



The Muttontown Wire

The Incorporated Village of Muttontown
One 'Raz' Tafuro Way, Muttontown, NY 11791



Fall 2020

A Message from Mayor James Liguori



Dear Neighbors,

As I sit down to write this newsletter, I am not sure where to begin- 2020 has certainly thrown us many curve balls. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

Village staff made a seamless transition to working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continued to operate with out interruption, processing building department applications, holding virtual meetings as scheduled, and answering

phone calls. I want to thank our dedicated staff for their commitment and diligence to the Village during these ever changing and unprecedented times. As we move into the next phase of reopening, we have begun holding in-person meetings for all of our Village Boards. Village Court will also reopen shortly.

We passed the Village Budget in April 2020 and have included an analysis on page 2. The Village tax rate remained within the tax cap levy limit and we continue to work diligently to operate as efficiently as possible.

We started some interior work at village hall and plan to do some exterior work in the coming weeks. Our Village Hall is in need of a facelift and we are hopeful that these small upgrades will make a big difference.

We launched the new Village website last winter and are continuing to enhance the functionality of the site. Our newest feature is an online

payment system which was completed in time for village tax payments. We plan to expand it for building permit fees in the near future. We encourage all residents to sign up for our village email system and our emergency alert system, CodeRed. Our goal is to provide information via email or text to as many residents as possible. In this age of instant communication, we are committed to notifying residents with critical information as quickly as possible. This interaction is particularly imperative in emergency situations. You can sign up for both on the homepage of the village website, www.muttontownny.gov.

As we enter hurricane season, Tropical Storm Isaias reminded us that even during a pandemic, Mother Nature is a force to be reckoned with. For those residents who were on the Village email system, we were able to provide daily updates about the storm cleanup and additional services that were available.

On a personal note, the most notable event of 2020 is that I welcomed my first grandchild and we couldn't be more proud and excited!

I think we can all agree on wishes for a calm and quiet remainder of 2020. As always, I look forward to working with you and encourage you to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Mayor James Liguori



Margot Ann

Village to Hold General Election September 15th

The Village general election will be held on September 15, 2020 at Village Hall. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Positions to be elected are three Trustee seats, each for a four year term, and one Village Justice for a four year term.

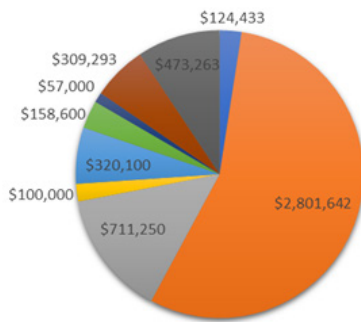
If you will be voting via absentee ballot, you must submit an absentee ballot application by Tuesday September 8, 2020 to receive the ballot by mail. Applications received after that date will require that the ballots be picked up in person at Village Hall.

Residents voting in person must wear a face mask. Voting machines will be sanitized throughout the day and social distancing will be required.



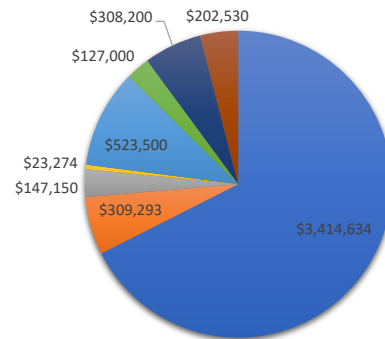
2020/2021 Village Budget at a Glance

**Total Expenditures
\$5,055,581**



■ Village Court (\$124,433.00) ■ Police Department (\$2,801,642.00)
 ■ Village Hall (\$711,250.00) ■ Snow Removal (\$100,000.00)
 ■ Street Maintenance and Street Lighting (\$320,100.00) ■ Legal (\$158,600.00)
 ■ Village Boards (\$57,000.00) ■ East Norwich Fire Department (\$309,293)
 ■ Other (\$473,263.00)

**Total Revenues
\$5,055,581**



■ Real Property Taxes (\$3,414,634.00) ■ East Norwich Fire Taxes (\$309,293.00)
 ■ Non Property Tax Items (\$147,150.00) ■ PILOTs (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) (\$23,274.00)
 ■ Departmental Income (\$523,500.00) ■ Fines and Forfeitures (\$127,000.00)
 ■ State Aid (\$308,200.00) ■ Other (\$511,823)

The 2020-2021 budget included a total tax levy of \$3,414,634.00 which is an increase over last year, but is within the property tax cap levy limit. The average home in the village saw a \$126 increase in their annual Village Tax bill. For that extra \$10.50 a month, residents continue to receive all the following services: Village Police Protection, maintenance of public roads, snow plowing of public roads, safety inspections of properties, maintenance of zoning and other local laws, a board of appeals, and planning board and site and architectural review board services.

The Village does not have the power to create new revenue sources nor impose different taxes to reduce the real estate tax burden on property owners. We get no share of state income taxes, no funds from the town, and very little funds from the County and State.

The COVID-19 Pandemic was unanticipated at the time of budget creation and subsequent adoption. Unlike many other villages, we are currently in stable financial condition and have been able to absorb the lower than anticipated revenues and higher than anticipated cost as a direct result of the pandemic.

As always, the budget is always under review and we are continuously monitoring spending and looking for ways to reduce costs.



**Muttontown
Bleats**

- **DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, WE WILL NOT BE HAVING OUR FALL BLOCK PARTY BUT THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IS PLANNING VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR FALL 2020- CHECK THE VILLAGE CALENDAR FOR DETAILS!**
- **LOOK FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AMNESTY PROGRAM TO AID IN LEGALIZING WORK THAT MAY HAVE BEEN DONE ON A HOME WITHOUT A PERMIT**
- **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON ANY OF OUR COMMITTEES PLEASE E-MAIL, KDUGAN@MUTTONTOWNNY.GOV**
- **WE WILL HAVE OPENINGS ON SOME OF OUR VILLAGE-BOARDS, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE E-MAIL KATIE DUGAN AT: KDUGAN@MUTTONTOWNNY.GOV**

Welcome Chief Irizarry



Chief of Police Eric Irizarry

We want to welcome Chief Irizarry to the Village of Muttontown. Chief Irizarry comes to us after having served as an NYPD Officer for more than 7 years and a Long Beach Police Officer and Sergeant for more than 21 years. Chief Irizarry lives in Garden City with his wife and two daughters. In the short time he has been with us, he has already shown what an asset he will be to our Village. We are lucky to have him leading our exceptional Police Officers and have no doubt he will lead our Police Department with integrity, dedication, and commitment.

Police Department Announcements



There has been an increase in stolen vehicles across Nassau County and in our Village. Approximately 98% of stolen vehicles occur due to the operator leaving the FOB/Key in the car. In many cases, the fob/key presence makes the side mirrors extend outwards. A thief can drive down a street and look for this sign because he knows it will be an easy car to steal.

The Muttontown Police Department recommends that we decrease these thefts by using some simple safeguards listed below:

- Always remove your FOB/keys from your vehicle when you're not operating it.
- Never leave a spare FOB/key in the vehicle
- Ensure that your vehicle is locked at all times and close all windows
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended
- Park your car in the garage if possible, especially at night
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit and highly visible area

How To Reach the Muttontown Police Department

The Muttontown Police Department wants to remind residents that the telephone number 516-364-3950 is only for non-emergency issues such as parking permits, vacant premise patrol requests or other inquiries. Messages will be retrieved from this voicemail system throughout the day.

In the event of a medical emergency, auto accident, crime in progress, suspicious cars or persons, or any issue requiring an immediate response by police officers, please call 9-1-1.

How Well Do You Know Muttontown?

For the Answers to the quiz visit our website www.muttontownny.gov!

Question 1: The Village of Muttontown was Incorporated in what year?

A.) 1891 B.) 1908 C.) 1913 D.) 1931

Question 2: William Adams Delano, the prominent architect who lived in the Village while also building many Muttontown homes, has a series of architectural documents which are collected at Avery Library at this college:

A.) Yale University B.) Cornell University
C.) Columbia University D.) Fordham University

Question 3: Former resident Jerry Bailey is a member of the Hall of Fame in which sport?

A.) Baseball B.) Lacrosse C.) Horse Racing D.) NASCAR

Question 4: This 1958 Tennessee Williams big-screen adaptation, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman, was shot at Muttontown's Three Corners Farm.

A.) Night of the Iguana B.) A Streetcar Named Desire
C.) The Glass Menagerie D.) Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Question 5: Former Muttontown Mayor Richard Murcott is renowned for his collection of:

A.) prize roosters B.) Bugatti motorcycles
C.) Civil War-era currency D.) Rhododendrons



Bronson Winthrop House, designed by Delano



Image from the movie referenced in Question 4

Community Activities Committee



If you are interested in becoming involved with programs to support the Muttontown community, please consider joining the community activities committee. We are a group of residents who are involved in supporting our neighbors and promoting social and educational activities. During the lockdown, we set up Zoom-based community events on a variety of topics such as family mental health and history of Muttontown. We have several more Zoom events planned and as the year goes on, we will look into holding an outdoor activity that adheres to CDC social distancing guidelines. If you have an idea for the group, would like to speak at a meeting, or would like to participate in our group, please contact Dr. Sudha Prasad at sprasad@muttontownny.gov

Tropical Storm Isaias Response

We want to thank Tony Toscano and the Village Tree contractors for all their hard work. They were on hand the moment the storm began and worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all village roadways. We maintained constant contact with PSEG-LI and continuously reported outages as we received them from Village residents.

PSEG-LI has announced a reimbursement program for customers whose electrical service was interrupted by the storm. Claims must be filed on their website, www.psegliny.com/claims by September 16, 2020.

As we continue to make our way through hurricane season, the Village is looking into ways that residents can enhance the safety of their property. Your homeowner's insurance policy may provide assistance in identifying and subsequently removing trees that pose a threat. The Village is committed to helping residents remove trees deemed a hazard.

Tree Maintenance Tips

It is prudent that all residents monitor and inspect your trees every 2-3 months and follow these tips to ensure proper maintenance:



- Walk around the property and look for dead branches or dying trees
- After a storm, inspect all trees and take notice of any hanging branches, uprooted trees, or trunks leaning more than normal usual
- Call in a licensed tree company to inspect any trees of concern
- You do not need a permit to Prune trees
- A permit is required to remove standing trees, for more information please call the building department at, 516-364-6314

COVID 19 Village Operations

Village operations remained uninterrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to take precautions and follow all executive orders and guidance. Village Hall was closed for a period, staff worked remotely, and all Village business was completed in a timely manner. Village Hall has reopened to the public for regular business hours. We ask that anyone who comes to Village Hall remember to wear a mask and follow standard social distancing requirements. Village Hall hours are subject to change, so please call 516-364-3476 to ensure that the staff member from the appropriate department is available to help you in person.

We have begun holding in-person Village Board meetings again. All those in attendance must wear face masks. Space is limited in the Board room in order to maintain social distancing guidelines. Site and Architectural Review Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board meetings will be held in person and only one applicant and those wishing to hear that application will be permitted inside Village Hall at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we do our best to ensure the health and safety of everyone present.

Village of Muttontown

One 'Raz' Tafuro Way
Muttontown, NY 11791

Sign Up for Digital Alerts

Visit our website homepage and sign up for both Village alert systems:

“Sign up for Village News” to be added to the Village’s e-mail distribution list. We will send out general information, news, and important alerts.

“Sign up for Emergency Alerts” to be added to our CodeRed emergency system which will send text messages and robocalls used only in an emergency.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In Case of Emergency Call 911

Local Emergency Services can be reached at:

Muttontown Police Department
911 or 516-364-3950

East Norwich Fire Department
516-742-3300

Jericho Volunteer Fire Department
516-931-0898

Syosset Volunteer Fire Department
516-921-0000

Village Contact Info

MAYOR

James Liguori: jliguori@muttontownny.gov

DEPUTY MAYOR

Sudha Prasad: sprasad@muttontownny.gov

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Susan Dasilva: sdasilva@muttontownny.gov

Chris Economou: ceconomou@muttontownny.gov

Brian Fagen: bfagen@muttontownny.gov

Mohinder Singh: msingh@muttontownny.gov

Jeanine Todaro: jtodaro@muttontownny.gov

ACTING CLERK/TREASURER

Joe Russo

516-364-3476 ~ jrusso@muttontownny.gov

DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

Kaitlin Dugan

516-364-3476 ~ kdugan@muttontownny.gov

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Tony Toscano

516-364-2822 ~ ttoscano@muttontownny.gov

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLERK

Leslie O'Neil

516-364-6314 ~ loneil@muttontownny.gov

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

516-364-6314 ~ bldgdepartment@muttontownny.gov