

## Inc. Village of Head of the Harbor



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Dear Friends,

The village tax rate for the coming fiscal year is \$21.00 vs last year's rate of \$20.49.

Each year our budget discussions revolve around the questions: what do we need to improve the village and what can we reasonably afford to spend. We used the same guidelines to construct next year's village budget, but it has been complicated by changing economic conditions. Inflation and rising interest rates started in 2022 and continue. The cost of living shot up in 2022 and it's likely the economy is slipping into a recession and the economy will slow down in 2023.

The changing economic conditions are serious and affect the general welfare of our village employees. Our village government relies on our employees, both full-time and part-time, who are both hard working and talented. In the face of serious economic conditions, we have adopted pay increases for all our employees that are on average, very similar to the increases proposed for federal workers by the Administration.

The budget also continues to fund insurance for cyber security risks and in addition provides for obtaining monitor services of our servers, network infrastructure and desktop workstations. The budget also includes upgrading software used by our office employees.

The village will also be purchasing a new police car with a License Plate Reader and all the communications equipment necessary for a vehicle used as a first responder. The new police car will replace an older, out of warranty vehicle which will be sold.

During the current year there was an accidental flood that ruined several sections of the village hall building, including the main meeting room and the police station. Our insurance carrier responded to our claim and the repairs should be fully covered. As part of the restoration the police communication and computer cables have been upgraded and the entrance way of the police station has been made more secure.

A new smaller pickup truck has been added to the highway department fleet so there are now three trucks, each with a plow blade, as well as two sand/salt spreaders.

During 2022, our Highway Department added drainage and we had repaved Saneck Road as well as the Village Hall parking lot. Payments towards the bond for the parking lot are included in the budget. In 2023, additional drainage and road paving is included in the budget.

This past year the village partnered with the Town of Brookhaven to repair the collapsed roadside and culvert on Rhododendron Drive- that connects the village with Main Street Stony Brook.

Please visit our newly redesigned website [www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov](http://www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov) for information about your village government and the village code. Kindly be reminded to use "911" to contact our police for time sensitive matters.

Very truly yours,

*Douglas A. Dahlgard, Mayor*

**Head of the Harbor—culvert at Rhododendron Rd.**



*“We were happy to partner with the Village of Head of the Harbor to complete this stormwater project,”* said Superintendent Losquadro. *“The project successfully eliminated the flooding experienced on Rhododendron Drive following a heavy rainstorm.”*

*“Furthermore, it protects the environmentally-sensitive wetlands in the area,”* said Village of Head of the Harbor Mayor Douglas Dahlgard. *“This was a win-win for community members*

Below is a summary of the current (2022/2023) budget and next year’s budget (2023/2024). Complete copies are on file at the Village Hall, Village Clerk’s Office and may be viewed during regular business hours, or on our website at [www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov](http://www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov).

**Head of the Harbor Village Budget 2023/2024**

| <u>REVENUES</u>      | <u>2022/2023 adopted budget</u> | <u>2023/2024 adopted budget</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REAL PROPERTY TAXES  | \$1,194,292.23                  | \$ 1,221,193.05                 |
| GIFTS AND DONATIONS  | 53,000.00                       | 35,000.00                       |
| OTHER REVENUES       | 724,689.04                      | 666,951.00                      |
| APPROPRIATED SURPLUS | <u>150,000.00</u>               | <u>206,500.00</u>               |
| TOTAL REVENUES       | \$2,121,981.27                  | \$ 2,129,644.05                 |
| <br><u>EXPENSES</u>  |                                 |                                 |
| GENERAL              | \$631,772.64                    | \$ 580,486.98                   |
| POLICE               | 719,351.59                      | 777,027.37                      |
| FIRE                 | -0-                             | -0-                             |
| SAFETY               | 46,252.48                       | 47,242.09                       |
| HIGHWAY              | 493,784.58                      | 500,169.19                      |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE    | 73,236.98                       | 37,270.42                       |
| DEBT SERVICE         | 72,583.00                       | 101,448.00                      |
| RETIREMENT           | <u>85,000.00</u>                | <u>86,000.00</u>                |
| TOTAL EXPENSES       | \$2,121,981.27                  | \$2,129,644.05                  |
| <br>                 |                                 |                                 |
| TAX RATE             | <u>\$20.49</u>                  | \$21.00                         |

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