



Incorporated Village of **LLOYD HARBOR**

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

July 2021

To: Village Residents

From: Jean M. Thatcher, Mayor



MAYOR
JEAN M. THATCHER

I write to update you on the June 1, 2021- May 31, 2022 Budget, and additional items of interest.

BUDGET

After extensive scrutiny and detailed review by Trustees, Department Heads and Village Accountants, we presented a budget in the amount of \$8,860,827. Highlights are as follows:

Tax Levy: The increase in the Village tax levy, reflected in the operating budget, is 1.14%. The Village has realized a decrease in assessed value of 0.44% (0.0044) as a result of tax grievances. As in past years a portion of the Village's surplus will be utilized to balance the budget.

Tax Rate: For the 2021/2022 fiscal year the tax rate will increase 1.59% from \$46.48 to \$47.21.

Employee Benefits: This expense represents 25% of the 2021/22 general fund budget, a decrease of 1.7% from the prior fiscal year. Retirees are included in this number. The Village's payment for Hospital & Medical Insurance will decrease 10.8% due to retirements and retirees becoming eligible for Medicare coverage. The Village budget for the NYS Employees Retirement System payment has increased 9.4% (\$15,000), and the Police Retirement System payment will increase 13% (\$60,000.)

A summary of the 2021/22 Budget is appended.

VILLAGE PARK

PLEASE NOTE! Parking permit stickers are required on all cars entering the Park. As a matter of routine the LHPD will run the plates on any unstickered cars. If the car is registered in the Village the resident will be asked to purchase a sticker. Tickets will be issued to any vehicles not registered to a resident of the Village. Parking permit stickers can now be purchased daily at the Park Gate, or at the Village Hall.



Residents should know that, subsequent to the pandemic, traffic in the Village has increased dramatically. Vehicle entrants to Caumsett State Park alone have gone from roughly 500,000 annually to almost 1,000,000. The Village is home to a Huntington Town beach, Federal Wildlife Preserve, several clubs, historic sites, the CSH Laboratory's Banbury Center and the Seminary. For collective security it is important that we be able to identify the non-resident vehicles that may be in our Village. In addition to Village Park sticker protocol, plate readers have been installed on entrance roads to the Village.

LEGAL MATTERS

1) Town of Huntington – Suit pertaining to Town attempt to control Village waterways

I am very pleased to report that the Villages of Lloyd Harbor and Huntington Bay have prevailed in their lawsuit against the Town of Huntington's ill- advised attempt to pass legislation pre-empting long-established Village sovereignty over waters within 1,500 feet of Village shorelines.

Astoundingly, this legislation had full support of Councilmen Ed Smyth, Gene Cook, and Supervisor Chad Lupinacci. None of them bothered to familiarize themselves with NYS Navigational Law and several NYS Attorneys General opinions supporting the Villages' position. Furthermore, they failed to recognize the fact that Lloyd Harbor Village's incorporated limits actually extend 1,500 feet offshore.



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LEGAL MATTERS CONT'D

Despite the Villages' best efforts the Town remained intractable in its claim that the Town owned the underwater land, and was therefore entitled to govern moorings in Village waterways. The new law was to be effective December 31, 2020. In early December 2020, the Villages brought suit against the Town to protect Village interests and jurisdiction. **The Judge immediately issued a temporary restraining order on the Town of Huntington, preventing the Town from issuing mooring permits. An underwater title search was subsequently authorized by the Lloyd Harbor Board of Trustees. The title search revealed that the Village owns all 210 acres of bottomlands under our mooring fields.**

A stipulation of settlement fully favorable to the Villages was signed on June 16, 2021, and the action discontinued. As a result the following will occur:

- * Town Code will be amended to acknowledge Village's jurisdiction to place moorings in waters within Village jurisdiction;*
- * Town Code will be amended to exempt from its mooring regulations tax lots that constitute underwater lands within Lloyd Harbor (roughly 210 acres.);*
- * Town will NOT issue mooring permits for applications seeking to place moorings in Lloyd Harbor waters;*
- * Town's mooring applications will contain language regarding jurisdiction of various Villages within the Town, and include map showing where Town moorings can and cannot be placed.*

2) 31 FO, LLC. – Commercial use of residential property

Background: In the fall of 2019, the purchasers of 31 Fort Hill Drive (31 FO, LLC.) unilaterally decided to hold a large commercial event advertised on social media, and designed to attract hundreds of people and their vehicles to this residential area.

As a result of Village resistance to the planned event the owners of 31 FO, LLC. commenced a lawsuit against the Village, asserting their right to use the property for commercial event purposes. **I am pleased to report that, as a result of vigorous and protracted defense by the Village, this lawsuit has been dismissed in its entirety.**

The Board of Trustees joins me in wishing all Residents an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

CC: Board of Trustees

Bill Burdo; Leland Deane; Jennifer Hubbell; George Patsis; Hilary Rolih; Matt Strunk



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**Village of Lloyd Harbor
2021 - 2022 Budget Summary**

	Budget As Adopted 2020 - 2021	Proposed Budget 2021 - 2022
Appropriations	\$ 8,528,081	\$ 8,860,827
Less: Estimated Revenues Other Than Real Estate Taxes	1,558,510	1,602,100
Appropriated Cash Surplus	375,000	375,000
Operating Transfer	-	203,763
Appropriated for Debt Service	-	10,140
Balance of Appropriations to be Raised by Real Property Tax	<u>\$ 6,594,571</u>	<u>\$ 6,669,824</u>

Estimated Revenues Other Than Real Estate Taxes

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	24,000	24,000
Utilities Taxes	65,000	65,000
Franchises	75,000	75,000
Park Fees	305,000	310,000
Safety Inspection Fees	350,000	350,000
Planning and Zoning Fees	10,000	11,500
Licenses and Permits	106,000	106,100
Court Fines	40,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	9,210	9,200
Interest Earnings	2,000	2,000
State, Federal and County Aid	528,300	555,300
	<u>\$ 1,558,510</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,100</u>

Departmental Expenses

Board of Trustees	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Assessment	1,900	2,000
Professional Services - Auditor, Law, Engineer	275,000	275,000
Village Hall	41,400	44,850
Contingent Account	100,000	100,000
Traffic Control	15,375	15,400
Snow Removal	71,800	39,600
Safety Inspection	190,000	190,000
Village Justice	37,980	39,610
	<u>773,455</u>	<u>746,460</u>
Clerk-Treasurer:		
Personnel Services	307,480	317,310
Contractual	87,000	90,200
	<u>394,480</u>	<u>407,510</u>

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Police Department:		
Personnel Services	2,266,945	2,414,837
Equipment	123,966	159,971
Contractual	275,638	299,064
	<u>2,666,549</u>	<u>2,873,872</u>
Harbor Control:		
Personnel Services	35,000	38,000
Contractual	19,200	19,300
	<u>54,200</u>	<u>57,300</u>
Street Maintenance:		
Personnel Services	408,654	434,111
Equipment	31,750	73,000
Contractual	372,200	421,250
	<u>812,604</u>	<u>928,361</u>
Refuse:		
Personnel Services	397,654	390,911
Equipment	36,720	36,720
Contractual	297,700	309,800
	<u>732,074</u>	<u>737,431</u>
Recreation and Park:		
Personnel Services	182,456	182,456
Equipment	5,100	5,100
Contractual	149,650	137,900
	<u>337,206</u>	<u>325,456</u>
Other:		
Zoning, PRB, Planning, Miscellaneous	13,930	13,430
General Insurance	55,000	55,000
Judgements & Claims	50,000	50,000
Debt Service	374,140	439,581
MTA Payroll Tax	12,443	12,950
	<u>505,513</u>	<u>570,961</u>
Employee Benefits:		
State Retirement	160,000	175,000
Police Retirement	460,000	520,000
Social Security	279,980	291,368
Workers' Compensation	150,000	150,000
Life Insurance	3,300	3,300
Unemployment	2,000	2,000
Disability	770	700
Hospital and Medical	1,195,950	1,071,108
	<u>2,252,000</u>	<u>2,213,476</u>
Total Appropriations	<u><u>\$ 8,528,081</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,860,827</u></u>



Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill Sanctuary.

SUMMER 2021