

Inc. Village of Head of the Harbor

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WINTER 2016



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2016/2017 Village Property Tax Rate is Under the Tax Cap

Dear Friends,

Subsequent to months of review and two public hearings, the Board unanimously adopted a budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The Village property tax rate will be \$23.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before exemptions. The new tax rate represents an increase of 1/2 of one percent. A budget summary is on the reverse side.

Your Village tax pays for personalized services, our police, highway, administration, court, fire protection and EMS. Village residents do not pay county or town taxes for these services. Our entire team of resident volunteers and employees work together to provide essential services in a cost effective manner.

Annually, the Village is audited by an independent accounting firm and monitored by the New State Comptroller's Office for fiscal stress. Audit reports are available at Village Hall. Our financial status is sound.

The renovation of the exterior of Village Hall has been completed and community events are being planned using this building.

We have completed repaving Highland, Gate, Barn, Farm, Harbor Hill, The Hunt and a portion of Moriches Road. We successfully petitioned NYS DOT to repave 25A and Smithtown has agreed to repave Harbor Hill next season from the General Store to Three Sisters. When we repave we also improve the drainage systems. Sounds like a lot has been done, but we still have a long way to go. We will be discussing a multi-year repaving project funded by financing and grants.

Snow plowing vehicles need updating and the highway yard needs improvement. Enhancing our tree pruning and storm clean up capabilities will require new equipment. To support this effort we will be reaching out to a team of residents.

Our community minded police department obtained grants for two 4-wheel drive SUV's saving our residents over \$60,000. In addition, showing Village spirit our police used their own time to repaint the interior of the police station.

As winter is now upon us, please sign up for Head of the Harbor's Alert System using our website www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov

Very truly yours,

Doug

Douglas A. Dahlgard
Mayor

Head of the Harbor Village Budget 2016/2017

Below is a summary of the current (2015/2016) budget and next year's budget (2016/2017). 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.

	2015-2016	2016-2017
REVENUES		
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,355,261.68	\$1,368,822.60
OTHER REVENUES	420,924.96	446,648.91
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>55,500.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$1,831,686.64</u>	<u>\$1,885,471.51</u>
EXPENSES		
GENERAL	\$381,226.99	\$395,365.16
POLICE, FIRE & SAFETY	824,745.55	834,160.97
HIGHWAY	459,154.93	489,620.42
COMMUNITY SERVICE	28,840.17	32,752.96
DEBT SERVICE	57,719.00	43,572.00
RETIREMENT	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,831,686.64</u>	<u>\$1,885,471.51</u>
NET REVENUE/EXPENSES	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TAX RATE	<u>\$23.38</u>	<u>\$23.50</u>

Residents will receive 2016/2017 Village Tax bills in mid-February. Village Taxes are due March 1, 2016 and can be paid without penalty by April 1, 2016. Tax bills will only be mailed directly to residents who do not use an escrow account with a lending institution.

A receipt will be mailed to all Village residents after payments have been received. Questions about the tax payments can be forwarded to the Village Treasurer, Pat Mulderig at 631-584-5596.

PLEASE NOTE AND SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES

Open House

Village Hall

Sunday, March 13, 2016

1 pm – 4 pm

Honoring Chief Martin J. Thompson

Head of the Harbor Police Chief Thompson will be stepping down from the Chief position April 2016. Please visit and honor his many years of dedicated service to the residents of Head of the Harbor.

Light refreshments will be served

Village Election Day

Village Hall

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

12 noon – 9 pm

Village General Elections

Election Law §15-104, the Village General Election is to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 the offices that are vacant at the end of the current official year are of (1) Mayor for a (2) two year term, and (2) two Trustees 2-year term.