



THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Thabazimbi Local Municipality
State of the Municipality Address
Budget Speech 2022/2023

Venue: Council Chamber

Date : 27 May 2022

Time : 14:00

Honourable Speaker; Butana Ben Tlhabadira
Honourable Chief Whip; Cllr Cathrine Sikwane
My colleagues; Members of the Executive Committee
Fellow Councillors
The acting Municipal Manager; Ms Lindiwe Makaya
All officials and Senior Management Team of our
Municipality

A very good afternoon to you all!!!!

Honourable Speaker;

I stand before this council to deliver my first Budget Speech in the current administration. It is indeed a great honour and privilege to present to you our Budget for 2022/2023 financial year. This year we are embarking on a re-energised and service delivery-focused journey with the multiparty coalition government of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality.

Our administration represents the collective choice by our residents to install a multiparty coalition government to represent their needs and fast-track service delivery.

Our residents have entrusted us with an important duty when they exercised their voting power to place an important responsibility upon us to restore stability and drive quality and sustainable service delivery in the whole of Thabazimbi Local Municipality.

Our coalition government reflects the diverse communities we serve within the Municipal area and I believe this is a distinct advantage as it enables us to better understand the needs of our people.

Honourable Speaker, we have just concluded our IDP and Budget Public Participation roadshows last week. What worries me is that most of our councillors did not attend even a single public consultation meeting. Councillors, let us respect our community who voted us all in this council.

How are we rewarding them? By not attending to their meetings and needs?

During our Public Participation roadshows, a number of service delivery related issues were raised and they need all our attention as a team.

Honourable Speaker; I am therefore pleased to present to you

- ❖ A budget which provides for the upkeep and improvements of vital service delivery;
- ❖ A budget that promotes job opportunities;
- ❖ A budget which has at its core a system of good governance, accountability and transparency;
- ❖ A budget which addresses affordable service delivery to all our people.

We all know that the economic outlook of our municipality and the country at large remains complex. The after effects of Covid-19 pandemic are still with us. This is continuing to affect all areas, and our municipality is not spared from that.

Mr Speaker,

Thabazimbi Local Municipality was a recipient of MIG, INEP and WSIG funding during the 2021/22 financial year and has successfully implemented the following projects:

- Regorogile Ext 5 Paving of internal streets Phase 3
- Upgrading of Stormwater management system at Regorogile.
- Upgrading of Northam Cemetery.

- Upgrading of Rooiberg Cemetery.
- Raphuti Installation of Highmast Lights.
- Electrification of Meriting Informal Settlement Phase 1 and 2.

TABLING OF BUDGET 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

The budgeted revenue for the 2022/23 financial year is projected to be R465 million and the budgeted expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year is R434 million. We will be receiving operational grants to the amount of R126.4 million for the next financial year.

These operational grants comprise of the Equitable Share; Financial Management Grant (FMG) and the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). Our capital budget consists of three grants namely, the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG); the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) and the Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP). The following projects will be funded through these grants:

<i>Project Name</i>		<i>2022/23 Budget</i>
<i>MIG</i>		
<i>Skierlik Paving of bus route</i>	R	18 000 000.00
<i>Northam Extension 5 Upgrading of internal streets Phase 2</i>	R	13 559 318.00
<i>Northam construction of a transfer station</i>	R	4 135 032.00
<i>PMU Management Fees</i>	R	1 878 650.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	R	37 573 000.00
<i>WSIG</i>		
<i>Regorogile upgrading of water network (Ward 9, 10)</i>	R	8 500 000.00
<i>Construction of VIP toilets in Rooiberg, Skierlik and Meriting Phase 1</i>	R	9 500 000.00
<i>Northam Upgrading of Water Reticulation (Ward 7, 8)</i>	R	8 800 000.00

<i>Upgrading of bulk water pipeline between Thabazimbi Pump station and Thabazimbi Y-piece</i>	R 27 520 000.00
TOTAL	R 54 320 000.00
INEP	
<i>Construction 3km 11kv overhead line Phase 2</i>	R 2 000 000.00
<i>Pre-Engineering of Smashblock 20MVA substation</i>	R 23 000 000.00
TOTAL	R 25 000 000.00

MINE' S SLP PROJECT

MINE	
SIYANDA BAKGATLA PLATINUM	R28 000 000
AMANDELBELT	R159 175 000
NORTHAM ZONDEREINDE (PLATINUM)	R106 500 000
PPC	R3 500 000
LIMBERG MINE	R8 500 000

In conclusion; Mr Speaker;

As public representatives there are, of course, moments when we will disagree, but we should strive at all times to put aside political differences to merely serve the interests of the public who have elected us.

With our country facing high levels of unemployment, continued low economic growth and increasing prices of basic goods and services, it is imperative that as public representatives we are committed to build an economically thriving and safe Thabazimbi.

With this in mind, let us commit ourselves to serve the residents of our Municipality diligently, and continuously seek to place their interests and needs at the forefront of what we wish to achieve in this Municipality.

Lastly, I want to thank the acting Municipal Manager and her team for sharing a vision of excellence for this institution. We all know that we are still in a process of recruiting and to appoint the Municipal Manager in order to ensure good administration. My appreciation also goes to all those councillors, members of staff, and members of the public who continue to give their best to the municipality and the communities we serve.

We trust that with good governance and administration, proper financial management, transparency and accountability; we will improve our audit outcome and move away from where we are currently and for the past three years or so.

I thank you.