

RE: PETITION OF THE BOROUGH :  
OF NEW BRITAIN PURSUANT TO :  
8 PA.C.S § 1302(a) TO EXCEED :  
A TAX LEVY OF 30 MILLS FOR :  
GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES :  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 :

CIVIL ACTION—EQUITY

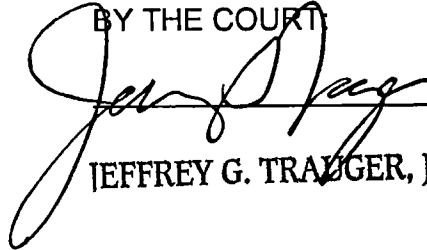
No. 2024-08088

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2025, a hearing is set for the  
31st day of January, 2025, at 9:30 am/pm, in Courtroom No.  
350 of the Bucks County Justice Center, 100 North Main Street, Doylestown,  
Pennsylvania, regarding the above-referenced petition.

BY THE COURT:

  
JEFFREY G. TRAUGER, JUDGE

N.B. It is your responsibility  
to notify all interested parties  
of the above action.



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH

vs.

NONE

NO. 2024-08088

**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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Name of Plaintiff/Appellant's Attorney: MICHAEL E. PETERS, ESQ., ID: 314266

Self-Represented (Pro Se) Litigant ☐

Class Action Suit ☐ Yes ☒ No

MDJ Appeal ☐ Yes ☒ No

Money Damages Requested ☐

Commencement of Action:

Amount in Controversy:

Petition

**Case Type and Code**

Miscellaneous:

Other

Other:

PETITION PURSUANT TO 8 PA.C.S. 1302(A) TO SET TAX

Case# 2024-08088-0 - JUDGE:32 Received at County of Bucks Prothonotary on 12/27/2024 11:16 AM. Fee = \$282.75. The filer certifies that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents. E-Filed by: MICHAEL E. PETERS, ESQ.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Court of Common Pleas  
Civil Cover Sheet

BUCKS

County

For Prothonotary Use Only:

Docket No:

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Commencement of Action:

- ☐ Complaint ☐ Writ of Summons ☒ Petition  
☐ Transfer from Another Jurisdiction ☐ Declaration of Taking

Lead Plaintiff's Name:  
BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN

Lead Defendant's Name:  
N/A

Are money damages requested? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Dollar Amount Requested: ☐ within arbitration limits  
(check one) N/A ☐ outside arbitration limits

Is this a Class Action Suit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is this an MDJ Appeal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name of Plaintiff/Appellant's Attorney: MICHAEL E. PETERS, ESQ.; ATTY ID NO. 314266

☐ Check here if you have no attorney (are a Self-Represented [Pro Se] Litigant)

**Nature of the Case:** Place an "X" to the left of the ONE case category that most accurately describes your **PRIMARY CASE**. If you are making more than one type of claim, check the one that you consider most important.

**TORT** (do not include Mass Tort)

- ☐ Intentional  
☐ Malicious Prosecution  
☐ Motor Vehicle  
☐ Nuisance  
☐ Premises Liability  
☐ Product Liability (does not include mass tort)  
☐ Slander/Libel/ Defamation  
☐ Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT** (do not include Judgments)

- ☐ Buyer Plaintiff  
☐ Debt Collection: Credit Card  
☐ Debt Collection: Other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Employment Dispute:  
Discrimination  
☐ Employment Dispute: Other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**CIVIL APPEALS**

- Administrative Agencies  
☐ Board of Assessment  
☐ Board of Elections  
☐ Dept. of Transportation  
☐ Statutory Appeal: Other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Zoning Board  
☐ Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**MASS TORT**

- ☐ Asbestos  
☐ Tobacco  
☐ Toxic Tort - DES  
☐ Toxic Tort - Implant  
☐ Toxic Waste  
☐ Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

- ☐ Dental  
☐ Legal  
☐ Medical  
☐ Other Professional:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REAL PROPERTY**

- ☐ Ejectment  
☐ Eminent Domain/Condemnation  
☐ Ground Rent  
☐ Landlord/Tenant Dispute  
☐ Mortgage Foreclosure: Residential  
☐ Mortgage Foreclosure: Commercial  
☐ Partition  
☐ Quiet Title  
☐ Other:  
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

- ☐ Common Law/Statutory Arbitration  
☐ Declaratory Judgment  
☐ Mandamus  
☐ Non-Domestic Relations  
Restraining Order  
☐ Quo Warranto  
☐ Replevin  
☒ Other:  
STATUTORY PETITION TO  
SET TAX MILLAGE

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, a hearing is set for the  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm, in Courtroom No.  
\_\_\_\_ of the Bucks County Justice Center, 100 North Main Street, Doylestown,  
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BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_, J.

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, after a hearing on the Petition of the Borough of New Britain Pursuant to 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a) to Exceed a Tax Levy of Thirty Mills for General Borough Purposes for Fiscal Year 2025, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the Petition is GRANTED. The borough of New Britain is permitted to levy a tax on real estate at a rate of 35 mills for general borough purposes in 2025.

BY THE COURT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
, J.

Michael E. Peters, Esquire  
Attorney ID No. 314266  
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*Solicitor for New Britain  
Borough*

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**PETITION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PURSUANT TO  
8 PA.C.S. § 1302(a) TO EXCEED A TAX LEVY OF THIRTY MILLS  
FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025**

The Borough of New Britain, by and through its solicitor, Eastburn and Gray, P.C. petitions this Honorable Court for Emergency Relief pursuant to section 1302(a) of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a) to levy a tax exceeding 30 mills, specifically 35 mills, for general borough purposes for the 2025 fiscal year, and in support thereof avers as follows:

1. Petitioner is the Borough of New Britain (the “Borough”) a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and maintaining its offices at 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901.

2. Pursuant to section 1310 of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 1310, the Borough Council for the Borough of New Britain (“Borough Council”) must adopt the Borough’s budget for fiscal year 2025 by December 31, 2024.

3. On December 17, 2024, Borough Council adopted the budget for fiscal year 2025 for the Borough (the "2025 Budget") and an ordinance levying the taxes on real estate in the Borough for fiscal year 2025 (the "2025 Tax Ordinance"). A true and correct copy of the 2025 Budget is attached hereto as exhibit "A", and a true and correct copy of the 2025 Tax Ordinance is attached here as exhibit "B". Exhibit "A" and exhibit "B" are incorporated herein by reference.

4. Pursuant to section 1302(a) of the Borough Code, the maximum tax levy that may be imposed for general borough purposes is 30 mills, unless:

...the council by majority action, upon due cause shown by resolution, petitions the court of common pleas, in which case the court may order a rate of not more than five mills additional to be levied...

8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a).

5. At the statutory maximum millage rate of 30 mills, the Borough would have a deficit in the general fund for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of approximately \$175,080.00.

6. A tax levy for the general fund of an additional 5 mills above the statutory maximum rate of 30 mills, 35 mills total, for general borough purposes would allow the Borough to balance the 2025 Budget and avoid operating a deficit.

7. As shown in the 2025 Budget attached hereto as exhibit "A", the Borough has eliminated expenditures in every possible way in order to balance the general fund. However, as a result of increases in expenditures, including specifically those relating to contractual obligations of the Borough, the Borough will be operating at a deficit in the general fund if it does not levy and collect a tax exceeding 30 mills for general purposes. For example, over 50% of the Borough's budget is dedicated to funding its obligations to

the Central Bucks Regional Police Force under the governing intergovernmental agreement and cooperative bargaining agreement.

8. The Borough has a significantly aged housing stock, with relatively low turnover in same. As a result, real estate assessments in the Borough are particularly low, and a mill in the Borough is worth less than a mill in other boroughs with new housing stock and higher turnover. The Borough has also taken steps to encourage redevelopment, including the adoption of zoning amendments.

9. By order dated February 2, 2024, at docket no.2023-08184, this Honorable Court approved a tax millage rate of 35 mills for general purposes for fiscal year 2024.

10. In the 2025 Budget and 2025 Tax Ordinance, no increase in taxes is proposed for fiscal year 2025 over that imposed in fiscal year 2024. Through careful fiscal management, despite rising costs, the Borough is able to balance the 2025 Budget with no tax increase from fiscal year 2024.

11. The Borough is committed to continuing to take steps to improve its financial position through the course of fiscal year 2025.

12. Borough Council approved a Resolution on December 17, 2024, showing cause for the requested millage increase pursuant to section 1302 of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a).

13. For the foregoing reasons the Borough is compelled to petition this Court to permit a tax millage for general purposes in the amount of 35 mills for fiscal year 2025.



WHEREFORE, the Borough of New Britain respectfully requests that this Honorable Court issue an order pursuant to section 1302(a) of the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a), granting the Borough leave to levy and collect a tax exceeding 30 mills, specifically 35 mills, for general Borough purposes for the 2025 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

**EASTBURN AND GRAY, PC**

Dated: December 24, 2024

By:



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Michael E. Peters, Esquire  
Attorney ID No. 314266  
*Borough Solicitor*

### VERIFICATION

I, Michael E. Peters, Borough Solicitor for the Borough of New Britain, verify that the statements made herein are true and correct based upon my knowledge, information, and belief, and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of the Borough of New Britain. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.



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Michael E. Peters  
Borough Solicitor

Dated: December 24, 2024

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**2025 BUDGET**

Assessment Tax Calculator

**35,015,920**

Year 2024

**Proposed**

Year 2025

**Increase 2023**

98%

**Increase %**

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Year 2024

Year 2025

42.550	\$ 1,489,927	21%
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Boro

42.550	1.489,927	21%
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Column:

44,350	1,489,927	21%
25.45	891.1EE	12%

County

25.45	891,155	13%
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**\$ 6,980,774**

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6,980,774

**Average home assessed at \$19,000- Each 1 millage increase is \$19 per home**

Year 2024

Year 2025

42.550	\$	808.45	21%
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**Does**

	Year 2025	
42 550 €	908 AE	31%

Boro

42.550	\$	808.45	21%
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County

25.450	\$	483.55	13%
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School

131.360	\$	2.495.84	66%
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\$	3,787.84	00/00
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## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual- Year to Date

January 2022 through December 2024

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New Britain Borough  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual- Year to Date**  
January 2022 through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 24	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
407.20 · Office equip supplies/services	1,865	237	750	1,000	1,000
407.31 · IT Services	15,618	9,871	6,000	5,000	5,000
408.31 · Engineering Services Fee	41,632	47,142	50,000	40,000	40,000
414.13 · Part Time Admin Staff	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
<b>Total G · Administration</b>	<b>294,526</b>	<b>314,019</b>	<b>348,987</b>	<b>351,914</b>	<b>360,302</b>
<b>H · Utilities</b>					
409.31 · Bldgs & Grounds; Profes. Svcs.	3,080	4,429	3,000	3,000	3,000
409.32 · Bldgs & Grounds; Comm. Utility	4,316	2,217	3,500	5,000	3,500
409.33 · Bldgs & Grounds; Heating Oil	2,382	1,336	1,750	2,000	2,000
409.36 · Bldgs & Grounds; Public Utility	3,429	360	2,000	3,500	2,000
409.37 · Bldgs & Grounds; Administration	18,444	30,864	12,000	8,000	8,000
409.38 · Bldgs & Grounds; Burkart Hall	4,742	5,179	5,000	5,000	5,000
409.45 · Bldgs & Grounds; Contracted Srv	2,474	5,263	5,000	15,000	10,000
<b>Total H · Utilities</b>	<b>38,867</b>	<b>49,647</b>	<b>32,250</b>	<b>41,500</b>	<b>33,500</b>
<b>I · Public Safety Exp</b>					
410.31 · Central Bucks Regional Police	978,489	1,014,183	1,100,000	1,091,198	1,132,676
411.18 · Fire Volunteer Stipend	3,500	3,000	3,000	3,500	3,500
411.30 · Public Safety Fire Hydrants	2,141	5,719	4,266	5,000	5,000
413.00 · State Fire Aid	22,508	23,140	20,000	19,000	19,000
413.27 · Contracted Services-MIS	10,469	11,505	11,000	11,000	11,000
413.28 · Zoning Administration Services	1,833	699	2,500	3,000	3,000
413.29 · UCC State Fee	131	0	250	250	250
413.30 · Building and Code Inspect. Serv	126,898	41,626	45,000	40,000	40,000
413.31 · Fire Inspection Services	4,701	22,618	10,000	10,000	10,000
413.32 · Planning Consultant Services	2,536	3,204	2,000	10,000	7,000
414.40 · Zoning Hearing Expense	8,232	4,419	1,572	2,000	2,000
415.00 · Emergency Management	1,200	0	500	1,200	1,200
<b>Total I · Public Safety Exp</b>	<b>1,162,639</b>	<b>1,130,113</b>	<b>1,200,088</b>	<b>1,196,148</b>	<b>1,234,626</b>
<b>J · Public Works</b>					
426.20 · Recycling Services	1,960	2,625	2,000	2,000	2,000

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Debt Service Tax Fund  
Budget 2025

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 24	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Income					
301.10 • Special Debt Service Tax - Curr	102,554.94	125,678.86	164,560.93	164,715.00	164,714.89
301.35 • Debt Service Tax - Prior Year	1,718.01	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
301.40 • Debt Service Tax - Liened	0.00	0.00	0.00		
341.10 • Interest Income	75.82	103.01	356.35	500.00	500.00
399.00 • Fund Balance Forward	0.00	0.00	0.00		20,000.00
393.10 • Proceeds of Long Term Deb	0.00	0.00	0.00		
393.12 • TAN Loan Proceeds	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	650,000.00	200,000.00
Total Income	104,348.77	125,781.87	314,917.28	816,215.00	386,214.89
Expense					
410.200 • Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	1,000.00
410.700 • CBRPD Bldg Reno & Lease	90,641.42	8,834.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
471.10 • Debt Principal Expense	66,000.00	67,000.00	69,000.00	69,000.00	71,000.00
472.10 • Debt Interest Expense	34,652.81	34,445.16	39,135.00	39,135.50	37,105.50
472.20 • TAN Loan Repayment - Principal	0.00	0.00	150,000.00	650,000.00	200,000.00
472.25 • TAN Loan - Interest	0.00	0.00	1,016.66		1,016.00
492.01 • Transfer to General Fund	0.00	0.00	38,065.00	38,065.00	38,065.00
492.35 • Transfer to Liquid Fuels - debt	0.00	0.00	10,500.00	7,500.00	29,000.00
Total Expense	191,294.23	110,279.16	307,716.66	836,700.50	377,186.50
Net Income	-86,945.46	15,502.71	7,200.62	-20,485.50	9,028.39

Date	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Semi-Annual Debt Service	Fiscal Year Debt Service
8/1/2020		2,900	25,134.22	25,134.22	25,134.22
2/1/2021	20,000	2,900	22,286.50	42,286.50	
8/1/2021		2,900	21,898.50	21,898.50	64,283.00
2/1/2022	66,000	2,900	21,996.50	87,996.50	
8/1/2022		2,900	21,039.50	21,039.50	109,036.00
2/1/2023	67,000	2,900	21,039.50	86,039.50	
8/1/2023		2,900	20,068.00	20,068.00	109,107.50
2/1/2024	69,000	2,900	20,068.00	89,068.00	
8/1/2024		2,900	19,067.50	19,067.50	109,135.50
2/1/2025	71,000	2,900	19,067.50	80,067.50	
8/1/2025		2,900	18,038.00	18,038.00	109,105.50

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Accrual Basis

# nbb liquid fuels Budget 2025

	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
<b>Income</b>					
341.00 · Interest Income	558.17	461.12	1,427.98	500.00	750.00
355.02 · Liquid Fuels Allocation	77,982.62	80,402.65	79,867.24	81,000.00	80,000.00
389.00 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00		
392.01 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00		
392.03 · Transfer From Public Safety	0	0	0		
392.06 · Transfer from Debt Service	0	0	10,500	10,500	31,000
393.10 · Debt Issuance Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0
394.00 · Fund Balance Forward	0	51,723	20,790	20,913	500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>78,541</b>	<b>132,586</b>	<b>112,585</b>	<b>112,913</b>	<b>112,250</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
402.31 · Bank and Audit Fees	0	0	10		
438.00 · Road Maintenance and Repai	0	0	0	0	0
470.01 · 2017 Road Loan Debt Service	77,000	104,000	104,000	104,000	105,000
472.00 · Interest Expense	8,720	7,796	6,396	5,148	5,148
492.01 · Transfers to General Fund	0	0	-10		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>85,720</b>	<b>111,796</b>	<b>110,396</b>	<b>109,148</b>	<b>110,148</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-7,179</b>	<b>20,790</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>2,102</b>

NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH			
SERIES OF 2021			
REFUNDS AND RESTRUCTURES THE SERIES OF 2017		Settle Dated	2/11/2021 2/11/2021

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Date	Principal	Rate	Interest	Semi-Annual Debt Service	Fiscal Year Debt Service	Existing Budgeted Max Debt Service	Estimated Budgetary Difference
8/1/2021	45,000	1.200	5,080.00	50,080.00	50,080.00	113,057.00	(62,997.00)
3/1/2022		1.200	4,284.00	4,284.00			
9/1/2022	77,000	1.200	4,284.00	81,284.00	85,568.00	113,999.00	(26,431.00)
3/1/2023		1.200	3,822.00	3,822.00			
9/1/2023	104,000	1.200	3,822.00	107,822.00	111,644.00	113,878.00	(2,234.00)
3/1/2024		1.200	3,188.00	3,188.00			
9/1/2024	104,000	1.200	3,188.00	107,188.00	110,396.00	113,715.00	(3,319.00)
3/1/2025		1.200	2,574.00	2,574.00			
9/1/2025	105,000	1.200	2,574.00	107,574.00	110,148.00	113,725.00	(3,577.00)
3/1/2026		1.200	1,944.00	1,944.00			
9/1/2026	107,000	1.200	1,944.00	108,944.00	110,866.00	113,022.50	(2,134.50)
3/1/2027		1.200	1,302.00	1,302.00			
9/1/2027	108,000	1.200	1,302.00	109,302.00	110,604.00	113,130.00	(2,526.00)
3/1/2028		1.200	654.00	654.00			
9/1/2028	109,000	1.200	654.00	109,654.00	110,308.00		110,308.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>769,000</b>		<b>40,616.00</b>	<b>789,616.00</b>	<b>789,616.00</b>	<b>794,826.50</b>	<b>5,089.50</b>

nbb public safety  
Budget 2025

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 24	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Income					
341.00 · Interest Income					
A · Fire Services	240	237	500	200	200
301.11 · Fire Property Taxes	42,731	42,690	42,855	42,895	42,895
301.31 · Fire Delinquent Prop Taxes	282	0	0	500	500
301.80 · Real Estate Tax Del - Fire	433	0	0		
310.54 · Fire Local Services Tax	14,360	10,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Total A · Fire Services	57,807	52,690	59,855	60,395	60,395
B · Ambulance Services					
301.12 · Ambulance Property Taxes	17,092	17,060	17,142	17,158	17,158
301.32 · Amb Delinquent Property Taxes	113	0	0	200	200
301.85 · Real Estate Tax Del - Amb	173	0	0		
310.55 · Ambulance Local Services Tax	14,360	10,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
B · Ambulance Servies - Other	0	16	0		
Total B · Ambulance Services	31,739	27,076	30,142	30,358	30,358
Total Income	89,786	80,003	90,498	90,953	90,953
Gross Profit	89,786	80,003	90,498	90,953	90,953
Expense					
C · Fire Services Exp					
411.01 · Chalfont Fire Expense	28,225.23	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
411.02 · Doylestown Fire Expense	20,318.83	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
411.04 · Fire - Workmans Comp Insurance	4,886.00	1,352.00	2,947.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
411.18 · Volunteer Fire Fighter Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
411.30 · Fire Hydrants	2,819.60	4,830.00	2,415.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
411.35 · Fire Marshal	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total C · Fire Services Exp	56,249.66	48,382.00	47,562.00	62,900.00	62,900.00
D · Ambulance Services Exp					
412.01 · Chalfont EMS Expense	14,853.48	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
412.02 · Central Bucks EMS Expense	12,751.33	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Total D · Ambulance Services Exp	27,604.81	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
Total Expense	83,854.47	76,382.00	75,562.00	90,900.00	90,900.00
Net Income	5,931.15	3,621.19	14,935.56	53.00	53.00

## New Britain Borough-Groner Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January 2022 through December 2024

						2024	2025
Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Budget	Budget			
1,555	1,085	2,786	1,000	1,000			
8,451	10,070	10,000					
-72,685	58,803	40,000					
20,435	18,398	20,070	20,070	20,070			
12,575	14,504	12,168	12,168	12,168			
0	0	0					
0	0	0	500	500			
0	0	0					
0	0	0					
0	0	0					
2,500	5,557	5,990	2,500	2,500			
0	0	0					
0	171,609	164,279					
0	396,149	462,837					
-27,169	676,175	718,130	36,238	36,238			
3,119	2,248	0	2,150	2,150			
0	0	0					
0	0	0					
1,054	1,647	782	1,300	1,300			
9,518	5,329	6,149	6,500	6,500			
3,380	3,436	3,750	3,700	3,700			
8,901	5,605	440	7,500	7,500			
12,023	30,996	7,548	10,000	10,000			
0	0	0					
0	0	0	1,500	1,500			
0	0	0					
286	0	200					
38,281	49,261	18,869	32,650	32,650			
-65,451	626,914	699,261	3,588	3,588			

## Capital Fund Budget 2025

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## New Britain Borough Recreation Fund Budget 2025

	2024		
	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	2025 Budget
Income			
301.10 • Recreation Property Taxes	33,735.84	34,490.00	34,490.00
341.00 • Interest Income	12.04	150.00	150.00
367.50 • Car Cruise Festival	2,740.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
367.51 • Car Cruise Bal Fwd	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
367.60 • Community Garden Income	260.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
367.70 • Parks Rec Income	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
367.71 • Parks Bal FWD EAC	0.00	1,648.00	1,648.00
392.01 • Transfer from General Fund	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Income	36,747.88	43,788.00	43,788.00
Gross Profit	36,747.88	43,788.00	43,788.00
Expense			
402.39 • Audit/Financial/Bank Fees	0.00	250.00	250.00
430.00 • PW Grounds Maintenance - GF Reimb	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
447.00 • DART Bus Contribution	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
457.05 • EAC Expenses	490.99	2,600.00	2,600.00
457.06 • Events	1,227.20	4,700.00	4,700.00
457.07 • Parks	17,131.86	7,500.00	7,500.00
Total Expense	23,850.05	35,050.00	35,050.00
Net Income	12,897.83	8,738.00	8,738.00

	Year 2024	Year 2025	Increase
Waste Management Unit per Yr	477.96	501.86	23.90
Waste Management Unit per Month	39.83	41.82	1.99
609 Units billed for Year	291,077.64	305,632.74	14,555.10

**EXHIBIT “B”  
2025 TAX ORDINANCE**



**BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE No. 433**

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**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain is empowered by the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 101, *et seq.*, and other applicable Pennsylvania law to establish and impose certain taxes on real estate in the Borough.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain has determined it to be in the best interest of the Borough to establish and impose the tax rates set forth hereinbelow.

**WHEREAS**, given the Borough's current financial position and forecast, the lack of a Borough-wide reassessment on property values, the age of the Borough's housing stock, and the relatively low turnover in property ownership in the Borough, the tax rates contemplated hereinbelow include 35 mills for general Borough purposes, which requires petition to the Court of Common Pleas upon resolution of Borough Council, which resolution Borough Council adopts contemporaneously herewith.

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, and it is hereby enacted by the Council of the Borough of New Britain as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2025 upon all real estate in the Borough of New Britain subject to taxation for Borough purposes as follows (all references to "assessed valuation" refer to assessed valuation for county purposes):

- A. The tax rate for general Borough purposes is hereby fixed at 35.000 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$3.50 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).
- B. The tax rate for park and recreation purposes is hereby fixed at 1.000 mill on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.10 on each \$100 of assessed value)
- C. The tax rate for fire protection services is hereby fixed at 1.250 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.125 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).

- D. The tax rate for support of ambulance and rescue squad purposes is hereby fixed at 0.500 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.05 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).
- E. The tax rate for debt service on the borrowing for the Central Bucks Regional Police Headquarters is hereby fixed at 4.800 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.48 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).

## **SECTION 2.**

The Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain recognizes that by setting a rate of 35 mills for general Borough purposes, the Borough must petition the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County for an order setting the rate at 5 mills above the otherwise permitted maximum millage of 30 mills. Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain hereby authorizes the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager to make such petition to the Court of Common Pleas, which authorization is further set forth by resolution being adopted contemporaneously with this ordinance.

## **SECTION 3.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

## **SECTION 4.**

The terms, conditions and provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and, should any portion, part or provision of this ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, non-enforceable or unconstitutional, Borough Council hereby declares its intent that the ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, non-enforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this ordinance.

## **SECTION 5.**

This ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted under Pennsylvania law.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

ATTEST:

  
John Wolff  
Borough Manager/Secretary

  
Tom Price  
Council President

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

  
James Donovan, Mayor