

Incorporated Village of Lloyd Harbor Suffolk County, New York



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To: Village Residents

From: Mayor Jean Thatcher
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE – BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Trustees will conduct a budget hearing on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 32 Middle Hollow Road. A final budget must be adopted by May 1, 2018. We welcome the attendance and input of all residents.

Our Budget is always the subject of extensive review by Trustees, Department Heads and the Village Accountants. After much scrutiny, detailed analysis and resulting budget reductions, the Board of Trustees is very pleased to propose a budget with appropriations in the amount of \$8,248,760. We have been able to effect an operating budget that is under the NYS Tax Cap. Highlights are as follows:

Tax Levy: The increase in the Village tax levy reflecting the operating budget will be 1.99%. The Village has realized a decrease in assessed value of 0.57% (.0057) due to reduced building activity and successful grievances. As in past years, a portion of the Village's surplus will be utilized to balance the budget.

Tax Rate: The tax rate for the 2018-19 fiscal year will increase from \$44.15 to \$45.29 (\$1.14 increase) per 100 of assessed value.

Debt Service: In 2015 and 2016 the Village took advantage of historically low interest rates and issued bonds with effective rates of 1.89% and 2.2% respectively for equipment, and infrastructure repair/replacement. Payments for principal & interest on bonds for paving and construction projects amount to \$399,530.

Employee Benefits: This expense represents 28.6% of the 2018-19 general fund budget, a decrease of 4.1% from the prior fiscal year. Retirees are included in this number. The Village's payment for Hospital & Medical Insurance will decrease 0.53% due to changes in employee health insurance contributions. The Village budget for the NYS Employees Retirement System payment has increased 6.45% or \$10,000, while the Police Retirement System payment is expected to decrease 4.49% or \$28,000.

Highway Department - Road Maintenance: The bonds issued have allowed the Village to continue to upgrade our aging fleet, reduce equipment maintenance, and continue our rolling program of road paving, to keep our roads in excellent condition. Scheduled for repair and repaving this year are the storm damaged roads and walking path along the causeway. The garage, maintenance and storage areas at Village Hall have been repaired and re-roofed. Village Hall parking area paving and drainage improvements are scheduled.

Police Department: Lloyd Harbor continues to enjoy a well-deserved reputation as one of the safest communities in New York State. In addition to retirement of senior personnel in 2016/2017, two (2) more senior officers have retired this year. The three (3) new hires made this year are subject to the recently negotiated PBA contract. This contract includes participation in medical insurance at 15%, four (4) additional yearly steps (for a total of eleven) to get to full officer pay, and termination payments spread over three (3) years. This contract is highly favorable to the Village, and has started to result in significant cost control. The Village shares in Suffolk County's Public Safety Revenue, which is a percentage of the County sales tax, and an extremely beneficial source of revenue. These funds are designated solely for police and public safety use. Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and County Legislator Dr. William Spencer have informed the Village that these funds will now be in the amount of \$242,585.

Village Park: We continue our beach re-nourishment program with addition of sand to replace damage from winter storms. Dredging of the dock area and replacement of pilings are also on the schedule. Dredging of the "sand-spit" coming from the southward drift of sand and elongated West Neck Beach is also being evaluated. Funds have been appropriated for the routine maintenance of the road and parking areas within the Park, repair of tennis courts, repair/replacement of picnic tables, barbeques, and maintenance of Park/playground equipment as needed. Our camp sign-up in early March was very robust thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Recreation Commission, in the amount of \$172,980 to date. Additional revenue is expected.

Deer Management: The Trustees take this matter of public health, safety and environmental degradation very seriously. Funds have been allocated for a substantial ongoing, pro-active Deer Management Program for 2018/2019. Successful negotiations with NYS Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and The Diocese of Rockville Centre have resulted in both financial participation and critical access to the key large tracts of land in the Village. As in the past years, all meat is processed and sent by the processor to LI food pantries, among them Long Island Cares/The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Building Department: Building files transfer to the Village Hall from our late Building Inspector Carl Salminen's office has finally been completed. The Village is in the process of reviewing all files to close out open permits, outstanding Certificates of Occupancy, etc. Residents with open permits are being contacted regarding closure of these permits. An amnesty program is in process.

Enclosed is a summary of the proposed 2018-2019 budget and this year's NYS Local Government Fiscal Monitoring System report on Lloyd Harbor's fiscal stress level. The Village has again achieved an excellent ranking which for the year 2017 is 14.6%. This slight increase over previous years is due to multiple retirements of senior Police and Administrative personnel.

The Board of Trustees extends sincere thanks to all Village officials who volunteer hours of their time and talents to help run our Village, its seven (7) Boards & Commissions and additional adjunct committees, at no salary or benefits. Our great appreciation, as well, goes to our Village employees who do such a fine job of protecting and maintaining our beautiful community.

**Village of Lloyd Harbor
2018 - 2019 Budget Summary**

	Budget As-Adopted 2017 - 2018	Proposed Budget 2018 - 2019
Appropriations	\$ 8,093,840	\$ 8,248,760
Less: Estimated Revenues Other Than Real Estate Taxes	1,301,170	1,371,510
Appropriated Cash Surplus	375,000	375,000
Operating Transfer	50,000	-
Appropriated for Debt Service	-	7,547
Balance of Appropriations to be Raised by Real Property Tax	\$ 6,367,670	\$ 6,494,703

Estimated Revenues Other Than Real Estate Taxes

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 42,760	\$ 43,000
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	24,000	24,000
Utilities Taxes	60,000	60,000
Franchises	75,000	75,000
Park Fees	265,000	280,000
Safety Inspection Fees	225,000	235,000
Planning and Zoning Fees	11,000	10,000
Licenses and Permits	105,850	106,000
Court Fines	18,200	20,000
Miscellaneous	7,675	8,210
Interest Earnings	3,000	3,000
State, Federal and County Aid	463,685	507,300
	\$ 1,301,170	\$ 1,371,510

Departmental Expenses

Board of Trustees	\$ 114,300	\$ 115,000
Auditor	3,000	3,000
Assessment	1,675	1,850
Law	115,000	150,000
Engineer	75,000	50,000
Village Hall	57,695	44,350
Contingent Account	115,000	85,000
Traffic Control	10,375	20,375
Snow Removal	68,300	69,300
Safety Inspection	125,000	150,000
Village Justice	36,280	36,845
	721,625	725,720
Clerk-Treasurer:		
Personal Services	242,345	243,595
Equipment	-	800
Contractual	81,700	85,800
	324,045	330,195

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Police Department:		
Personal Services	2,333,282	2,316,275
Equipment	31,850	74,665
Contractual	215,830	250,760
	<u>2,580,962</u>	<u>2,641,700</u>
Marine Police:		
Personal Services	22,500	20,000
Equipment		26,000
Contractual	14,895	18,400
	<u>37,395</u>	<u>64,400</u>
Street Maintenance:		
Personal Services	368,340	375,638
Equipment	14,140	16,137
Contractual	216,600	251,300
	<u>599,080</u>	<u>643,075</u>
Refuse:		
Personal Services	356,890	364,638
Equipment	31,980	31,982
Contractual	272,500	278,300
	<u>661,370</u>	<u>674,920</u>
Recreation and Park:		
Personal Services	178,560	179,760
Equipment	6,600	5,100
Contractual	98,720	116,120
	<u>283,880</u>	<u>300,980</u>
Other:		
Zoning	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	80,580	92,150
Debt Service	396,525	399,530
MTA Payroll Tax	12,111	12,110
	<u>491,216</u>	<u>505,790</u>
Employee Benefits:		
State Retirement	155,000	165,000
Police Retirement	623,000	595,000
Social Security	272,497	272,375
Workers' Compensation	218,000	215,000
Life Insurance	2,600	2,600
Unemployment	2,520	2,000
Disability	600	600
Hospital and Medical	1,070,050	1,064,405
Other	50,000	45,000
	<u>2,394,267</u>	<u>2,361,980</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 8,093,840</u>	<u>\$ 8,248,760</u>