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“Read my lips: No new taxes”
- *George H. W. Bush*

Dear Fellow Resident:

Here’s what’s happening in our Village:

Taxes

True to the above quote, the Trustees and I continue to keep our Village property taxes flat (now the 6th year with no material increase). This means that 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 \$1,772,848 in 2019 to \$1,706,661 in 2020, the Village tax rate per \$100 will increase from \$43.46 to \$45.15 tax revenue, however, will remain flat at \$770,557.

YEAR	TAXES	ASSESSMENT	TAX RATE	EXPENSES	REVENUES other than taxes	APP SURPLUS
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
2020-21	770,557	1,706,661	45.15	1,562,232	409,132	382,543

Our fee revenues, year over year, were down 65 % and 30% in March and April, respectively, due to the COVID-19 related moratorium on construction. Fortunately, fee revenue accounts for less than 15% of our annual revenues and we are well positioned with reserves to cover the shortfall. We expect a rebound in fee revenues once restrictions are lifted. If you have any questions about the budget do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk/Treasurer, Dawn Gresalfi.

Roads

This year we will repave Fox Lane and Bear Lane. These roads have been patched but not repaved in many years. Current estimates for the project are in excess of \$125,000, 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 Old Tappan Road and we expect to receive a similar amount for the Fox and Bear Lane project. Major work on Factory Pond Road is planned for after the scheduled closure and reopening of the Bayville Bridge which we understand will occur in the Fall of 2020. 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 a friendly reminder, please note: 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 then current 35 mph and to further reduce speeds in our school zones. Village Trustees voted to approve the measure and our speed limits now conform with surrounding jurisdictions including the Villages of Bayville and Mill Neck, the Town of Oyster Bay and the City of Glen Cove. Since the roll out on July 1, 2019, Nassau County Police have been asked to enforce this new limit as and where needed. Our goal is to improve safety in our Village.

Trustees

Peter Picoli has resigned his position as Village Trustee effective April 16, 2020. Peter has served the Village for more than 30 years as a member of the Planning Board, Chairperson of that Board, and Trustee. Peter was an especially insightful and hands on volunteer in each capacity. We are immensely grateful for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Environmental

The Village continues its cooperation and discussions with neighboring villages, the City of Glen Cove, the Town of Oyster Bay and state and federal governments to promote environmental preservation of Long Island Sound and the surrounding north shore area. Deputy Mayor Carol Harrington is our representative on the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee. As a coastal village, we remain actively involved in protecting our watershed and beaches including efforts to control storm water run-off and we ask residents to maintain their septic systems and pick up pet waste. Roadside litter continues to be a concern, especially on County roads in the Village, so we have contracted with a local landscaping company for supplemental periodic clean-up service.

COVID-19

At the writing of this letter, our Village Hall continues to be closed, with business being conducted by phone and email. A drop box is located by the front door for filing or picking up documents. In late April, the Village was able to source and purchase 1,000 masks for residents, all of which have been distributed. We encourage continued social distancing and compliance with our Governor's mandates to slow the spread of the virus.

Village Beach

The Village had been awaiting guidance from NYS and Nassau County with respect to the opening of the Village beach in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. On May 20, the Village received a 29-point memo regarding directives that must be in place before any beach in the County can open. The

Village is reviewing this memo and evaluating what must be done before the Village can open its beach. The Village will continue to keep you informed as to when we are able to open the beach.

Email Contacts

We continue to compile email addresses for all of our residents to enhance our ability to communicate rapidly and to save significant mailing costs. Please visit our website and add your email address:

www.villageofflattingtown.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). We have also included a separate sheet with landscaping hours. Please give this to your landscapers!

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 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 obstruction 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 questions.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Fagiola
Mayor

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THINGS TO NOTE

Fire Department: Emergency number (516) 671-2600
 General information: (516) 676-0560

Police Department: For emergencies, call 911 and be sure to give your street address and house number which should be clearly visible from the street. For other matters not involving an emergency, the number of the Nassau County Police Department Second Precinct is (516) 573-6200. We are primarily protected by Nassau County Police Car 202, but also have cars 201 and 203 from Locust Valley and Bayville available for backup. Car 202 is manned by Nassau County Police officers permanently assigned to our Village. If you do not have a “VL” (Village of Lattingtown) sticker for the rear bumper of your car, please obtain one from our Village Clerk. It helps the police identify our residents.

Garage, Tag Sales and Auctions require Village approval, which can be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk. The refundable deposit is \$100.00 for residents and \$150.00 for professionals, in addition to a daily fee of \$100.00.

Signs: The posting of any signs in the Village is subject to Village regulation. Permission must be obtained through the Village Clerk and the fee is \$50.00. Please be aware that the Village has a real estate sign ordinance whereby we will only approve generic signs. Call the Village Office for more information.

Landscape Service: Anyone servicing your property must dispose of any debris outside of the Village. The fine for indiscriminate dumping is \$500.00 for each infraction, and the homeowner is liable as well as the landscape service. It is important to note that it is a violation for the landscape service to blow leaves off a resident’s property onto a highway. Leaves should be picked up and bagged or placed in a mulch pile. Please note the hours of operation of power equipment under the Noise Ordinance section below.

Cutting of Trees: There are stringent limitations on tree cutting on private property. If you are planning any tree cutting, please contact the Village Clerk, for a copy of the ordinance. Please note the penalty for violating this ordinance is now \$1,000 a tree.

Dead Trees: It has come to our attention that there are many dead or compromised trees on private properties overhanging roadways in the Village. We would like to remind residents that if you do have such a tree on your property, you are advised to remove that tree as it creates a liability for the property owner. Please contact the Village for a tree removal permit. In addition, if your tree does fall onto a Village roadway, the Village will move the debris to the side to clear the road, but it is the property owner’s obligation to remove the debris.

Village Roads: Fall: Leaf pickup in the fall runs from October 15th through December 1st. There will be no pickup after December 1st. All leaves must be bagged for pickup. Branches will also

Fence Permit: The Village has a new fence ordinance. If you are installing a new fence, please complete a fence application which can be downloaded from the Village website and submit it to the Building Department with a fee of \$150. Please remember that the good side of the fence must face out and a fence may be not more than 6 ½ feet high.

Shredding Day: Residents may bring up to 3 boxes of personal documents on Saturday, October 17 from 9 am to noon. The documents will be shredded on site.

Glen Cove Golf Course: Membership in the golf course is available to Lattintown residents at a reduced rate and upon approval by the Glen Cove Golf Commission. Residents are defined as property owners, their immediate family members residing with them, or people legally renting in the Village on a year-round basis. Upon request, our Village Clerk can confirm property owners, but renters must obtain a letter from their landlords confirming that they are renting in the Village on a year-round basis.

Village Office: For further information, please call (516) 676-6920 and speak to Village Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Gresalfi or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Hagner.

Website: The Village website villageoflatingtown.org provides information regarding these and other Village matters.