



Village of Lloyd Harbor

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

To: Village Residents

April 4, 2017

From: Jean M. Thatcher, Mayor
Board of Trustees

Enclosed is a detailed letter outlining the 2017-18 budget. The budget hearing is on Monday, April 17 at 7:30 PM. The Mayor and Trustees (Deputy Mayor Burdo; Deane; Hubbell; Patsis; Rolih & Strunk) invite all residents to attend.

The following provides detail on matters of interest, in addition to items contained in the budget letter.

POLICE

An official inquiry exists as to time-keeping and various procedural items pertaining to the LHPD, and we are therefore unable to extensively comment. However, reprinted here is what was said at the March 2017 Board of Trustees meeting, with the Press in attendance. *For 2016 our former Chief's effective net increase was 3.8%*. The Press was told of their reporting error during this meeting, but failed to issue a retraction.

With the retirement of a senior supervisory officer in 2012 and decision not to immediately replace him, the Chief, in the course of a running contract and *in addition to his regular supervisory duties, was requested to perform oversight, supervision, and related administration of the following: Deer Management (4 months annually, 3-4 nights/week); storm operations; events (350,000 visitors annually to Caumsett alone); movie filming including related development of a fee schedule to fully reimburse the Village for officer duty during filming (overtime and all benefits.)*

Had the Chief continued employment rather than retiring, his increases were set to move toward tracking those received by the PBA, as part of our efforts to move away from certain hourly provisions and toward contract re-negotiation on a more standard, salaried basis.

PBA Contract: The contract negotiated in 2015 with the LHPD contains *cost control provisions extremely favorable to the Village*. We expect to see the impact of these measures shortly, as 4 senior officers, averaging 25 years of service each, have retired in 2016. For all Officers hired after June 1, 2015 new provisions include:

**15% contribution to healthcare;*

**additional 4 years to reach full pay in each officer "step", so that each step becomes 11 years rather than 7;*

**incentives pertaining to limitation of sick time;*

**termination payments spread over 3 years.*

Chief Search: We are in the process of a consultancy to review and evaluate the operations of the LHPD in terms of protocol and best practices. We will soon initiate a search for a new Chief, and expect to be in a position to select a highly experienced and qualified individual before the summer.

DEER MANAGEMENT

We continued our vigorous Deer Management efforts during the Fall/Winter of 2016 - 17. These efforts removed over 200 deer, primarily from the public lands in our Village. The result was the donation of over 6,000 pounds of processed venison to the food pantries. *Long Island Cares, the Harry Chapin Food Bank*, reports that this meat is the only source of high- quality protein that they receive during the winter months.

ROADS & REMINDERS

Repaving & Repair:

We have a rolling schedule of road repaving, which allows us both to budget for repaving, and keep our 26 miles of Village- owned travel lanes in excellent condition. Jennings Road and White Hill Road are scheduled to be repaved this spring. We will pave as soon as weather permits and there is no further subsidence resulting from excavation done by Suffolk County Water Authority to replace an ageing water main. Over the past several years we have repaved Lloyd Lane, Middle Hollow Road, Mill Road, School Lane and Southdown Road. Additionally, we maintain a continuous schedule of road repair under a general requirements contract.

Garbage /Recycling Pick-up:

The Highway Department asks all residents to use **standard-sized, covered garbage containers, not to exceed 50 lbs. / 45 gallons.** Enormous trash containers are designed for use by trucks with hydraulic lifts, in uniformly developed communities with pick-up at designated spots. Our Village does not lend itself to this type of equipment, and the Highway Department cannot – and for safety reasons should not – handle these outsized cans. Thank you for your cooperation.

On behalf of all residents, we thank the Highway Department and Superintendent Bob Schwarz once again for the excellent condition of our roads during this past winter. Your dedicated efforts and hard work are very much appreciated!