#  The Incorporated Village of Lattingtown

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*“I’m proud to be paying taxes in the United States.*

*The only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money*.”

 -Arthur Godfrey

Dear Fellow Resident:

The thought above was never so true as it is today, as we all mourn the loss of our SALT deductions!

Here’s what’s happening in our Village:

Taxes

The Trustees and I continue to keep our Village property taxes flat (now the 5th year with no material increase). Our current budget is less than that required under Governor Cuomo’s property tax freeze, which imposes a cap based on the rate of inflation or 2%, whichever is less. As the total property assessment in Lattingtown continues to decrease (from $1,835,673 in 2018 to $1,772,848 in 2019) the Village tax rate per $100 will increase from $41.95 to $43.46. Tax revenue, however, will remain flat at $770,480.

YEAR TAXES ASSESSMENT TAX RATE EXPENSES REVENUES APP SURPLUS

 OTHER THAN TAXES

2015-16 770,026 2,031,197 37.91 1,251,912 333,153 148,733

2016-17 770,003 1,983,011 38.83 1,252,612 347,732 134,877

2017-18 770,171 1,910,622 40.31 1,269,934 271,332 205,931

2018-19 770,064 1,835,673 41.95 1,409,285 417,400 181,821

2019-20 770,480 1,772,848 43.46 1,520,231 512,900 236,851

If you have any questions about the budget do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk / Treasurer Kathy Picoli.

Roads

This year we will repave Old Tappan Road. This road has been patched but not repaved in more than 25 years. Some parts have collapsed and need to be rebuilt from the ground up. Current estimates are in excess of $325,000, of which we expect a significant portion to be covered by grants from New York State. Last year we received $100,000 toward the cost of the work we did on Ludlam Lane and we expect in excess of that number for Old Tappan. We will also do some patch / repair work on Fox Lane, Ryefeld Road and Matinecock Lane in advance of future repaving of those roads. Major work on Factory Pond Road is planned for after the scheduled closure of the Bayville Bridge. We continue our discussions with the Nassau County Department of Public Works and directly with the office of the County Executive, Laura Curran, on the condition of our County roads in the Village, most notably Bayville Road and Horse Hollow Road.

Village Speed Limits

As noted in my December letter, in response to the results of the traffic safety study conducted by independent engineers, a reduction in Village speed limits was proposed and a public hearing was held on January 9, 2019. Those residents in attendance were unanimous in their support for lowering the Village speed limit to 30 mph from its current 35 mph and to further reduce speeds in our school zones. Village Trustees voted to approve the measure and Village speed limits will now conform with all surrounding jurisdictions - the Villages of Bayville and Mill Neck, the Town of Oyster Bay and the City of Glen Cove. The roll out of our new speed limit will take place on July 1, 2019, at which time all signs should be in place. The Nassau County Police have been advised of our new speed limit and will enforce where needed. Our goal is to improve the safety of our Village and its residents.

Staff

Kathy Picoli, our Village Clerk / Treasurer for the past thirty-one years has announced her retirement effective November 1st of this year. Kathy has been the face of our Village for these three decades and her dedicated efforts in operation and administration has improved our community. Her colleagues, Village volunteers, community officials, numerous residents, and I will truly miss her. The Trustees and I intend on appointing Dawn Gresalfi to assume Kathy’s position. Dawn is a lifelong resident of Lattingtown and for the past three years has served as our Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The Secretary position will not be filled, such that our office staff will be reduced from three employees to two. Dawn and longtime Deputy Clerk / Treasurer Jan Hagner will continue to deliver superior service to our residents.

Trustees / Planning Board

Janet Connolly has resigned her position as Village Trustee effective April 17, 2019. Janet has served the Village for more than thirty- three years as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Chairperson of that Board, Trustee and Deputy Mayor. We cannot thank Janet enough for all her years of volunteer service to the Village. The Trustees and I have appointed Andrea Volpe to serve as Trustee for the unexpired portion of Janet’s term. Andrea is a lifelong resident of the Village and has served eleven years on our Planning Board, the last four years as Chairperson of that Board. Eric Carlstrom has agreed to assume the position of Chairman of the Planning Board and I have appointed Trish O’Kane to be the Alternate Member. Eric is a nineteen-year resident of the Village and has served eight years on that Board. Trish has been a resident for thirteen years. Thank you, Andrea and Eric for continuing to step up for the Village and welcome Trish.

Environmental

With Governor Cuomo’s Bridge/Tunnel proposal on hold, the Village has continued its cooperation and discussions with neighboring villages, the City of Glen Cove, the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, and elected officials from our state and federal government to promote the environmental preservation of the Long Island Sound, the north shore and the surrounding area. As a coastal village, we remain actively involved with the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee in an effort to protect our watershed and beaches. We are taking efforts to control stormwater run-off and to ask that our residents maintain their septic systems and pick up pet waste. Roadside litter has also become a concern in the Village and we are looking into ways to supplement the cleanups performed each week by Village and County crews.

Email Contacts

In the interest of better communication, we are working to compile our residents’ email addresses. This will enhance our ability to communicate rapidly while saving significant mailing costs. Please visit our website to review Village information and add your email address: villageoflattingtown.org.

Filming

Please note that TV or movie filming within the Village, even on private property, requires a permit from the Village.

Noise and Lighting Ordinances

We continue to receive complaints from residents about landscaping noise and outdoor lighting. Please be mindful of the hours of operation for landscapers and the restrictions on outdoor lighting (see attached Things to Note).

Landscaping Rocks

We have received several complaints concerning rocks or other obstructions placed by residents at the roadside along the front of their property. In most cases, these rocks are within the road right-of-way and are not permitted. They also cause a danger to anyone who might need to pull off the roadway in an emergency. Please take note if you have the offending rocks or obstructions and remove them.

Attached is a list of items of importance for quick reference entitled Things to Note along with an updated contact list of Village officials for your quick reference. Do not hesitate to call if you have a question**.**

 Sincerely,

 Robert W. Fagiola
 Mayor