



VILLAGE OF STAMFORD

April 1, 2017

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2017 – 2018 Village Budget and Taxes

You may have noticed that my commentaries have been framed in the time period of the past eight or nine years which is largely because I was elected to the Village Board in March of 2008 and thus this is my frame of experience with the Village Government. Given that reference, I can speak for the Village of Stamford Board of Trustees (VOSBOT) on our perspective on village taxes. You may have noticed that your village taxes have increased by less than the NYS mandated 2% tax levy limit in that same time frame with the exception of the 2008 – 2009 budget year which was slightly over the 2% mark. The VOSBOT has been able to keep village tax increases particularly low because of our attention to cost savings, energy savings, maximizing a few outside sources of income, making strategic moves to streamline village business processes and practices and our dogged pursuit of government grants as well as the generous contributions from the Robinson Broadhurst and O'Connor Foundations. These cost saving measures have enabled us to keep tax increases to a minimum, particularly in

comparison to the dramatic increases in the cost of health insurance and insurance in general, the spikes in cost of fuel and energy, and of course salaries in the light of the ever rising Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

We are also faced with a need to boost village salaries; first: because our staff and crew deserve an increase, second: because our salaries are low compared to those of similar municipalities, and third: because of the phase in of the \$15/hour minimum wage mandated by NYS.

You may have heard about one of our latest joint endeavors, working with the Stamford Rural Fire District to enable them to split from the Village of Stamford's budgetary umbrella and reestablish themselves as the Rural District for the portions of 5 towns; the Towns of Gilboa, Harpersfield, Jefferson, Kortright, and of course Stamford. Please note that this merger will not change the excellent level of service that the fire department has provided historically to the Village of Stamford. However, this does change village

and town budgets. At this point, my guess is that you're waiting for the proverbial "Other Shoe to Drop," and indeed it will!

Concerning the reorganization of the fire department and the elimination of that line from the village budget, there is a reduction of \$49,000. Now for "The Other Shoe," **we will be passing that savings on to the vil-**

lage taxpayers. In fact, we will be keeping the tax levy slightly under the tax cap so that our taxpayers will still qualify for



their NYS Property Tax Freeze Refund Checks. Although we cannot promise that we will be able to stay within the 2% NYS tax levy limit in subsequent years, we are able to do so for the 2017 - 2018 budget year.

Thank you Pamela Hladik, for all of your work crafting the budget, for enabling us to present a transparent and understandable budget and for streamlining our budgeting process.

John J. Bonhotal, VOS Trustee/Deputy Mayor

Do you need to update any contact information?

Please print clearly and send back to:

Name:

Village of Stamford

Number:

Gena Swantak

Address:

84 Main Street

Email:

Stamford, NY 12167





Burn Ban In Effect

**Clean up
time!!!
GOT BRUSH
OR
BRANCHES?**



New York State Burn Ban

The annual New York State Burn Ban is in effect **March 15 through May 15** pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law. Please refrain from any type of burning. This includes fire pits, burning barrels, etc. *(Also take note that Village Code only*

allows for certain types of fire pits, please check with Tomi Tompkins, the Code Enforcement

Officer if you have questions on what is permitted within the Village Limits.) Questions on the burn ban may be

directed to the N.Y.S. D.E.C. at 1-877-457-5680.



Annual Brush Pick Up Service

Brush pick-up will be on Mondays and Thursdays - in the mornings (or as needed in the Spring)
 ~ Branches need to be 8' or less
 ~ Place all bagged debris in paper bags

~ Paper Bags need to be 40 lbs. max weight
 ~ Any debris left after pickup day, will be tagged, if these limits are exceeded.

NO SOD OR ROCKS!

(If the branches are too long or the bags are too heavy, they will not be taken until problem is corrected.)



Lifeguards Needed for the Summer of 2017

Do you have your lifeguard certification and are interested in a summer job? The Village of Stamford is still looking for lifeguards to enhance our summer pool program. If you also have a Water Safety Instructor Certification, EVEN BETTER, you will be able to help run the swimming lesson pro-

grams, in which, we hope to offer two programs this year, one in July (which will be for Camp H.E.R.E.), and one in August for children and adults! Now is the time to get your application in to the Village Clerk. You must be 15 years or older.

Anyone having a WSI certification will receive a pay differential. We have extended our application due date!



*Interested
in
Lifeguarding
this
summer?*

Village Clerk's Corner

Hi Everyone!

As I am settling in, I want to thank everyone for their patience while I learn all the processes. If you have not stopped in - please do so, so we can meet! I have to say that you have all been extremely welcoming and I really appreciate all the well wishes!

~ Gena



Just a few Reminders:

~ Cash Payments - We do not keep large amounts of cash at the Village Hall. All cash payments need to be as close to the exact amount as possible!

~ Please have your account number with you when you come in to make a payment.

~ Writing your account number on your check is very helpful!

~ Blue post cards are Water bills and White post cards are Sewer Bills.



Did you know?

You can make payments online!!
You can pay your Water / Sewer and Taxes online from the convenience of your couch on our Village website:

<http://stamfordny.com/>

Note: There is a small fee for this great convenience!

We also Accept Checks and Credit Cards!

How to Read Your Water/ Sewer Bills

As you know, we have already been sending out the new Postcard Billings. Here is how to read your bill:

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| <p>After 30 days a penalty of 5% of the current balance will be applied. At 60 days the water will be shut off!</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>SERVICE LOCATION</p> | | | | | <p>PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTSTUB WITH PAYMENT</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The left half of the bill is for you to keep for your records, the right side can be sent back with your payment. Recording your account number on your check, is also a great practice!

VILLAGE OF STAMFORD

The Village of Stamford is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Complaints of discrimination may be filed with:
USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. Washington, DC 20250 or call 800-795-3272 or TDD 202-720-6382

“Queen of the Catskills”



Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday
9:00AM - 4:30PM
Closed Holidays, Open Thru Lunchtime
(Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!)
[Street Parking with Handicap Access at the rear of the Building]

Village Crew Hours:

[All water emergency calls should be directed to Joe Hornbeck at (607) 221-7411]

June - August
Monday - Friday
6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May
Monday - Friday
7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your [Water](#), [Sewer](#), and [Tax](#) payments on our Website at www.stamfordny.com!

East Side West Side All Around the Town (Village)

Funding for the upcoming water system construction projects is an intricate process. In particular, a stipulation for one of the grants comes with a timeline. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$500,000 must be spent by the end of this construction season and, more important, will not be paid until the project is complete or we will lose that particular funding stream. Recognizing the entire project could be completed within this construction season, but unlikely to be completed by the end of August, we chose to break the project into East and West sides of the village. The East side projects will be the priority for summer 2017 since our engineers speculate that completion is achievable by the end of August.

The Revised Timeline for Summer Construction

County Route 18, South Delaware Street Culvert - South Delaware Street, County Route 18 just past the Robinson Terrace Senior Living / Assisted Living Facility is scheduled to begin on June 15th. The construction will be done by the Delaware County Highway Department in cooperation with the Village of Stamford and the Town of Stamford. Construction will cause South Delaware Street to be closed at the intersection of Buntline Drive for the duration of the project. If all goes well, the project should be completed in roughly 4 to 6 weeks.

Kirkner Hill Water Tank - As previously noted, we will be replacing the water tank atop Kirkner Hill summer 2017.



East Side Water Distribution System – Water main replacement on Churchill Avenue from Main Street to the Post Office, a portion of Kirkner Hill Road, Grant Place from Rt. 23 to the WWTP on Railroad Ave and South Delaware Street from Village View Drive to Buntline Drive is scheduled to be replaced summer 2017.

SCADA System - The controls at the Kelly Well House to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) control system located at our Water Filtration Plant will be connected with a fiber-optic cable.

John J. Bonhotal, VOS Trustee/Deputy Mayor