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## *Floral Park Village Items*



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### ***ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING APRIL 12, 2023 8:00 PM VILLAGE HALL***

Dear Resident,

The Village of Floral Park is a full-service Village providing many of the services you need every day. These services include: Police, Fire, Roads, Parks, Library, Garbage and Recycling, Street Lights, Shade Trees, Sidewalks, Parking Lots, Buildings, Village Justice Court, Village Hall Services and Recreation and Pool Complex, among others. 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 your Village taxes. For many homeowners, the Village of Floral Park portion of your taxes represent approximately 1/3 of your total real estate property tax bill. 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 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 constantly tries to balance keeping the taxes as low as possible with the need to maintain the services that contribute to making Floral Park a "Great Place to Live". With this balancing act in mind, this budget accomplishes a lot while dealing with the most significant inflationary increase the United States has experienced in quite some time.

For example, many of the costs associated with providing these services continue to rise. One cost in particular that continues to rise is health care costs for our employees who provide the services. Last year health insurance cost rose over 9% and for the coming year the projected increase is nearly 15% (14.95%, which equals a \$598,850 increase).

Additionally, keeping our residents safe and protected is our highest priority. This year in our budget we increased by one officer, to a total of 35, our complement of sworn police officers currently employed by the Village.

Also, our Fire Department needs functioning, reliable equipment to serve our residents. The Village is replacing a 27-year-old pumper truck to make sure our firematic equipment is ready when needed. This new pumper truck is being partly financed by the Village and partly financed by a New York State grant.

Additionally, we continue to need to maintain our roads. A few years ago, the Village embarked upon a road program to address the many roads in the Village that needed reconstruction and re-paving. Through a combination of current tax dollars, financing, grants and other state aid, we have managed to reconstruct several roads in the Village. Our road program will continue in the coming year with many overlay projects planned.

Whenever possible, the Village tries to spend tax dollars in a way that not only improves and preserves services but also creates savings going forward. A good example of this is the conversion of our street lights to LED. Not only do most people consider that LED streetlights provide a better and brighter (and therefore safer) lighting for our streets, but the new LED street lights also resulted in lower costs to the Village for electric and maintenance.

With a similar objective, the Village entered into an Energy Performance Contract with Johnson Controls. The Village maintains several buildings and facilities, including the Recreation Center, Pool Building, Library, Atlantic Avenue and Reliance Firehouses, Public Works Building and Garage, and Village Hall - which houses administrative offices, our Police Station, Court and Fire Department Headquarters. These facilities enable the Village to provide essential services to our residents. Over time, these buildings and facilities need maintenance and repairs so that they can continue to function as intended. The Village contracted with Johnson Controls to determine how to achieve necessary repairs and upgrades to our buildings and facilities in a cost and energy efficient manner. Some examples are HVAC repairs and upgrades at the Library and Firefighters Hall, partial roof replacement at the Library, upgrading the Recreation Center's field lights to energy efficient LED lights and the installation of cost saving solar panels on the Public Works Building roof.

Although, these necessary repairs and improvements by Johnson Controls are reflected as an increase in cost of \$242,106 in next year's budget, they are partially offset by \$96,000 in savings throughout various lines of the budget.

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**Mayor's Message Continued:**

In crafting the budget, the Village Board is always cognizant of the New York State Tax Cap. The New York State "Tax Cap" applies to the "tax levy," which refers to the overall amount of taxes the Village must raise to pay its projected expenses. The 2.83% proposed tax levy increase (a \$766,000 increase) exceeds the NYS Tax Cap applicable to Floral Park for fiscal year 2023- 2024, which is 2.12% (which would be a \$573,120 increase).


The "tax rate" refers to the amount you actually pay on your tax bill based on the assessed value of your property. The budget proposes a tax rate of \$14.6712 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, compared to the \$14.2542 tax rate established for 2022-2023 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 \$37,694 will pay an additional \$157 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for Village government services. The total annual Village tax for a home assessed at \$37,694 would be \$5,530.

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 April 12 at 8:00 p.m.

*Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald.*

**Annual Budget Hearing Broadcast Via Zoom:**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86538804469?pwd=V110MmtQWlA3RDlhRFArL0lETnFwUT09>  
Dial by your location +1 646 931 3860 US  
Meeting ID: 865 3880 4469 Passcode: 634196

***Allocation of Village Tax for an Average Home Assessed at \$37,694***

<p><b><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b> <b>\$ 346</b> Street Maintenance Street Lighting Parking Snow Removal DPW Administration</p>	<p><b><u>GENERAL</u></b> <b>\$ 812</b> General Government Staff Central Garage Insurance Contingencies Finances Vital Statistics Energy Performance</p>	<p><b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u></b> <b>\$ 1,454</b> State and Police Retirement Social Security Worker's Compensation Hospital/Medical Insurance</p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b> <b>\$ 1,559</b> Police Fire Safety Inspection Civil Defense</p>		<p><b><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u></b> <b>\$ 518</b> Refuse Disposal Sewer Service Shade Trees Street Cleaning Zoning</p>
<p><b><u>CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; POOL</u></b> <b>\$ 296</b> Pool, Parks &amp; Playgrounds Youth Programs Programs for the Aging</p>	<p><b><u>LIBRARY</u></b> <b>\$ 261</b></p>	<p><b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b> <b>\$ 284</b> Debt Reduction Bond Interest</p>
<p><b><u>PER MONTH</u></b> <b>\$ 460.83</b></p>		<p><b><u>TOTAL TAX</u></b> <b>\$ 5,530</b></p>

Inc. Village of Floral Park Budget Summary 2023-2024					
Department	2022-2023	Percent	2023-2024	Percent	Change
Board of Trustees	\$ 21,300	0.07%	\$ 21,300	0.07%	\$ -
Village Justice	\$ 253,853	0.81%	\$ 265,313	0.81%	\$ 11,460
Mayor	\$ 12,500	0.04%	\$ 12,500	0.04%	\$ -
Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 977,154	3.13%	\$ 988,762	3.03%	\$ 11,608
Purchasing	\$ 62,000	0.20%	\$ 62,000	0.19%	\$ -
Assessment	\$ 122,400	0.39%	\$ 126,200	0.39%	\$ 3,800
<b>Staff</b>					
Law	\$ 216,600	0.69%	\$ 222,000	0.68%	\$ 5,400
Personnel	\$ 28,000	0.09%	\$ 28,000	0.09%	\$ -
Elections	\$ 8,255	0.03%	\$ 9,150	0.03%	\$ 895
<b>Shared Services</b>					
Buildings	\$ 881,231	2.82%	\$ 890,252	2.73%	\$ 9,021
Central Garage	\$ 420,877	1.35%	\$ 429,277	1.32%	\$ 8,400
Central Mailing	\$ 10,000	0.03%	\$ 10,000	0.03%	\$ -
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Police	\$ 7,763,501	24.86%	\$ 8,263,210	25.23%	\$ 499,709
Fire	\$ 445,700	1.43%	\$ 470,200	1.44%	\$ 24,500
Animal Control	\$ 250	0.00%	\$ 250	0.00%	\$ -
Safety Inspection	\$ 402,469	1.29%	\$ 453,618	1.39%	\$ 51,149
Civil Defense	\$ 7,050	0.02%	\$ 7,050	0.02%	\$ -
Health	\$ 7,500	0.02%	\$ 6,250	0.02%	\$ (1,250)
<b>Transportation</b>					
DPW Administration	\$ 353,142	1.13%	\$ 351,813	1.08%	\$ (1,329)
Street Maintenance	\$ 1,266,257	4.05%	\$ 1,263,033	3.87%	\$ (3,224)
Snow Removal	\$ 48,200	0.15%	\$ 48,200	0.15%	\$ -
Street Lighting	\$ 134,963	0.43%	\$ 63,963	0.20%	\$ (71,000)
Off-Street Parking	\$ 106,962	0.34%	\$ 145,389	0.45%	\$ 38,427
Economic Assistance	\$ 170,000	0.54%	\$ 168,000	0.52%	\$ (2,000)
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
Programs for Aging	\$ 9,640	0.03%	\$ 9,640	0.03%	\$ -
Parks	\$ 302,943	0.97%	\$ 336,552	1.03%	\$ 33,609
Playgrounds, Recreation Centers	\$ 805,508	2.58%	\$ 774,028	2.37%	\$ (31,480)
Youth Programs and Projects	\$ 140,538	0.45%	\$ 201,517	0.62%	\$ 60,979
Historian	\$ 15,250	0.05%	\$ 15,250	0.05%	\$ -
Celebrations	\$ 63,500	0.20%	\$ 63,000	0.19%	\$ (500)
<b>Home and Community Services</b>					
Zoning & Planning	\$ 27,425	0.09%	\$ 27,425	0.08%	\$ -
Refuse and Garbage	\$ 2,190,617	7.02%	\$ 2,145,517	6.58%	\$ (45,100)
Street Cleaning	\$ 161,994	0.52%	\$ 174,038	0.53%	\$ 12,044
Noise Abatement	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ -
Storm Sewers	\$ 36,100	0.12%	\$ 29,420	0.09%	\$ (6,680)
Shade Trees	\$ 357,033	1.14%	\$ 364,710	1.12%	\$ 7,677
Emergency Tenant Protection	\$ 2,000	0.01%	\$ 2,980	0.01%	\$ 980
Co-op Agreements	\$ 296,909	0.95%	\$ 310,735	0.95%	\$ 13,826
<b>Village General</b>					
Self-Insurance	\$ 372,500	1.19%	\$ 337,500	1.04%	\$ (35,000)
Special Items	\$ 1,308,990	4.19%	\$ 1,150,787	3.53%	\$ (158,203)
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,971,550	25.53%	\$ 8,579,610	26.31%	\$ 608,060
Library Fund	\$ 1,429,224	4.58%	\$ 1,542,214	4.73%	\$ 112,990
Pool Fund	\$ 361,763	1.16%	\$ 348,019	1.07%	\$ (13,744)
Debt Service	\$ 1,651,710	5.29%	\$ 1,679,241	5.15%	\$ 27,531
Energy Performance Contract	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 242,106	0.74%	\$ 242,106
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 31,227,358</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 32,642,019</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 1,414,661</b>

**Comparative Report**

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Appropriations, General Fund	\$31,227,358	\$32,642,019
Revenues, General Fund (Non-Tax)	\$4,093,358	\$4,622,174
Appropriated Fund Balance, General Fund	\$100,000	\$150,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$27,034,000	\$27,800,000
Assessed Valuation (after exemptions)	\$189,656,204	\$189,486,789
Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$14.2542	\$14.6712

**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
Public Works Department.....	326-6320
Recreation/Shelter House.....	326-6334
Recreation/Pool Bldg.....	326-6336
Four Village Studio .....	326-1150

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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 2023 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 mortgage or your attorney to notify the village.
- When the mortgage has been satisfied or refinanced with a different bank or financial institution.

**Reminder!**