

Town Supervisor's 2013 Budget Message

GENERAL FUND

2012 Budget

The 2012 Adopted Budgeted General Fund expenditures to date are \$619,182. It is anticipated that the total expenditures for the year will be \$686,092. This is a result of a Personal Services increase of \$17,820, mainly from the increased Town court activity and the continuation of the Summer Recreation program that were not included in the 2012 Adopted Budget. In addition, Professional Services has an increase of \$8,300 resulting from litigation matters and real estate transactions. Centralized Services also saw an increase mainly due to the status change for cleaning services from Town employee to contract and the additional cost of \$15,000 to erect a new pole barn for the highway garage. One of the most substantial differences in the budgeted expenditures was the repairs done to the Hudson River Interpretive Trail (HRIT) at the Hannacroix Preserve. Hurricane 'Irene' caused significant damage to the bridge on that trail. The costs to repair the bridge are \$31,900; these repairs are being fully funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements.

The 2012 Adopted Budget General Fund revenue was \$619,182 and included the anticipated use of \$92,354 of the Fund Balance, \$ 338,045 in property taxes and \$245,691 in other Town-wide revenues. The actual Town-wide revenues are anticipated to be \$349,460 and will require only \$55,495 of the Fund Balance to be expended in \$2012. The main sources of increased revenue are the FEMA reimbursements and the increase in Town Court Fines.

2013 Tentative Budget

The 2013 Tentative Budget expenditures are \$672,808 and is an increase of \$51,615 over the 2012 Adopted Budget. This includes a \$23,807 increase in Personal Services which is an increase of 1% for all employees' pay except Town Supervisor, Town Board, Tax Collector, Town Justices, Town Historian, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The increase in Personal Services also includes additional hours needed to staff the Town Court, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Assessor's office. Another increase in Employee Benefits expenditures is mainly a result of the mandated retirement contributions. Health insurance increases are expected to stabilize with the new structure of the Town health insurance plan. Departmental Services has an increase of \$4,550, mostly attributed to the increase in activity for the Town Court. Centralized Services has an increase of \$7,600 mainly due to the change in cleaning services to contract and the anticipated costs of the property and casualty insurance. The 2013 Tentative Budget anticipates an increase in the Transfer to the Highway Fund of \$11,000 to offset the additional expenditures faced in the Highway budget.

The 2013 Tentative Budget has an increase in Revenue of \$53,626. The Town-wide revenues are expected to increase by \$51,884 over the 2012 Adopted Budget. This includes a \$43,000 increase in Town Court Fines and a \$10,000 increase in mortgage tax payments. The use of the Fund Balance has been lowered to \$78,080.

HIGHWAY FUND

2012 Budget

The Highway Fund 2012 Budgeted Expenditures were \$1,001,187. The anticipated 2012 expenditures are \$1,045,397 which is an increase of \$44,210 over the budgeted expenditures. Included in the expenditures are two new vehicles for the Highway department for a total of \$149, 815. Decreases in expenditures over budget include fewer hours needed for snow

removal, savings in cost of equipment due to a newer fleet and savings in health insurance premiums.

The 2012 Budgeted Revenues for the Highway were \$1,001,187; this includes a \$40,000 in the use of the Highway Fund Balance. The anticipated year-end Revenues are \$1,080,397 and this includes \$122,740 in bond proceeds. The transfer from the General Fund to the Highway was reduced from \$70,000 to \$55,000 to provide for the cost of materials to construct a new pole barn, replacing the old red highway barn east of Town Hall that will be sold. Additional revenues were received from Sale of Surplus Equipment and FEMA reimbursements. The result of the increase in revenue is that no Fund Balance will be used; the Highway Fund Balance has a \$40,915 surplus.

2013 Tentative Budget

The 2013 Tentative Budget has Highway Expenditures at \$1,007,434. There are no planned large equipment purchases for 2013. The budget includes a 1% salary increase for all Highway employees. A \$6,300 increase for mandatory retirement contributions is included. As with the General Fund, the health insurance premiums are expected to moderate with the new Town health plan. There is also the addition of the first of five yearly payments of \$27,000 for the Statutory Bond in the budget.

The Tentative Budget revenues are \$1,007,434 and includes an increase in the Transfer from the General Fund of \$11,000 and Use of the Highway Fund Balance of \$20,000.

Sewer District #1 Fund

2012 Budget

Sewer District #1 2012 Adopted Budget expenditures are \$141,367. The anticipated year end expenditures are \$141,242 and include a transfer of \$18,000 to the Reserve Fund. The expenditures in the 2013 Tentative Budget are \$143,210 and include \$15,000 of Capital Purchases and an increase of \$5,100 in Personal Services. Revenues budgeted for 2012 are \$141,367 and the anticipated actual year-end revenues are \$141,802. The increase is due to anticipated Interest and Penalties.

The 2013 Tentative Budget Revenues are \$144,295; however, this includes Sewer Rents that will be set by the Town Board by a local law.

OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDS

Notable changes to other special district funds:

Lighting District #1 has an increase in expenditures of \$500 to offset the use of fund balance in 2011.

Lighting District #2 has no changes

Water District #1 has an increase of \$313 in Taxes needed to increase surplus and provide for the payment of engineering services

Water District #2 has no changes

Water District #3 has no changes

Sewer District #2 has been adjusted to include the use of the pump station at Kalkberg Commerce Park by Empire Merchants.

Ambulance District #1 has a decrease of \$222 in taxes and increase of \$1,463 in the use of the fund balance to reflect the additional expenditures of \$978

Ambulance District #2 has an increase in taxes of \$1,622 for the shortfall that exists following the Town's payment to the Town of Cossackie for the basic ambulance service.

Two Percent Tax Cap

Unless changed by local law, the Town is required to stay under a 2% tax

levy limit. The 2% tax cap based on last year's tax levy is an additional amount of \$1,139,386. This is a total of all funds in the Town that have a tax revenue component (i.e., lighting district, ambulance district, etc.) The 2013 Tentative Budget has an increase in the Town-wide tax levy of \$1,139,386 and results in a tax change of \$10.91 per \$100,000 assessed value of a home. This will be offset by the County Chargeback decrease of \$13.09 for \$100,000 assessed value of a home. The end result will be a \$2.81 decrease per \$100,000 assessed value of a home Town-wide.