



The Muttontown Wire

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



Spring 2021

A Message from Mayor James Liguori



Dear Neighbors,

It has been a busy winter and I would be remiss if I didn't start off by thanking Tony Toscano for all of his hard work managing the clearing of our Village Roads. It was a busy snow season, and I am proud to say our roads were always plowed, salted, and sanded to ensure safe passage.

Village Hall is now open to the public. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we continue to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and are pleased to report Village business has been carried out without interruption. All Board meetings as well as Village Court are back in session with appropriate safety measures in place.

The Board of Trustees passed the 2021-2022 Village Budget in April which is explained in greater detail on page 2. Preparing a budget is not an exact science or an easy task. The Board of Trustees took the responsibility of determining the services that our residents need and desire, planning for anticipated expenditures as well as unforeseeable ones, and mitigating the economic effects of the pandemic. The budget is a result of much thought and hard work on the part of all concerned.

We are continuing to look forward and have begun Spring clean-up of our roads including street sweeping, Belgian block repairs, and pothole maintenance. We have plans for village hall improvements including redoing the rear entryway, painting and updating the front façade and a new audio system for the courtroom, some of which will be funded through a New York State Court grant.

Many residents have taken advantage of the Reconciliation "Amnesty" program which gave homeowners the opportunity to legalize and maintain renovations, reconstruction, and prior work performed without permits. The program was set to expire on April 15, 2021 but has been extended through October 15, 2021. Please reach out to the Building Department for more information at, 516-364-6314.

The Community Events committee is hopeful that they will once again be able to host in person events like the Muttontown Block Party, but until then, they will schedule virtual events. Please check the website for more information and make sure that you are on our email contact list. It's time for the community to come together and appreciate one another, so we hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful Spring and Summer season. As always, we are looking forward to continuing to work with you.

Mayor James Liguori and the Board of Trustees

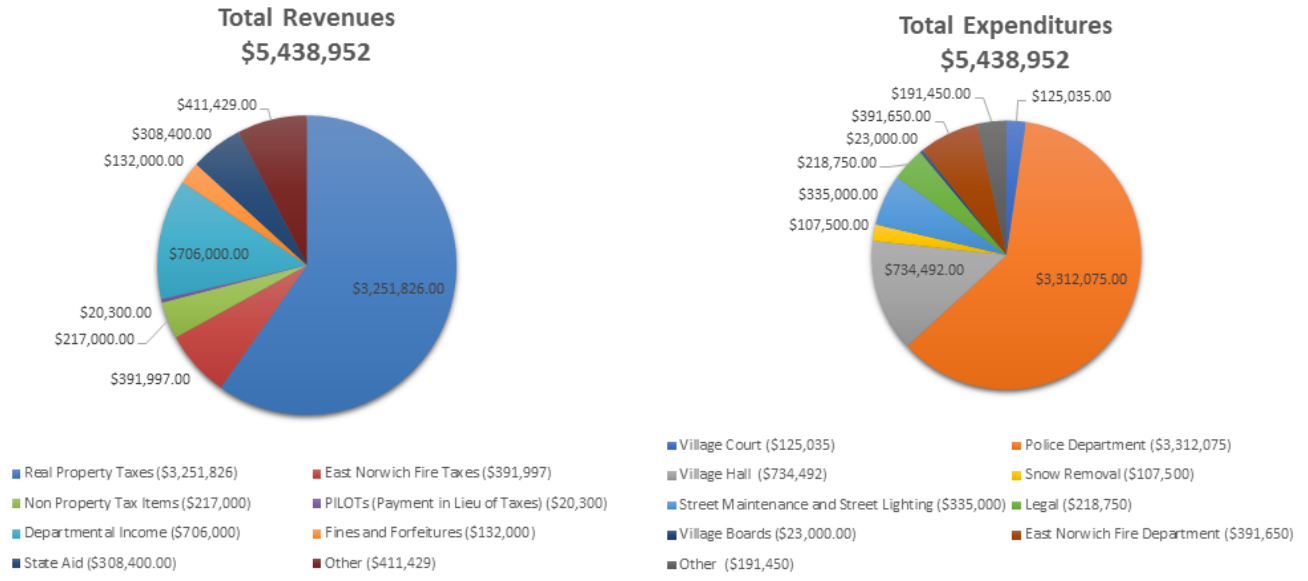
How To Reach the Muttontown Police Department



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.

2021/2022 Village Budget at a Glance



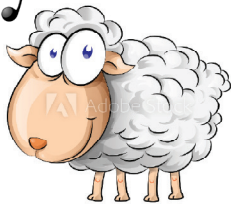
Estimated expenditures in this year budget total \$5,438,952.00. From that, we subtract non-real estate tax revenues of \$2,187,126.00. This leaves a balance of \$3,251,826.00 which must be raised by real property taxes.

The total amount of taxes each property owner will pay is based upon the property's assessed value and the relationship it bears to the assessed value of the other properties in the Village. The average assessed value of a home in the Village is \$169,618. The Village Tax on this property would be \$2,900. This is a 4.05% increase over the last fiscal year.

The average home in the Village will see a \$114 increase in their annual Village Tax bill. For that extra \$9.50 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 budget is always under review and we are continuously monitoring spending and looking for ways to reduce costs.



**Muttontown
Bleats**

- Summer is almost here, if you are going on vacation let the Police Department know by filling out a vacant premise form found on our website or in person.
- Stay up to date by joining our e-mail list, check the village website, and sign up for our emergency alert system.
- The Community Events Committee is hopeful that they will be able to host a socially distant event this Fall. Please stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, be on the lookout for a Spring Virtual conference on a topic of public interest.
- This Winter brought a lot of snow, ice, and heavy winds. We encourage you to survey your property for any damage to trees. If you have a tree that you think needs to be removed, please contact the building department at 516-364-3476.
- This is a friendly reminder to please curb your dog. The Village has received numerous communications from residents about dog waste not being properly disposed of, and left on private and public property.

2020/2021 Year End Budget Report

The Village, like all other municipalities, businesses, and individuals faced many challenges this year. We are lucky to be on the other side of the pandemic with little fiscal distress. It was certainly a year to remember with many unplanned and unanticipated events that put a strain on the Village Budget:



- Tropical Storm Isaias cost the Village approximately \$140,000 in storm response and clean up. We are currently in the process of completing the application for FEMA reimbursement funding for some of the expenses.
- We had a busy snow season throughout January and February that far exceeded snow removal expenses in prior years.
- In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Village was able to make adjustments to Village Hall to ensure the safety of staff and visitors without seeing a huge financial strain on the Village budget. We sought out funding reimbursement sources where applicable and will continue to monitor available resources.

East Norwich Fire Company Tax



Approximately 40% of Muttontown's homes are covered by the East Norwich Fire Protection Area. These residents will see an increase on their Fire Tax due to a reassessment of assessed value conducted by the Town of Oyster Bay. The net result of that calculation meant that Muttontown had to increase its share of the Fire District's budget. However we have renegotiated this number and the decrease will be reflected in next year's budget. The fire tax shows up on the Village tax bill but is a pass through levy so that these homes can get fire protection and emergency services. The Village of Muttontown does NOT prepare the East Norwich Fire Company's budget. Should you have further questions or comments, we advise that you contact them at 516-742-3300.

Volunteer Opportunities on Village Boards

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!!

The Village has three Boards whose membership is made up of volunteers from the Village and are appointed by the Mayor. These Boards include the Site and Architectural Review Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The Mayor will be appointing residents to fill open positions in July, 2021. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on these boards, please send a resume and interest letter to Joe Russo at jrusso@muttontownny.gov.

Building Department FAQs

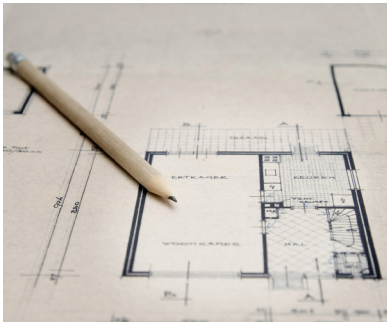


Many home improvement projects require building permits. Permits help to ensure your safety. Construction, plumbing, and electrical work are areas that fall under the purview of the Village's Building Department. We encourage anyone looking to start a project to call **516-364-6314** to determine if a permit is required.

Types of projects that generally require permits include, but are not limited to, the following:

- All houses and accessory buildings (including detached garages)
- All additions to houses and accessory buildings
- Elevators
- Interior alterations, except sheetrock, molding, floors, or counters
- Roof replacement
- Siding and stone veneer
- Any in-ground or above ground swimming pool (with pool heater)
- Swimming pool cabanas, gazebos, trellises, pavilions, pergolas
- Hot tubs
- Fencing (maximum of 6' 6")
- Demolition of any structure
- Decks
- Patios, walkways, stepping stones
- Driveways (except sealcoating)
- Entry piers and gates
- Sheds 100 SF or greater
- Indoor or outdoor fireplaces and chimneys, fire pits
- Waterfalls and ponds
- Prefabricated gas fireplaces
- Free standing air conditioning units
- Retaining walls greater than 2' in height
- Sewers and cesspools
- Drywells
- Oil and gas tank installation or abandonment
- Oil to gas conversions
- Oil and gas heating units
- Propane tanks
- Generators
- Geothermal systems
- Tennis or sports courts
- Greenhouses
- Solar panels (roof mounted only)
- Cellar entrances and egress windows
- Tents over 400 SF for private events
- Tree removal
- Road openings

Amnesty Program Extended



The Reconciliation “Amnesty” Program has been extended through October 15, 2021 and will give residents an opportunity to legalize and maintain renovations, reconstruction and work performed without permits to their property. Residents who take advantage of this program will be responsible for a \$1,000 surcharge and permit fees required without the imposition of penalties for doing the work without a permit.

Please check with the building department to see whether you are eligible for the program.

Residents wishing to participate should submit a building permit application to the Building Department. If you have any questions please call, 516-364-6314 for further details.

Stormwater Management Plan

The Village is continuing in its efforts to reduce the impact on our tidal and freshwater wetlands from storm water runoff. A major component of this program is the prevention of pollutants, such as pathogen containing pet wastes, trash, petroleum products, and nutrients and toxics found in lawn care and gardening products from running into the Village’s drainage systems.

To meet the program’s goals, the Village is asking residents to get involved and help. Detailed information can be found on the Village website. Here are some ways you can help:

You can help keep our environment clean by following the steps below:

- 1. REPORT ILLEGAL PUMPING, DUMPING** or direct connection to a drain or waterway to the Nassau County Illicit Discharge Hotline (516) 571-6863.
- 2. REFRAIN FROM FEEDING GEESE AND DUCKS** While we all love our “feathered friends”, feeding them interrupts the natural migratory cycle. Birds that would normally migrate south in the winter to find food, take up residence if food is “artificially” provided.
- 3. KEEP YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM WELL MAINTAINED** Generally, you should have your septic system inspected at least every 3 years by a professional and your tank pumped as recommended by the inspector (generally every 3-5 years). Household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint, etc. should be taken to the Town S.T.O.P collection sites and not flushed.
- 4. PROPER USE OF FERTILIZERS and PESTICIDES ON YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN** If you think you must use heavy amounts of pesticides to grow a beautiful lawn, think again. A bright green, weed-free lawn can be yours by mowing your lawn only as needed, watering wisely, and using slow-release organic fertilizers.
- 5. DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES AT A TOWN SITE** the Town of Oyster Bay hosts its S.T.O.P. (“Stop Throwing Out Pollutants”) program throughout the year, for more information call the Town at (516) 677-5748.

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Tax Payments Due July 1, 2021

Annual Village tax payments are due by
July 1, 2021

Tax bills are mailed the last week in May. If you do not receive a copy of your bill please call Village Hall at 516-364-3476.

Payments can be made in person, via mail, or online. For detailed instruction please visit www.muttontownny.gov.

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
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