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## *Floral Park Village Items*



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### ***ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING APRIL 13, 2016 7:30 PM VILLAGE HALL***

#### ***Message from Mayor Tweedy***

*Dear Resident,*

The Village Board will be presenting the proposed Village Budget on **Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Village Hall Courtroom.

Floral Park is one of five full service villages in Nassau County. As a full service village, we provide essential services that include a Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Building Department, Public Works Department, Village Court and a Recreation facility.

The Village Board recognizes that the Village of Floral Park portion represents approximately 1/3 of your total property tax bill. I want to assure our residents and business owners that this budget represents a conservative and realistic plan for the coming year. Each year in crafting the Village Budget, the Village Board members must balance keeping taxes as low as possible while still providing for the level of services that keeps Floral Park a Great Place To Live.

The proposed Village budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 strikes the right balance. For the coming fiscal year (June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017), the proposed increase in the Village's tax levy is **0.61%**. While providing for a very modest tax increase, this proposed budget also allows the Village to continue to provide all essential services, as well as enabling the Village to plan for the future.

The budget proposes a tax rate of \$12.6800 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation compared to the \$12.6074 rate established in 2015-2016. Based on the budget as presented, a typical homeowner in the Village of Floral Park owning the average home with an assessed value of \$36,500 will pay an additional \$26.50 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year for Village government services. The total annual Village tax for a home assessed at \$36,500 would be \$4,628.20. Within this brochure you will find a page dedicated to the allocation of Village taxes. This will provide you the opportunity to see a breakdown of your taxes as it relates to the areas of service the Village provides its residents.

Despite this minimal increase, the Village will be able to continue with the Village's road improvement program. The State's 2% Tax Cap posed problems for planning for future improvements to the Village. In an effort to simultaneously plan for future improvements while trying to stay within the state's 2% Tax Cap, two years ago the Village embarked upon a road improvement program in which we added to the Village budget approximately one-half of one percent of the total tax levy (approximately

\$130,000) each year over and above what the Village spent in the prior year improving the conditions of our roads. In that way, one quarter of the 2% tax cap amount (or one-half of one percent) would be earmarked to road improvements. That would leave one and one-half percent to address the Village's other needs, while still trying to stay within the 2% tax cap.

This program of planned incremental increases in funding enabled the Village, through a combination of short term financing and the application of state and federal funds, to develop a plan to fund the maintenance and improvement of the Village roads. Because of the program, this year, fiscal year 2015-2016, the Village was able to fund three major roadway improvements. Work on the reconstruction of Raff and Lowell Avenues began in the Fall of 2015 and the reconstruction work will be completed this Spring. Also, a major drainage problem that affected the residents of Cedar and Hickory for decades has finally been addressed through this program. That work began and was finished last Fall.

While a tax increase of less than 1% is the lowest tax increase in memory, it nonetheless exceeds the State's Tax Cap for this year. That is because the amount permissible under the State's 2% Tax Cap Law is not actually 2%, but rather varies from year to year. This year, the State Tax Cap limit is 0.12%, slightly over one-tenth of one percent. This year, despite the constraints of the State's Tax Cap Law, the Village Board has determined to proceed with the road improvement program. Consequently, an additional one-half of one percent has been incorporated into this year's proposed budget. This one-half of one percent will enable the Village to continue its road improvement program and fund future road construction projects. Unfortunately, the budget as proposed, with a tax levy increase of 0.61%, will also require the Village to pierce the State Tax Cap.

Also, you may notice a substantial increase of \$150,000 budgeted for "Law". This amount represents the amount that the Village may possibly need to spend to protect the Village's interest in connection with the proposed Video Gambling Facility at Belmont and the newly resurrected "Third Rail" proposal. These funds are being applied to the budget through a transfer from the Village's General Fund surplus. Because these funds are coming from the Village's surplus funds, they are not being raised through the Village's tax levy. Consequently the funds being earmarked for potential legal fees in connection with these issues confronting the Village are not resulting in a tax increase. If we are fortunate enough not to need to spend these funds on legal fees, these funds will simply go back into the Village's General Fund surplus.

Copies of the entire budget document can be obtained at Village Hall. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Village Administrator/Treasurer Gerard Bambrick at 326-6300 or come to our Budget Hearing on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

*Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy*

# Allocation of Village Tax for Home Assessed at \$36,500

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 370.25</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Street Maintenance Street Lighting Parking Snow Removal DPW Administration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>GENERAL</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 740.51</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Government Staff Central Garage Engineering Insurance Contingencies Finances Vital Statistics</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 1,064.49</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">State and Police Retirement Social Security Worker's Compensation Hospital/Medical Insurance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 1,249.62</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Police Fire Safety Inspection Civil Defense</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 462.82</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refuse Disposal Sewer Service Shade Trees Street Cleaning Zoning</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; POOL</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 277.70</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pool, Parks &amp; Playgrounds Youth Programs Programs for the Aging</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 277.69</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Debt Reduction Bond Interest</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TOTAL TAX</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 4,628.20</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LIBRARY</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 185.12</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PER MONTH</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$ 385.68</b></p>	

## COMPARATIVE REPORT

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Appropriations, General Fund	\$ 27,164,859	\$ 27,517,082
Revenues, General Fund (Non-Tax)	3,519,135	3,684,995
Appropriated Fund Balance, General Fund	250,000	293,650
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	23,395,724	23,538,437
Assessed Valuation (after exemptions)	185,571,251	185,633,814
Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$12.6074	\$12.6800

**BUDGET SUMMARY 2016-2017**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>2015 / 2016</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>2016 / 2017</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Board of Trustees	\$21,500.00	0.08%	\$21,500.00	0.08%	\$0.00
Village Justice	\$269,694.00	0.99%	\$268,409.00	0.98%	(\$1,285.00)
Mayor	\$11,500.00	0.04%	\$11,500.00	0.04%	\$0.00
Clerk/Treasurer	\$831,511.00	3.06%	\$889,585.00	3.23%	\$58,074.00
Purchasing	\$63,300.00	0.23%	\$63,300.00	0.23%	\$0.00
Assessment	\$93,160.00	0.34%	\$92,050.00	0.33%	(\$1,110.00)
<b>STAFF</b>					
Law	\$197,100.00	0.73%	\$347,100.00	1.26%	\$150,000.00
Personnel	\$41,500.00	0.15%	\$41,500.00	0.15%	\$0.00
Engineer	\$1,500.00	0.01%	\$1,500.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Elections	\$3,290.00	0.01%	\$6,230.00	0.02%	\$2,940.00
<b>SHARED SERVICES</b>					
Buildings	\$896,704.00	3.30%	\$961,688.00	3.49%	\$64,984.00
Central Garage	\$466,041.00	1.72%	\$428,068.00	1.56%	(\$37,973.00)
Central Mailing	\$20,000.00	0.07%	\$20,000.00	0.07%	\$0.00
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police	\$6,812,211.00	25.08%	\$6,730,689.00	24.46%	(\$81,522.00)
Fire	\$367,000.00	1.35%	\$375,900.00	1.37%	\$8,900.00
Animal Control	\$2,500.00	0.01%	\$2,500.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Safety Inspection	\$353,510.00	1.30%	\$359,135.00	1.31%	\$5,625.00
Civil Defense	\$7,050.00	0.03%	\$7,050.00	0.03%	\$0.00
Health	\$4,900.00	0.02%	\$4,900.00	0.02%	\$0.00
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
DPW Administration	\$246,988.00	0.91%	\$249,679.00	0.91%	\$2,691.00
Street Maintenance	\$1,505,502.00	5.54%	\$1,457,297.00	5.30%	(\$48,205.00)
Snow Removal	\$54,800.00	0.20%	\$44,100.00	0.16%	(\$10,700.00)
Street Lighting	\$166,163.00	0.61%	\$167,663.00	0.61%	\$1,500.00
Off-Street Parking	\$166,419.00	0.61%	\$168,569.00	0.61%	\$2,150.00
<b>PUBLICITY</b>	\$27,000.00	0.10%	\$27,000.00	0.10%	\$0.00
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Programs for the Aging	\$9,640.00	0.04%	\$9,640.00	0.04%	\$0.00
Parks	\$269,761.00	0.99%	\$248,934.00	0.90%	(\$20,827.00)
Playgrounds, Recreation Centers	\$648,134.00	2.39%	\$655,426.00	2.38%	\$7,292.00
Youth Programs and Projects	\$139,894.00	0.51%	\$132,090.00	0.48%	(\$7,804.00)
Historian	\$15,250.00	0.06%	\$15,250.00	0.06%	\$0.00
Celebrations	\$52,500.00	0.19%	\$55,500.00	0.20%	\$3,000.00
<b>HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>					
Zoning & Planning	\$36,250.00	0.13%	\$36,750.00	0.13%	\$500.00
Refuse and Garbage	\$1,893,907.00	6.97%	\$1,917,889.00	6.97%	\$23,982.00
Street Cleaning	\$127,240.00	0.47%	\$126,644.00	0.46%	(\$596.00)
Noise Abatement	\$2,000.00	0.01%	\$2,000.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Storm Sewers	\$52,800.00	0.19%	\$48,900.00	0.18%	(\$3,900.00)
Shade Trees	\$315,717.00	1.16%	\$329,829.00	1.20%	\$14,112.00
Emergency Tenant Protection	\$2,140.00	0.01%	\$2,150.00	0.01%	\$10.00
Co-op Agreements	\$314,900.00	1.16%	\$316,500.00	1.15%	\$1,600.00
<b>VILLAGE GENERAL</b>					
Self-Insurance	\$457,000.00	1.68%	\$457,000.00	1.66%	\$0.00
Special Items	\$913,122.00	3.36%	\$906,596.00	3.29%	(\$6,526.00)
Employee Benefits	\$6,916,613.00	25.46%	\$6,537,501.00	23.76%	(\$379,112.00)
Library Fund	\$1,385,098.00	5.10%	\$1,283,290.00	4.66%	(\$101,808.00)
Pool Fund			\$122,234.00	0.44%	\$122,234.00
Debt Service	\$982,050.00	3.62%	\$1,566,047.00	5.69%	\$583,997.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,164,859.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$27,517,082.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$352,223.00</b>

**Important Village of Floral Park  
Phone Numbers**

<b>Police &amp; Fire Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
Police & Fire Non-Emergency.....	326-6400
Administration.....	326-6300
Assessment.....	326-6305
Building Department.....	326-6319
Court Office.....	326-6325
Fire Department Chief's Office.....	326-6327
Library.....	326-6330
Mayor's Voice Mail (after 4:30 p.m.).....	326-6300
Public Works Department.....	326-6320
Recreation/Shelter House.....	326-6334
Recreation/Pool Bldg.....	326-6336

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**Trustees**

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**Village Justice**

Douglas J. Hayden

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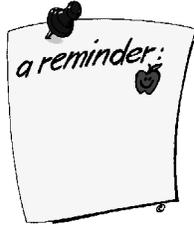
**Village Administrator**

Gerard M. Bambrick

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**Village Clerk**

Susan E. Walsh



**We are currently preparing for the 2016 tax collection process. Residents are reminded to contact us at 326-6305 with any of the following changes:**

- When there is a change in the billing or mailing address of the property owner.
- The property has been recently purchased or sold. As a property owner you cannot rely solely on the mortgagor or your attorney to notify the village.
- The mortgage has been satisfied or refinanced with a different bank or financial institution.

**VILLAGE ITEMS AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL**

As mentioned in our prior *Village Items*, in our continuing efforts to reduce costs, *Village Items* is now available by e-mail. Many of your neighbors are receiving this *Village Items* by e-mail. If you would like to receive future issues by e-mail, please sign up at [comments@fpvillage.org](mailto:comments@fpvillage.org), and let us know by giving us your name, address and e-mail address.