In 1789 Benjamin Franklin wrote, "nothing is certain except death and taxes". Since taxes are inevitable, let's take this opportunity to review the tax bill Plumstead property owners receive each April.

The bill looks like this:

Plumstead Township Bucks County Parcel Number:				Tax Bill No:			
Tax Description	Assessment	Rate	1	Discount (-\$43.10)	Face	Penalty (+\$215.51)	
County R/E Tax Gen Purposes Tax Twp Fire Tax Twp Amb Tax Twp DebtSvc Tax Twp OpenSpace Tax Twp Fire Am Ap Tax	50840	27.45 6.52 1.155 .4 5.177 .688 1.00	***	1367.65 324.85 57.55 19.93 257.94 34.28 49.82	331.48 58.72 20.34 263.20 34.98	\$ 364.63 \$ 64.59 \$ 22.37 \$ 289.52 \$ 38.48	
Payment requested from: If paying after December 15th: Only official bank checks or certified checks will be accepted.			F PAID BY 4/30/2025	IF PAID BY 6/30/2025	IF PAID AFTER 6/30/2025		
	PAY THIS	AMOUNT ->	\$	2112.02	2155.12	\$ 2370.63	
Payable to: Sherry B. Labs, Tax C					d After: 12/31/ ent information		

Property owners will also receive the school tax bill in August, but we will focus first on the municipal tax bill. The amounts you pay are based on the assessment of your property. It appears on the bill but can also be found at the board of assessments website: https://www.buckscountyboa.org/.

The tax rate is expressed in mills. One mill is equal to 0.1% or 0.001 multiplication factor. To calculate your tax, let's use the County R/E Tax as an example. To arrive at the Face value of the tax, you will multiply the assessed value, \$50,840 in our example, by (27.45 x 0.001) which equals 0.02745. The result is \$1,395.56.

There is a 2% Discount for early payment which equals $0.98 \times 1,395.56$ for \$1,367.65. There is a 10% penalty for late payment which equals $1.1 \times 1,395.56$ for \$1,535.12. All other taxes are calculated in the same manner as the County R/E Tax.

Those other taxes listed under the County R/E Tax are Plumstead's taxes, i.e., General Purpose Tax, Fire Tax, Ambulance Tax, Debt Service Tax, Open Space Tax, and Fire and Ambulance Capital Equipment Fund. All totaled, their millage rates add up to the total Plumstead rate of 14.94 mills.

Let's take a look at the history of municipal tax rates in Plumstead for the past seven years. Since 2018 the County R/E Tax has risen 12.27% while all the other Plumstead taxes have not changed at all. The stability of the Plumstead taxes is directly due to the Republican leadership of the Board of Supervisors. Although no one can say with certainty that taxes will not rise in the future, Lurleen Worthington and Jim McComb are committed to managing township funds for the best interests of Plumstead residents which means keeping taxes as low as possible.