



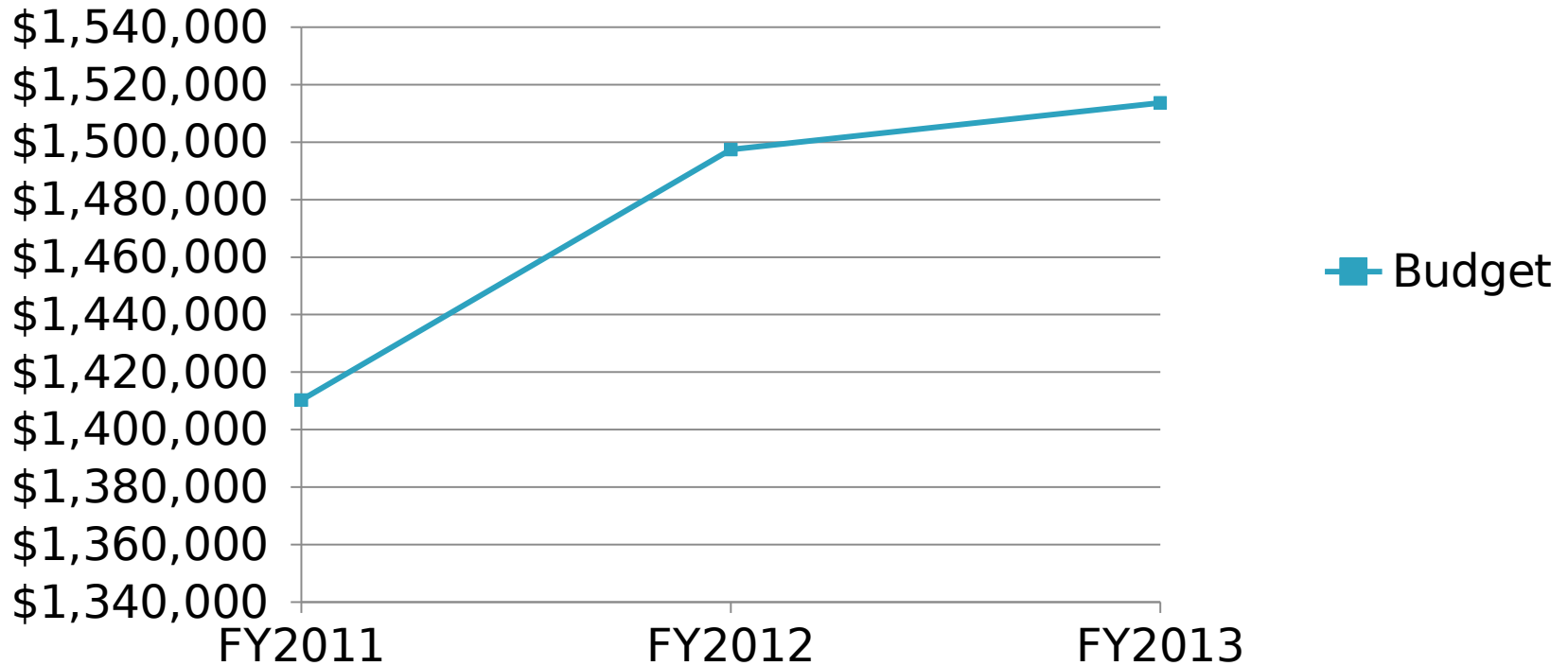
# **FY2013 Operating Budget**

# Fenwick Island Operating Budget

- ▶ The Fenwick Island Operating Budget is the financial plan that guides the Town over a fiscal year. The FY2013 Operating Budget is balanced, as income equals expenditures. Town Management, along with each department head, has respectfully submitted budget operating requests that responsibly meet the demands and challenges of a coastal community.
- ▶ The proposed FY2013 financial plan takes into consideration an improving local economy, yet is sensitive to future increases in fixed costs such as utilities, equipment, maintenance and municipal services.

# Operating Budget History

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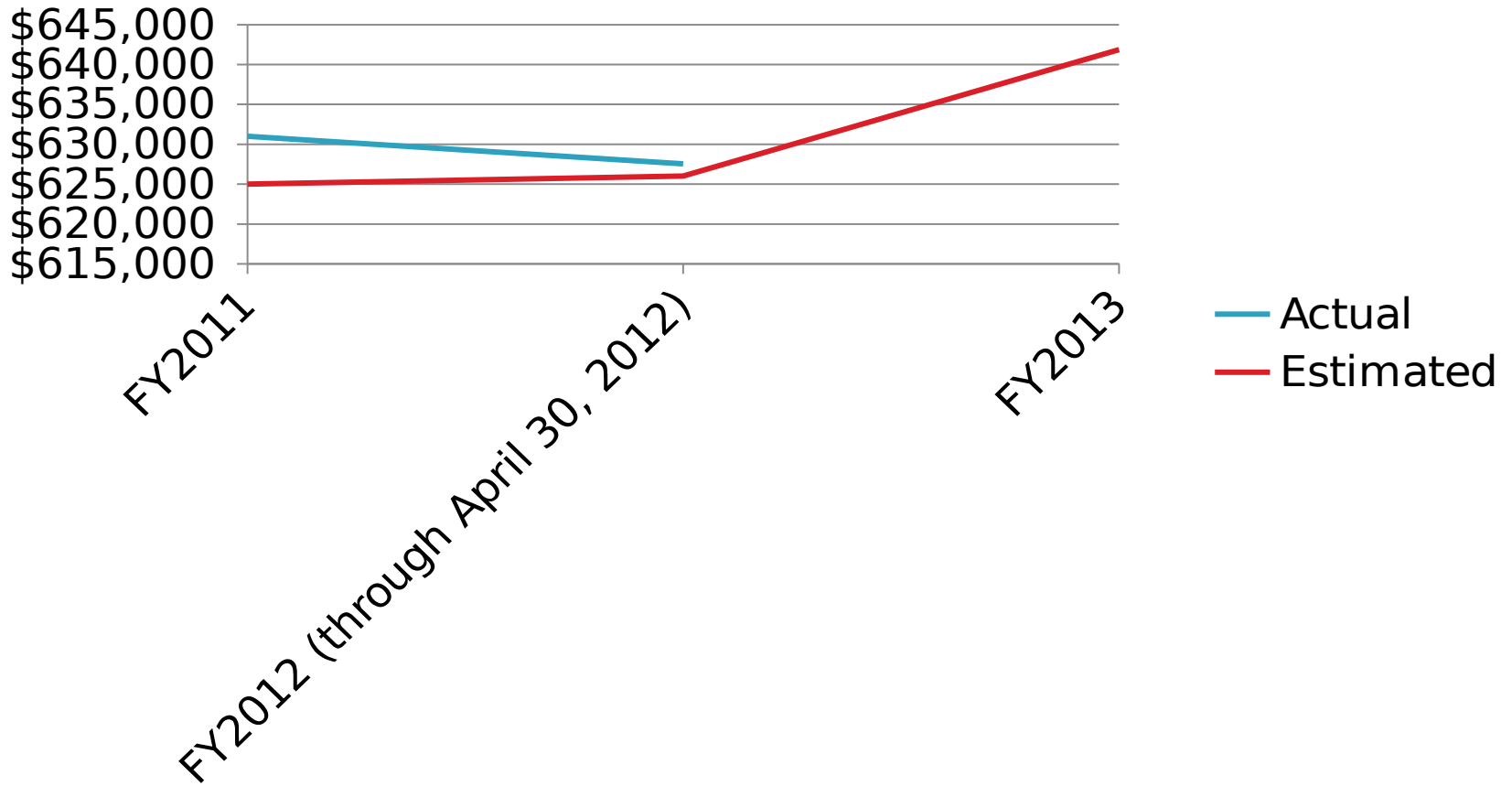
# FY2013 Budget Summary

- ▶ Balanced operating budget
- ▶ No increase in property tax
- ▶ Maintain funding for 24/7 public safety coverage
- ▶ Fund necessary capital improvements
- ▶ Manage reserve accounts efficiently seeking high yields
- ▶ Continue to allocate 10% of Realty Transfer Tax (RTT) into Town Dedicated Street Fund
- ▶ Fund full service seasonal lifeguard department
- ▶ No increase in health insurance (State of Delaware)
- ▶ Estimated increase in worker compensation rates

# FY2013 Income Summary

- ▶ FY2013 income will be flat except for a few minor positive cash flow adjustments due to an improving economy.
  - Increase in property tax income due to new construction from \$626,000 to \$641,864
  - Minimal increase in rental receipt taxes
  - Building permit fees estimated to increase
  - Parking permit revenue is trending lower
  - State and County to increase lifeguard funding
  - Yearly \$25,000 Sussex County Police Grant
  - Possible fee increases (not in FY13 budget)

# Property Tax History



# FY2013 Expense Summary

▶ **Department    FY2012    FY2013    Difference**

◦ Police	\$433,400	\$461,850	\$28,450
◦ Lifeguard	\$221,276	\$229,080	\$7,804
◦ Public Works	\$190,275	\$179,824	(\$10,451)
◦ Administration	\$276,800	\$288,038	\$11,238
◦ General Gov.	\$375,684	\$351,859	(\$23,825)

- ▶ Additional fixed expenses of the new public safety building
- ▶ Probable increase in cost of worker compensation rates
- ▶ Copier leases eliminated (possible purchase instead)
- ▶ Utilities estimated flat (due to solar panels)

# Administration Expense Summary

- ▶ Probable increase in cost of worker compensation rates
- ▶ Eliminate copier lease from operating budget
- ▶ Admin. vehicle lease expense (July 27, 2013)
- ▶ Personnel adjustments



# Police Expense Summary

- ▶ Included an existing full-time employee returning from worker compensation
- ▶ Increased fuel and vehicle maintenance
- ▶ Increased uniform allotment
- ▶ The majority of other expenditures are flat
- ▶ Probable increase in cost of worker compensation rates

# Lifeguard Expense Summary

- ▶ Salaries to increase to an average of \$11.25 per hour
- ▶ Odd year to purchase lifeguard jackets
- ▶ Probable increase in cost of worker compensation rates

# Public Works Expense Summary

- ▶ Personnel adjustments
- ▶ Probable increase in cost of worker compensation rates
- ▶ Fuel budget remains constant at \$3,500
- ▶ Maintenance remains at \$2,000
- ▶ Additional reductions
  - Office supplies
  - Shop supplies
  - Shop equipment (purchased two new items in FY2012)
  - Safety equipment
  - Utilities (reduction due to solar panels)

# Capital Budget Requests

- \$100,000 public safety building
- \$50,000 municipal street/drainage project (annual)
- \$35,300 public works truck with snow plow
- \$15,500 Town Hall / Manager projects
- \$14,000 for new copy machines (purchase vs. lease)
- \$12,000 emergency fuel tank request
- \$4,500 ATV request (every three years)
  
- **\$225,300 Total**

# Fenwick Island Budget Highlights

- No property tax increase
- Manage departments efficiently
- Provide 24/7 public safety coverage
- Continue to search for alternative income sources
- Research and apply for grants
- Offer competitive salaries and benefits
- Provide professional growth opportunities
- Provide high level of customer service

## Thank You

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