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ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING APRIL 13, 2022 8:00 PM VILLAGE HALL

Dear Resident,

The Village Board will be presenting the proposed Village Budget on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. in Village Hall, 2nd floor Court Room.

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. We recognize that for many homeowners the Village of Floral Park's portion represents approximately 1/3 of your total property tax bill. We are committed and continue to seek to provide Village services in the most economical manner possible. Within this newsletter, 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 they relate to the areas of service the Village provides its residents.

Most of these services are provided to you with revenues derived from 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 custodians of the taxpayers' trust to spend tax dollars in the most efficient way. In preparing the draft budget we treat every dollar as if it was our own. As you would do, we work to ensure the "Best" possible use of it at the most economical value possible.

To that end, the proposed tax-levy increase for 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 fiscal year is **2.55%**. The proposed tax levy increase in this Tentative Budget is **2.53%**. 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 2022-2023 is actually lower than the tax levy increase for the coming year 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 2.26% is below the tax levy increase.

The budget proposes a tax rate of \$14.2542 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, compared to the \$13.9391 tax rate established for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Based on the budget as presented, a typical homeowner in the Village of Floral Park owning the average home with an assessed value of \$37,145 will pay an additional \$117.05 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year for Village government services. The total annual Village tax for a home assessed at \$37,145 would be \$5,294.72.

Many of the costs associated with providing the Village services continue to rise. One cost in particular that continues to rise is health care costs for our employees who provide these services. Health care costs have risen dramatically over the last several years. After a few years of increases, health insurance costs levelled off for a year or two. However, health insurance costs appear to be rising again and the predictions for next fiscal year is that these costs will rise over 9%. Also, other insurance costs, such as property insurance, general liability, cyber security and workers compensation insurance are projected to increase by approximately 10%. Additionally, New York State increased the amount for Medicare reimbursement for which the Village is responsible by over 20%.

Annual Budget Hearing Broadcast Via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Mayor's Message Continued:

Despite these financial challenges, the Village will continue to make investments to maintain and improve our village services. We will continue with our road program with the reconstruction of Marshall Avenue, Clayton Avenue, Spooner Street, the Spooner Parking Lot and Hinsdale Avenue between Jericho Turnpike and Lowell Avenue. We also plan to increase the number of overlay projects to improve the surface on other roads. The Village Board also recently approved the retainer of an architect to plan the renovation of the "multipurpose court" (roller hockey rink) at the Recreation Center. Further, the Village is working with our Fire Department to replace one of our older pieces of equipment, the Spartan/Saulsbury Pumper truck. All of these projects are necessary to maintain the level of services our residents enjoy.

I invite you to review the Budget for the coming 2022-2023 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 13th at 8:00 p.m., either in person at Village Hall or by zoom (see front page). Your comments and input are welcomed and valued.

Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald.

Allocation of Village Tax for an Average Home Assessed at \$37,149

TRANSPORTATION

\$ 353

Street Maintenance
Street Lighting
Parking
Snow Removal
DPW Administration

GENERAL

\$ 796

General Government
Staff
Central Garage
Insurance
Contingencies
Finances
Vital Statistics

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

\$ 1,352

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

\$ 1,462

Police
Fire
Safety Inspection
Civil Defense



COMMUNITY SERVICES

\$ 521

Refuse Disposal
Sewer Service
Shade Trees
Street Cleaning
Zoning

**CULTURE,
RECREATION &
POOL**

\$ 288

Pool, Parks & Playgrounds
Youth Programs
Programs for the Aging

LIBRARY

\$ 242

DEBT SERVICE

\$ 280

Debt Reduction
Bond Interest

PER MONTH

\$ 441.16

TOTAL TAX

\$ 5,294

Inc. Village of Floral Park Budget Summary 2022-2023					
Department	2021-2022	Percent	2022-2023	Percent	Change
Board of Trustees	\$ 21,300	0.07%	\$ 21,300	0.07%	\$ -
Village Justice	\$ 249,961	0.82%	\$ 253,853	0.81%	\$ 3,892
Mayor	\$ 11,500	0.04%	\$ 12,500	0.04%	\$ 1,000
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 924,702	3.03%	\$ 977,154	3.13%	\$ 52,452
Purchasing	\$ 62,000	0.20%	\$ 62,000	0.20%	\$ -
Assessment	\$ 112,400	0.37%	\$ 122,400	0.39%	\$ 10,000
Staff					
Law	\$ 219,600	0.72%	\$ 216,600	0.69%	\$ (3,000)
Personnel	\$ 36,500	0.12%	\$ 28,000	0.09%	\$ (8,500)
Elections	\$ 9,425	0.03%	\$ 8,255	0.03%	\$ (1,170)
Shared Services					
Buildings	\$ 881,625	2.89%	\$ 881,231	2.82%	\$ (394)
Central Garage	\$ 376,305	1.23%	\$ 420,877	1.35%	\$ 44,572
Central Mailing	\$ 10,000	0.03%	\$ 10,000	0.03%	\$ -
Public Safety					
Police	\$ 7,638,502	25.02%	\$ 7,763,501	24.86%	\$ 124,999
Fire	\$ 431,100	1.41%	\$ 445,700	1.43%	\$ 14,600
Animal Control	\$ 250	0.00%	\$ 250	0.00%	\$ -
Safety Inspection	\$ 391,414	1.28%	\$ 402,469	1.29%	\$ 11,055
Civil Defense	\$ 7,050	0.02%	\$ 7,050	0.02%	\$ -
Health	\$ 9,000	0.03%	\$ 7,500	0.02%	\$ (1,500)
Transportation					
DPW Administration	\$ 344,523	1.13%	\$ 353,142	1.13%	\$ 8,619
Street Maintenance	\$ 1,238,213	4.06%	\$ 1,266,257	4.05%	\$ 28,044
Snow Removal	\$ 39,200	0.13%	\$ 48,200	0.15%	\$ 9,000
Street Lighting	\$ 190,963	0.63%	\$ 134,963	0.43%	\$ (56,000)
Off-Street Parking	\$ 102,762	0.34%	\$ 106,962	0.34%	\$ 4,200
Economic Assistance	\$ 167,000	0.55%	\$ 170,000	0.54%	\$ 3,000
Culture and Recreation					
Programs for Aging	\$ 9,640	0.03%	\$ 9,640	0.03%	\$ -
Parks	\$ 285,163	0.93%	\$ 302,943	0.97%	\$ 17,780
Playgrounds, Recreation Centers	\$ 757,889	2.48%	\$ 805,508	2.58%	\$ 47,619
Youth Programs and Projects	\$ 137,712	0.45%	\$ 140,538	0.45%	\$ 2,826
Historian	\$ 15,250	0.05%	\$ 15,250	0.05%	\$ -
Celebrations	\$ 63,500	0.21%	\$ 63,500	0.20%	\$ -
Home and Community Services					
Zoning & Planning	\$ 28,585	0.09%	\$ 27,425	0.09%	\$ (1,160)
Refuse and Garbage	\$ 2,063,466	6.76%	\$ 2,190,617	7.02%	\$ 127,151
Street Cleaning	\$ 140,892	0.46%	\$ 161,994	0.52%	\$ 21,102
Noise Abatement	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ -
Storm Sewers	\$ 34,000	0.11%	\$ 36,100	0.12%	\$ 2,100
Shade Trees	\$ 324,178	1.06%	\$ 357,033	1.14%	\$ 32,855
Emergency Tenant Protection	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ -
Co-op Agreements	\$ 264,000	0.86%	\$ 296,909	0.95%	\$ 32,909
Village General					
Self-Insurance	\$ 464,100	1.52%	\$ 372,500	1.19%	\$ (91,600)
Special Items	\$ 1,150,637	3.77%	\$ 1,308,990	4.19%	\$ 158,353
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,768,423	25.45%	\$ 7,971,550	25.53%	\$ 203,127
Library Fund	\$ 1,360,159	4.46%	\$ 1,429,224	4.58%	\$ 69,065
Pool Fund	\$ 530,924	1.74%	\$ 361,763	1.16%	\$ (169,161)
Debt Service	\$ 1,651,710	5.41%	\$ 1,651,710	5.29%	\$ -
Totals	\$ 30,529,523	100.00%	\$ 31,227,358	100.00%	\$ 697,835

Comparative Report

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Appropriations, General Fund	\$30,529,523	\$31,227,358
Revenues, General Fund (Non-Tax)	\$4,163,023	\$4,092,174
Appropriated Fund Balance, General Fund	\$0	\$100,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$26,366,500	\$27,034,000
Assessed Valuation (after exemptions)	\$189,154,571	\$189,656,204
Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$13.9391	\$14.2542

**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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Trustees

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Village Justice

Douglas J. Hayden

Village Administrator

Gerard M. Bambrick

Village Clerk

Susan E. Walsh

**We are currently preparing for the 2022 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!