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ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING APRIL 14, 2021 8:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

Dear Resident,

The Village Board will be presenting the proposed Village Budget on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 2nd floor Court Room. Additionally, the meeting will be broadcast on Zoom, as set forth below.

Our Village is a full-service Village, which means that we provide many of the essential services you and your family 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. We all strive for the best when it comes to our home or place of business. When you look at our wonderful and beautiful community, please remember that these services not only allow your home or your place of business to function on a daily basis but also that they enrich the investment that we have made in our homes and businesses.

The Village Board and staff are custodians of the taxpayers' trust to spend tax dollars in the most efficient way. As such, in preparing the draft budget 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 the 2021-2022 is within the New York State Property Tax Cap. The allowable New York State Tax Cap for a tax levy increase for Floral Park for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is 2.54%. The proposed tax levy increase in this Tentative Budget is 2.39%.

There is a difference between the "tax levy" and the "tax rate". The New York State "Tax Cap" applies to the "tax levy". The "tax levy" refers to the overall amount of taxes the Village must raise to pay its projected expenses. The "tax rate" refers to the amount you actually pay on your tax bill based on the assessed value of your property.

The tax rate increase for 2021-2022 is actually lower than the tax levy increase for the coming year. This is because the total assessed value of all taxable property within the Village (both commercial and residential) grew during the last year due, in large part, to increased new construction and building improvements within the Village. Because the total assessed value of all taxable properties increased, the tax rate increase of 2.17% is below the tax levy increase.

The Tentative Budget proposes a tax rate of \$13.9391 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, compared to the \$13.6445 rate established for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (a 2.17% increase in the tax rate). Based on the budget as presented, a typical homeowner in the Village of Floral Park owning the average home with an assessed value of \$37,083 will pay an additional \$110 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for Village government services. This amounts to a \$9.17 per month increase. The total annual Village tax for a home assessed at \$37,083 would be \$5,169.

This year's Budget process has been heavily influenced by the Coronavirus outbreak that has affected all of us in many various and significant ways for the past 12 months. It had a direct effect not only on the economy as a whole, but on our local economy. For the past fiscal year so far, the Village has seen a reduction in non-tax related revenues such as parking meter fees, fines, pool memberships, etc. For many years these numbers were steady and easily predictable when establishing the annual budget. Unfortunately, due to the lack of clear visibility as to when the pandemic will end and the economy returns to pre-pandemic levels, as of the date of this message the insight as to what these revenues will look like in the coming year is muddled. Therefore, in order to provide a responsible and functional budget we had to reduce certain revenue lines.

Annual Budget Hearing Broadcast Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87428192867?pwd=V3M1QW01WXZNa241QUQxdWVnZkFYQT09>

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Although these revenue lines had to be decreased, unfortunately certain expense lines had to be increased due to contractual agreements and a significant increase in pension contribution rates set by New York State. Fortunately, the American Rescue Plan, recently enacted on the Federal Level, will provide additional funding to local governments such as Floral Park. Consequently, cuts to expenses (and hence services) were only minor. Although at this time we have not been provided a definitive dollar amount we will receive under the American Rescue Plan, we conservatively estimate it to be approximately \$500,000 for this year and have included a new revenue line in the budget with approximately \$500,000 to offset much of the anticipated revenue losses.

Even with all of the aforementioned, and along with other challenges this past year (e.g., Tropical Storm Isaias, the most winter storms in years, etc.), the Village continued with various capital projects and initiatives such as the reconstruction of Floral Boulevard, and the initiation of changing all street lights to LED, all while providing the essential services that have been a hallmark of Floral Park for decades.

I invite you to review the Budget for the coming 2021-2022 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 14th at 8:00 p.m. Your comments and input are welcomed and valued.

Mayor Kevin M Fitzgerald

Allocation of Village Tax for an Average Home Assessed at \$37,083

TRANSPORTATION

\$ 353.00

Street Maintenance
Street Lighting
Parking
Snow Removal
DPW Administration

GENERAL

\$ 767.00

General Government
Staff
Central Garage
Insurance
Contingencies
Finances
Vital Statistics

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

\$ 1,315.00

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

\$ 1,435.00

Police
Fire
Safety Inspection
Civil Defense



COMMUNITY SERVICES

\$ 484.00

Refuse Disposal
Sewer Service
Shade Trees
Street Cleaning
Zoning

**CULTURE,
RECREATION &
POOL**

\$ 305.00

Pool, Parks & Playgrounds
Youth Programs
Programs for the Aging

LIBRARY

\$ 230.00

DEBT SERVICE

\$ 280.00

Debt Reduction
Bond Interest

PER MONTH

\$ 430.75

TOTAL TAX

\$ 5,169.00

BUDGET SUMMARY 2021-2022

DEPARTMENT	2020-2021	PERCENT	2021-2022	PERCENT	CHANGE
Board of Trustees	\$ 21,300.00	0.07%	\$ 21,300.00	0.07%	\$0.00
Village Justice	\$ 269,908.00	0.91%	\$ 249,961.00	0.82%	(\$19,947.00)
Mayor	\$ 11,500.00	0.04%	\$ 11,500.00	0.04%	\$0.00
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 892,354.00	3.00%	\$ 924,702.00	3.03%	\$32,348.00
Purchasing	\$ 61,300.00	0.21%	\$ 62,000.00	0.20%	\$700.00
Assessment	\$ 92,538.00	0.31%	\$ 112,400.00	0.37%	\$19,862.00
STAFF					
Law	\$ 227,100.00	0.76%	\$ 219,600.00	0.72%	(\$7,500.00)
Personnel	\$ 36,500.00	0.12%	\$ 36,500.00	0.12%	\$0.00
Elections	\$ 6,575.00	0.02%	\$ 9,425.00	0.03%	\$2,850.00
SHARED SERVICES					
Buildings	\$ 797,199.00	2.68%	\$ 881,625.00	2.89%	\$84,426.00
Central Garage	\$ 492,060.00	1.66%	\$ 376,305.00	1.23%	(\$115,755.00)
Central Mailing	\$ 10,000.00	0.03%	\$ 10,000.00	0.03%	\$0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$ 7,595,000.00	25.56%	\$ 7,638,502.00	25.02%	\$43,502.00
Fire	\$ 409,600.00	1.38%	\$ 431,100.00	1.41%	\$21,500.00
Animal Control	\$ 250.00	0.00%	\$ 250.00	0.00%	\$0.00
Safety Inspection	\$ 375,593.00	1.26%	\$ 391,414.00	1.28%	\$15,821.00
Civil Defense	\$ 7,050.00	0.02%	\$ 7,050.00	0.02%	\$0.00
Health	\$ 9,000.00	0.03%	\$ 9,000.00	0.03%	\$0.00
TRANSPORTATION					
DPW Administration	\$ 343,537.00	1.16%	\$ 344,523.00	1.13%	\$986.00
Street Maintenance	\$ 1,222,679.00	4.11%	\$ 1,238,213.00	4.06%	\$15,534.00
Snow Removal	\$ 49,200.00	0.17%	\$ 39,200.00	0.13%	(\$10,000.00)
Street Lighting	\$ 174,163.00	0.59%	\$ 190,963.00	0.63%	\$16,800.00
Off-Street Parking	\$ 110,705.00	0.37%	\$ 102,762.00	0.34%	(\$7,943.00)
Economic Assistance	\$ 167,000.00	0.56%	\$ 167,000.00	0.55%	\$0.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Programs for the Aging	\$ 9,640.00	0.03%	\$ 9,640.00	0.03%	\$0.00
Parks	\$ 316,862.00	1.07%	\$ 285,163.00	0.93%	(\$31,699.00)
Playgrounds, Recreation Centers	\$ 714,405.00	2.40%	\$ 757,889.00	2.48%	\$43,484.00
Youth Programs and Projects	\$ 138,707.00	0.47%	\$ 137,712.00	0.45%	(\$995.00)
Historian	\$ 15,250.00	0.05%	\$ 15,250.00	0.05%	\$0.00
Celebrations	\$ 62,500.00	0.21%	\$ 63,500.00	0.21%	\$1,000.00
HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Zoning & Planning	\$ 28,585.00	0.10%	\$ 28,585.00	0.09%	\$0.00
Refuse and Garbage	\$ 2,087,848.00	7.03%	\$ 2,063,466.00	6.76%	(\$24,382.00)
Street Cleaning	\$ 137,644.00	0.46%	\$ 140,892.00	0.46%	\$3,248.00
Noise Abatement	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Storm Sewers	\$ 35,000.00	0.12%	\$ 34,000.00	0.11%	(\$1,000.00)
Shade Trees	\$ 330,595.00	1.11%	\$ 324,178.00	1.06%	(\$6,417.00)
Emergency Tenant Protection	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$ 2,000.00	0.01%	\$0.00
Co-op Agreements	\$ 263,500.00	0.89%	\$ 264,000.00	0.86%	\$500.00
VILLAGE GENERAL					
Self-Insurance	\$ 586,600.00	1.97%	\$ 464,100.00	1.52%	(\$122,500.00)
Special Items	\$ 686,982.00	2.31%	\$ 1,151,137.00	3.77%	\$464,155.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,471,255.00	25.14%	\$ 7,768,423.00	25.45%	\$297,168.00
Library Fund	\$ 1,348,090.00	4.54%	\$ 1,359,659.00	4.45%	\$11,569.00
Pool Fund	\$ 282,947.00	0.95%	\$ 530,924.00	1.74%	\$247,977.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,811,580.00	6.10%	\$ 1,651,710.00	5.41%	(\$159,870.00)
TOTALS	\$ 29,714,101.00	100.00%	\$ 30,529,523.00	100.00%	\$815,422.00

COMPARATIVE REPORT

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Appropriations, General Fund	\$29,714,101	\$30,529,523
Revenues, General Fund (Non-Tax)	3,912,367	4,163,023
Appropriated Fund Balance, General Fund	50,000	0
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	25,751,734	26,366,500
Assessed Valuation (after exemptions)	188,732,961	189,154,571
Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$13.6445	\$13.9391

**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 Studio326-1150

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Gerard M. Bambrick

Village Clerk

Susan E. Walsh

**We are currently preparing for the 2021 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.

Reminder!