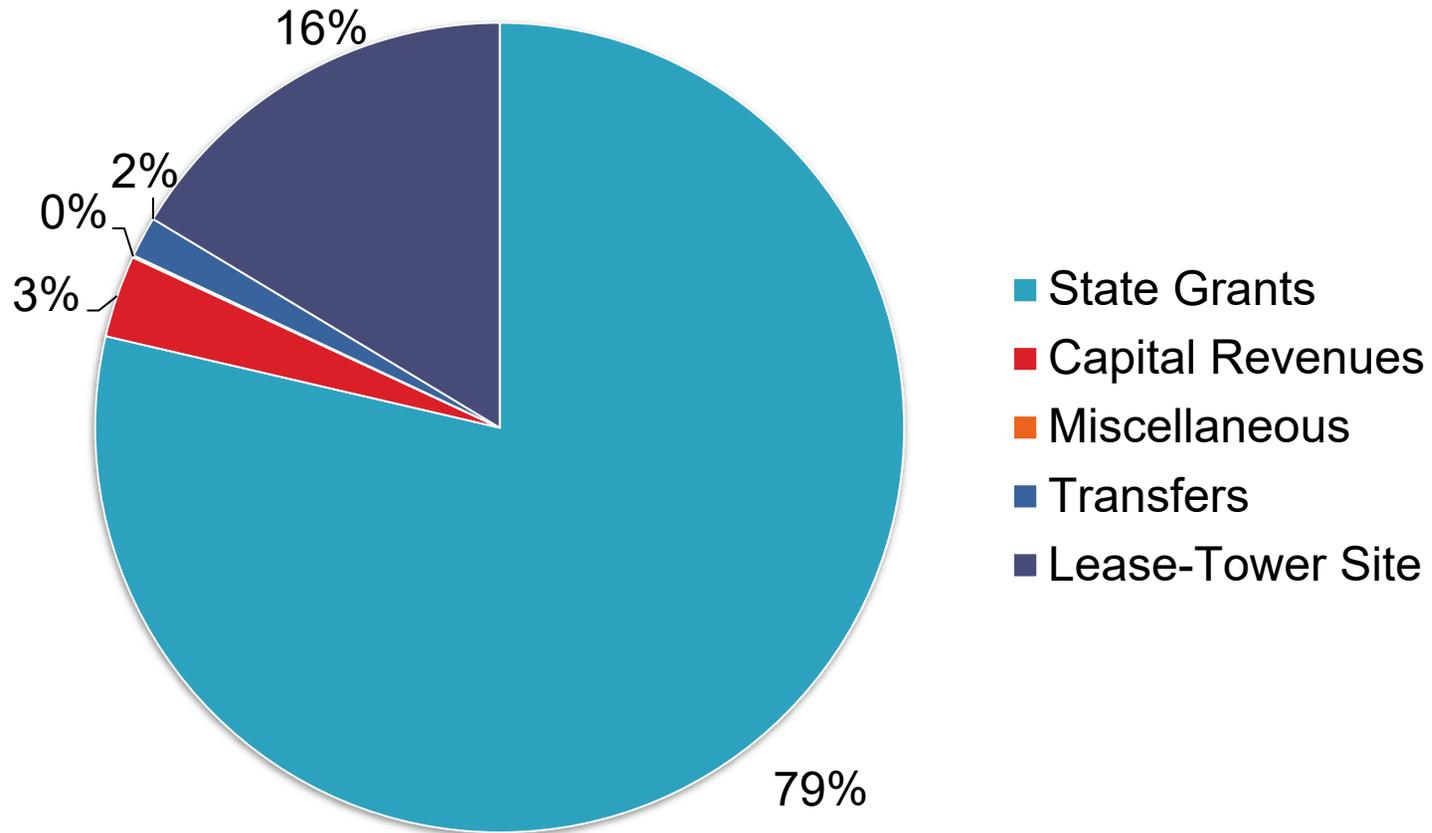
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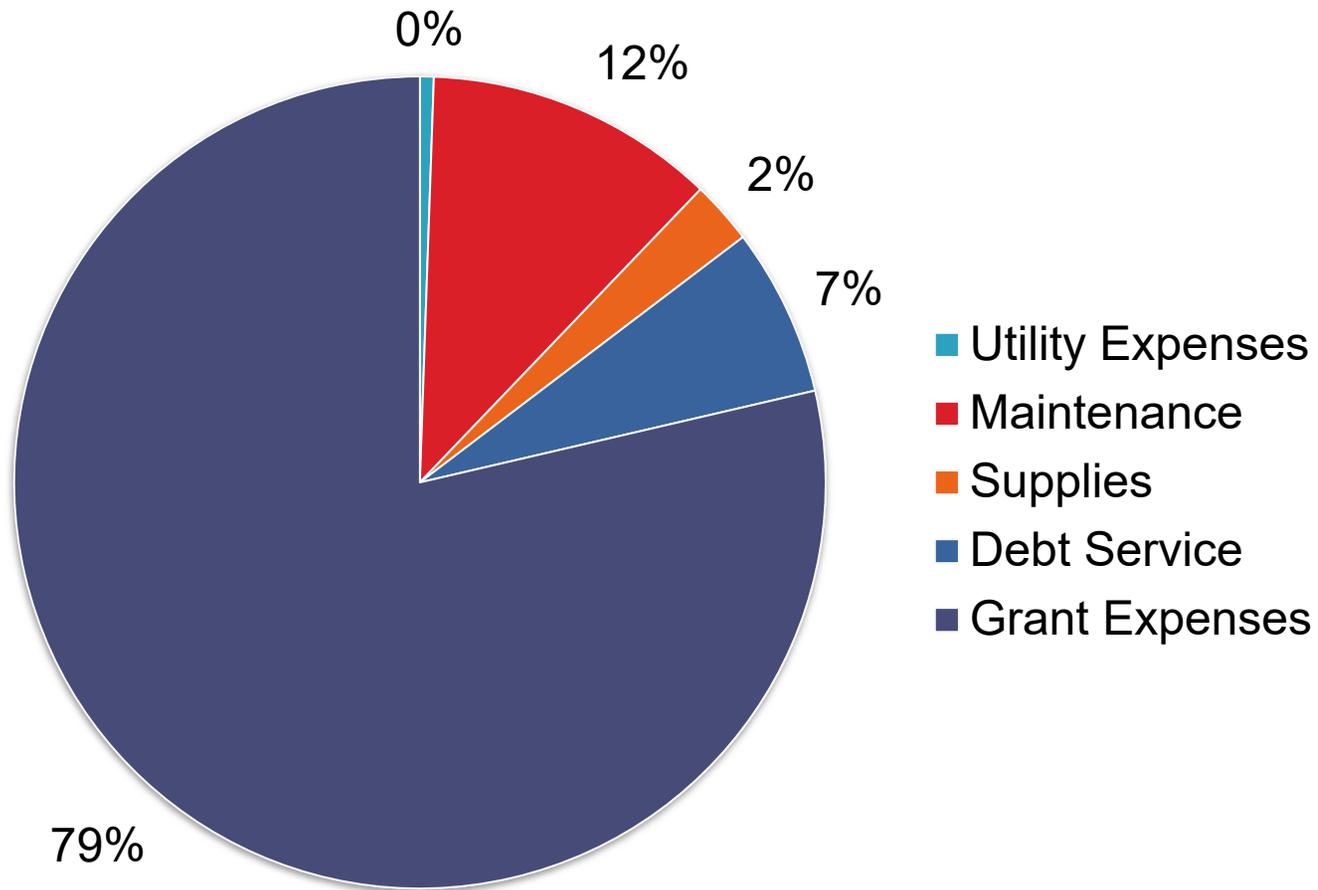
# FY 2021 PARKS FUND REVENUES

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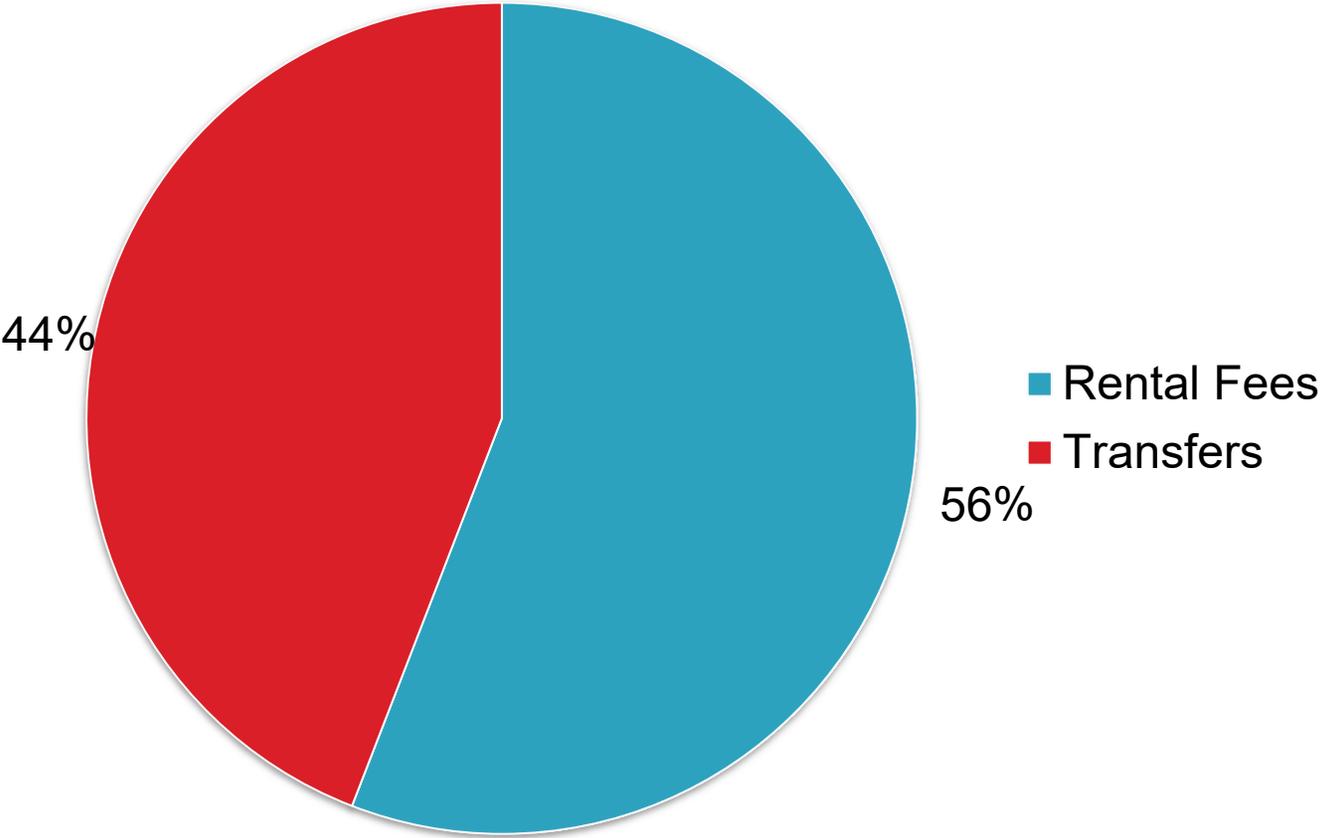
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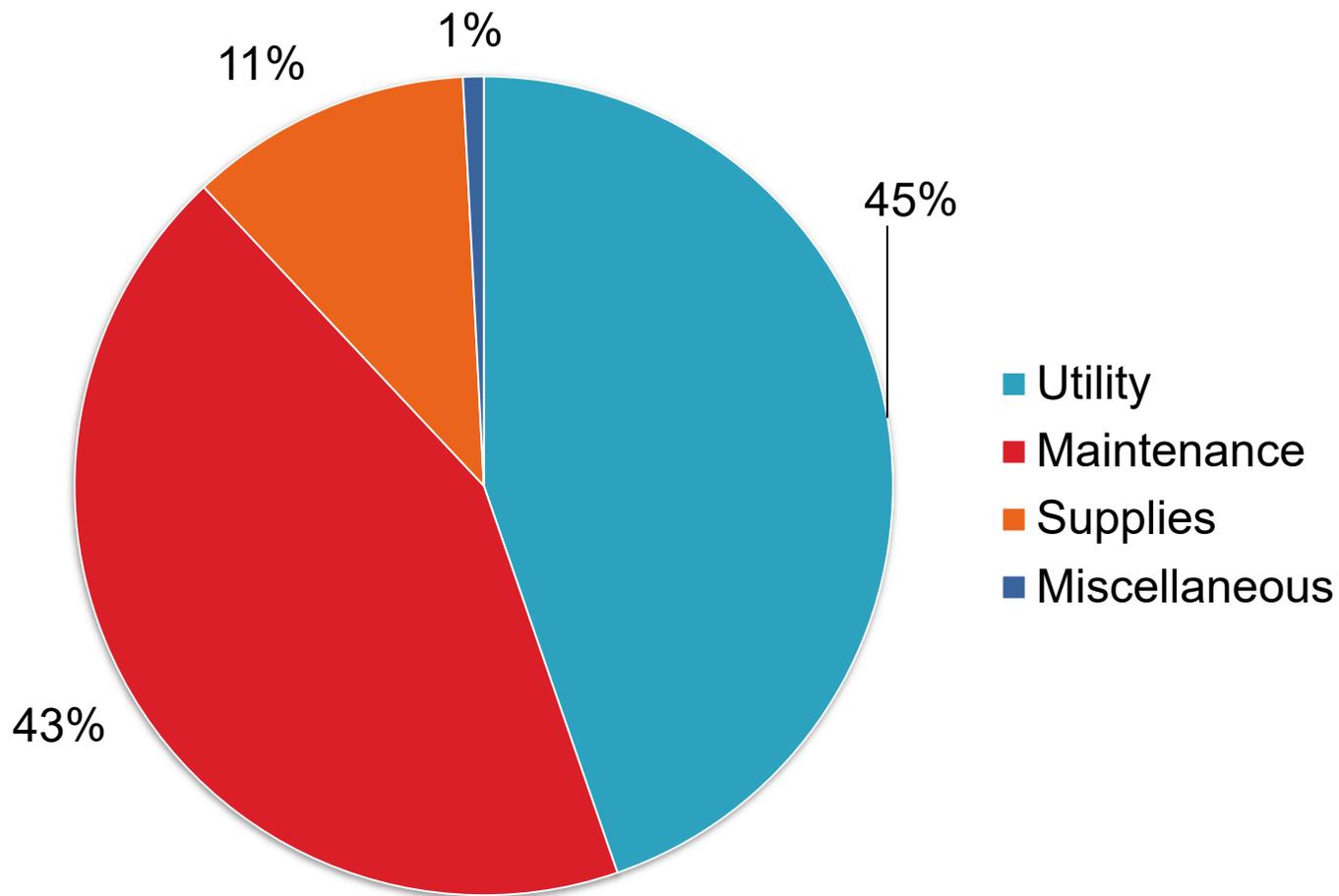
# FY 2021 PAVILION REVENUES

**\$35,792**



# FY 2021 PAVILION EXPENSES

## \$35,792



# BUDGET SUMMARY

- Property tax rate remains the same at \$0.30 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Water, wastewater and trash rates remained the same.
- Capital contribution fee remains the same at \$9,685.
- Boardwalk on the Potomac, Restrooms on the Village Green, and the Family/Youth Center are some of the projects currently being worked on.
- The Town has been implementing grant funded projects with funds awarded in recent years. The Town has also successfully sought additional grant funds for projects to be carried out over the next couple of years. We have received funding from MDE, MEA, SHA, MHAA, EPA, DHCD, DNR, and MDOT for water/wastewater, parks, roads, Recreational Trails, Bikeways, and Heritage for trail projects in the Town. The Town also received State Bond Bills for purchase of the old PNC building and the monies are also to be used to renovate said building.
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