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ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING APRIL 15, 2020 8:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

Dear Resident,

The Village Board will be presenting the proposed Village Budget on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in Village Hall, 2nd floor Court Room. As of the date of this message, we are also exploring various other methods for the public to view and/or participate in the hearing remotely.

The Village of Floral Park is a full-service Village providing many of the services you need every day. These services include, but are not limited to, Police, Fire, Roads, Parks, Library, Garbage and Recycling, Street Lights, Shade Trees, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Buildings, Village Justice Court, Village Hall Services, Pool Complex, Arts & Culture, among others. Most of these services are provided to you with revenues derived from the Village portion of the real estate taxes you pay on your home or building. That being said, the rest of your real estate taxes are used to support other local governments and our great school districts. The reason we point this out is to show you how much you do actually get for your tax dollar. We all strive for the best when it comes to our home or place of business and, when you look at our wonderful and beautiful community, please remember this is your home or your place of business as well.

The Village Board and staff are no different in our approach to the budget process. We treat every dollar as if it was our own and, as you would do, work to ensure the "Best" possible use of it at the most economical value possible. To that end, the proposed tax-levy increase for 2020-2021 is well within the New York State Property Tax Cap. The allowable New York State Tax Cap for a tax levy increase for Floral Park for 2020-2021 is 2.02%. The proposed tax levy increase in this tentative budget is **0.98%**, less than half the allowable increase for Floral Park for the coming year.

In addition, and like last year, the tax rate increase for 2020-2021 is actually lower than the tax levy increases for the coming year because the Village total assessed value of all taxable property within the Village (both commercial and residential) grew during the last year. This increase in the tax base was due, in large part, to increased new construction and building improvements within the Village.

Also, the addition of formerly tax exempt properties to the tax roll, such as the Centennial Hall, which the Village sold last year, helped to increase the taxable properties in the Village, and thereby lower the tax rate increase. Because the total assessed value of all taxable properties increased, the tax rate increase of 0.66% is below the tax levy increase.

The budget proposes a tax rate of \$13.6445 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, compared to the \$13.5557 rate established for 2019-2020. Based on the budget as presented, a typical homeowner in the Village of Floral Park owning the average home with an assessed value of \$38,753 will pay an additional \$35 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for Village government services. This amounts to a \$2.92 per month increase. The total annual Village tax for a home assessed at \$38,753 would be \$5,288.

This year's Budget process has been heavily influenced by the recent Coronavirus outbreak and its effects on the local economy and the economy as a whole. Several weeks ago, we were working with ideas for the budget that would include initiatives and add additional personnel to help support some of these programs. Given the strong economy at the time, it was thought that we could get some of these ideas off the ground. This would have resulted in a proposed tax increase of 1.99%. While an increase in that amount would still have been below the New York State tax cap, our new thought process takes into account the effects of this outbreak and we chose what was only needed now in the hopes of helping to eliminate any unnecessary burden the additional costs may cause to our taxpayers. This does not mean the Village will remain at a standstill. The Village will be going forward with programs to upgrade certain area street lights to LED, continue its road reconstruction projects currently in process and maintain all other Village amenities as we always have. This budget is cognizant of the current and possible future economy. The increase represents normal increases in the services currently provided to our residents. It also represents changes in our programs, operations and personnel that have established real efficiencies over the past year. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our department heads and staff members who work diligently each and every day to bring our residents and businesses the exemplary services they deserve.

I invite you to review the Budget for the coming 2020-2021 fiscal year. Copies of the entire budget document can be obtained by contacting Village Hall at 516-326-6300, or can be viewed on our website at www.fpvillage.org. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Village Administrator/Treasurer, Gerard Bambrick at 326-6300, or take part in the upcoming Budget Hearing on April 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Dominick A. Longobardi, Mayor

Allocation of Village Tax for Home Assessed at \$38,753

TRANSPORTATION

\$338.17

Street Maintenance
Street Lighting
Parking
Snow Removal
DPW Administration

GENERAL

\$775.72

General Government
Staff
Central Garage
Engineering
Insurance
Contingencies
Finances
Vital Statistics

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

\$1,329.60

State and Police Retirement
Social Security
Worker's Compensation
Hospital/Medical Insurance

PUBLIC SAFETY

\$1,494.26

Police
Fire
Safety Inspection
Civil Defense



COMMUNITY SERVICES

\$513.80

Refuse Disposal
Sewer Service
Shade Trees
Street Cleaning
Zoning

CULTURE, RECREATION & POOL

\$274.11

Pool, Parks & Playgrounds
Youth Programs
Programs for the Aging

LIBRARY

\$239.90

DEBT SERVICE

\$322.39

Debt Reduction
Bond Interest

PER MONTH

\$ 440.67

TOTAL TAX

\$ 5,288



We are currently preparing for the 2020 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.
- When 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.
- When the mortgage has been satisfied or refinanced with a different bank or financial institution.

BUDGET SUMMARY 2020-2021

DEPARTMENT	2019/2020	PERCENT	2020-2021	PERCENT	CHANGE
Board of Trustees	\$ 21,500.00	0.07%	\$ 21,300.00	0.07%	(\$200.00)
Village Justice	\$ 283,911.00	0.97%	\$ 269,908.00	0.91%	(\$14,003.00)
Mayor	\$ 11,500.00	0.04%	\$ 11,500.00	0.04%	\$0.00
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 927,781.00	3.18%	\$ 892,354.00	3.00%	(\$35,427.00)
Purchasing	\$ 61,300.00	0.21%	\$ 61,300.00	0.21%	\$0.00
Assessment	\$ 91,400.00	0.31%	\$ 92,538.00	0.31%	\$1,138.00
STAFF					
Law	\$ 217,100.00	0.74%	\$ 227,100.00	0.76%	\$10,000.00
Personnel	\$ 36,500.00	0.12%	\$ 36,500.00	0.12%	\$0.00
Elections	\$ 5,810.00	0.02%	\$ 6,575.00	0.02%	\$765.00
SHARED SERVICES					
Buildings	\$ 781,204.00	2.67%	\$ 797,199.00	2.68%	\$15,995.00
Central Garage	\$ 443,172.00	1.52%	\$ 492,060.00	1.66%	\$48,888.00
Central Mailing	\$ 10,000.00	0.03%	\$ 10,000.00	0.03%	\$0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$ 7,194,508.00	24.64%	\$ 7,595,000.00	25.56%	\$400,492.00
Fire	\$ 407,800.00	1.40%	\$ 409,600.00	1.38%	\$1,800.00
Animal Control	\$ 250.00	0.00%	\$ 250.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Safety Inspection	\$ 373,232.00	1.28%	\$ 375,593.00	1.26%	\$2,361.00
Civil Defense	\$ 7,050.00	0.02%	\$ 7,050.00	0.02%	\$0.00
Health	\$ 5,900.00	0.02%	\$ 9,000.00	0.03%	\$3,100.00
TRANSPORTATION					
DPW Administration	\$ 283,007.00	0.97%	\$ 343,537.00	1.16%	\$60,530.00
Street Maintenance	\$ 1,114,931.00	3.82%	\$ 1,222,679.00	4.11%	\$107,748.00
Snow Removal	\$ 50,200.00	0.17%	\$ 49,200.00	0.17%	(\$1,000.00)
Street Lighting	\$ 173,851.00	0.60%	\$ 174,163.00	0.59%	\$312.00
Off-Street Parking	\$ 103,044.00	0.35%	\$ 110,705.00	0.37%	\$7,661.00
Economic Assistance	\$ 165,000.00	0.56%	\$ 167,000.00	0.56%	\$2,000.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Programs for the Aging	\$ 9,640.00	0.03%	\$ 9,640.00	0.03%	\$0.00
Parks	\$ 261,391.00	0.90%	\$ 316,862.00	1.07%	\$55,471.00
Playgrounds, Recreation Centers	\$ 712,882.00	2.44%	\$ 714,405.00	2.40%	\$1,523.00
Youth Programs and Projects	\$ 133,457.00	0.46%	\$ 138,707.00	0.47%	\$5,250.00
Historian	\$ 15,250.00	0.05%	\$ 15,250.00	0.05%	\$0.00
Celebrations	\$ 58,750.00	0.20%	\$ 62,500.00	0.21%	\$3,750.00
HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Zoning & Planning	\$ 33,250.00	0.11%	\$ 28,585.00	0.10%	(\$4,665.00)
Refuse and Garbage	\$ 1,917,469.00	6.57%	\$ 2,087,848.00	7.03%	\$170,379.00
Street Cleaning	\$ 125,232.00	0.43%	\$ 137,644.00	0.46%	\$12,412.00
Noise Abatement	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Storm Sewers	\$ 35,000.00	0.12%	\$ 35,000.00	0.12%	\$0.00
Shade Trees	\$ 312,314.00	1.07%	\$ 330,595.00	1.11%	\$18,281.00
Emergency Tenant Protection	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Co-op Agreements	\$ 268,250.00	0.92%	\$ 263,500.00	0.89%	(\$4,750.00)
VILLAGE GENERAL					
Self-Insurance	\$ 607,400.00	2.08%	\$ 586,600.00	1.97%	(\$20,800.00)
Special Items	\$ 1,506,898.00	4.08%	\$ 686,982.00	2.31%	(\$819,916.00)
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,290,339.00	24.97%	\$ 7,471,255.00	25.14%	\$180,916.00
Library Fund	\$ 1,307,187.00	4.48%	\$ 1,348,090.00	4.54%	\$40,903.00
Pool Fund	\$ 263,117.00	0.90%	\$ 282,947.00	0.95%	\$19,830.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,887,041.00	6.46%	\$ 1,811,580.00	6.10%	(\$75,461.00)
TOTALS	\$ 29,518,818.00	100.00%	\$ 29,714,101.00	100.00%	\$195,283.00

COMPARATIVE REPORT

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Appropriations, General Fund	\$ 29,518,818	29,714,101
Revenues, General Fund (Non-Tax)	3,620,666	3,912,367
Appropriated Fund Balance, General Fund	81,333	50,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	25,501,921	25,751,734
Assessed Valuation (after exemptions)	188,125,743	188,732,961
Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$13.5557	\$13.6445

**Important Village of Floral Park
Phone Numbers**

Police & Fire Emergency.....	911
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
Public Works Department.....	326-6320
Recreation/Shelter House.....	326-6334
Recreation/Pool Bldg.....	326-6336
Four Village Studio	326-1150

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