

**LEGAL SERVICES**

GENERAL FUND  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT



	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Budget</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>
<b>Legal Services Expenditures</b>					
<b>Contractual Services</b>	\$ 174,564	\$ 295,036	\$ 176,000	\$ 223,705	\$ 186,000
<b>Total Legal Services Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 174,564</b>	<b>\$ 295,036</b>	<b>\$ 176,000</b>	<b>\$ 223,705</b>	<b>\$ 186,000</b>

**LEGAL SERVICES OVERVIEW**

The Township Attorney who is appointed by the Board of Commissioners provides legal services. The Attorney provides all major services on a retainer basis. Any service beyond the major services covered by the retainer is billed on an hourly basis.

The Township Attorney provides legal advice for all Township departments. The Board of Commissioners, the Planning Commission, the Department of Community Development, the Police Department, the Tax Collection Office, the Civil Service Board and the Township Manager requires legal services. Outside legal counsel is needed for the Civil Service and the Zoning Hearing Board due to the quasi-judicial responsibilities of these Boards.

**DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES**

<b>Legal Services Expenditures 01-10-105-500???-000</b>	<b>2006 Actual</b>	<b>2007 Actual</b>	<b>2008 Budget</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>
<b>Contractual Services</b>					
<b>210 Professional Legal Services</b>	\$ 160,334	\$ 276,642	\$ 160,000	\$ 218,705	\$ 170,000
<b>290 Other Contractual Services</b>	14,230	18,394	16,000	5,000	16,000
<b>Total Contractual Services</b>	<b>\$ 174,564</b>	<b>\$ 295,036</b>	<b>\$ 176,000</b>	<b>\$ 223,705</b>	<b>\$ 186,000</b>
<b>Total Legal Services Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 174,564</b>	<b>\$ 295,036</b>	<b>\$ 176,000</b>	<b>\$ 223,705</b>	<b>\$ 186,000</b>

**BUDGETARY COMMENT**

Funds requested for Legal Services are \$10,000 more than appropriated in 2008. Expenses for legal services expenses for the past ten (10) years have been as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1999	\$ 135,738	2004	\$ 129,166
2000	227,156	2005	180,119
2001	128,353	2006	174,564
2002	182,347	2007	295,036
2003	138,141	2008	223,705

The increases in Legal Expenses for 2007 and 2008 are mainly due to Crown Tower litigation. The Township is going to seek reimbursement for these expenses.