



The Muttontown Wire

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



Spring 2022

A Message from Mayor James Liguori



Dear Neighbors,

The Board of Trustees passed the 2022-2023 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 expendi-

tures as well as unforeseeable ones. The budget is a result of much thought and hard work on the part of all concerned. I am pleased to announce a **slight tax decrease** for the upcoming fiscal year!

As you may have heard on June 1st we began providing Police Protection Service to the Village of Upper Brookville. This Board believes our Police Department to be one of the Village's biggest assets and was determined to create a long-term plan that provided the means to financially support the department. This was an important step in doing that. There is more information on this on page 3.

We are continuing to look forward to Spring and are pleased to announce that we awarded a bid for Roadwork in the Village in April. Repaving began on May 23rd and we expect it to be finished by the early Summer. Using grant funding Village Hall has gotten a facelift, the front façade was painted, new lighting,

paint and windows in the courtroom, and new chairs for the public for Village meetings. We replaced the phone system at Village Hall and now all Village departments can be reached by calling the main number at, 516-364-3476.

Many residents have taken advantage of the Reconciliation "Amnesty" program which was set to expire but has been extended through October 31, 2022. Please reach out to the Building Department for more information at, 516-364-3476 option 3.

The Community Events committee is planning to host the Muttontown Block Party on October 2nd so please save the date and I look forward to once again being able to celebrate our wonderful community in person with you all!

While being Mayor is a great honor, my favorite title is that of Grandpa and I am happy to announce I will be adding a second granddaughter to the family in late June.



I hope you all have a wonderful Spring and Summer season. As always, we are looking forward to continuing to work with you.

Mayor James Liguori

How To Reach the Muttontown Police Department



The Muttontown Police Department can now be reached at, 516-364-3476 option 2. This is only for non-emergency issues. Messages will be retrieved from this voicemail system throughout the day.

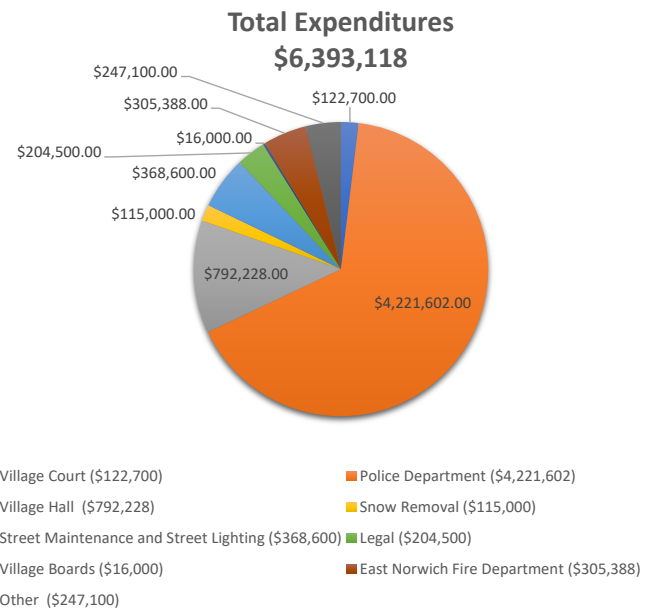
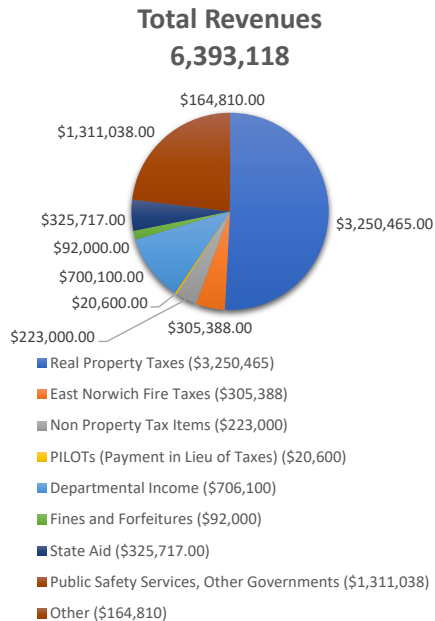
For any issue requiring an immediate response by police officers, please call 9-1-1.

Village Election June 21, 2022

There will be a Village election held on Tuesday June 21st. Registered voters can vote in person at Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 pm. To request an absentee ballot please call the Village Clerks Office at, 516-364-3476 option 1, to get an application for an absentee ballot.



2022/2023 Village Budget at a Glance



Estimated expenditures in this year budget total \$6,388,618. From that, we subtract non-real estate tax revenues of \$3,138,153. This leaves a balance of \$3,250,465 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 \$2,880. The current year budget includes a property tax decrease!

Your Village taxes allow the Village to provide 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 funding from the County, State, and Federal governments.

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



- 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 planning the October 2nd Muttontown Block Party Stay tuned for details!
- 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.

Officer Robert Scholl Honored

Officer Scholl was awarded the Nassau County Municipal Police Chiefs Association Distinguished Service Award. This is issued annually to one member of each department in Nassau County as nominated by their supervisors. In 2021 he saved two lives by performing CPR and using an AED. We are proud to have Officer Scholl on Duty in Muttontown!



Police Department Announcements

As you know the North Shore of Long Island has seen an increase of car thefts over the past few months. It is important to note that over 90% of these stolen cars had the key fob left in the car. **Please do not leave your keys in the car and remember to lock your doors.**

Village Residents have access to the Smart911 system. Go to www.smart911.com and create your free safety profile. Your profile will appear to 9-1-1 call center when you make an emergency call anywhere in the US that supports Smart 911. You can enter information including photos, medical notes, home access points, and information regarding pets in the home.



Photos of Sergeant Ernst assisting with a Bald Eagle rescue in the Village



Expansion of Police Service

The Board of Trustees believes our Police Department is vital to village safety, and maintaining the Department and the services it provides our residents was, and remains, our top priority. As of June 1st the Muttontown Police Department began providing police protection service to the Village of Upper Brookville. The former Old Brookville Police Department has dissolved, and we were approached by the Village of Upper Brookville to expand our Department's service to them. Entering into this agreement provides a substantial benefit to us financially and gives us the tools we need to support the Department in the long-term, for our residents and our exceptional officers, in a responsible manner.

NYS Comptroller Fiscal Stress Rating of ZERO!

The Fiscal Stress Monitoring System examines financial information from local governments to determine the municipalities fiscal strength. Each municipality received a fiscal score and an environmental score. The fiscal score is based on data provided by the municipality including fund balance, operating expenses and revenues, cash assets, and debt. The environmental score is out of the control of the local government but looks at factors that could influence revenue-raising capability and demands for services that the local government will have to operate under.

We are proud to announce that our fiscal stress rating has decreased to the lowest possible level of 0 this year. The 2020 rating was 22.1, and 2021 rating was 3.3. The current year's environmental score is 16.7 We are proud that through continued fiscally responsible budgeting and decision making we have been able to bring the fiscal stress rating down to zero.

Grant Funding

The Justice Court Assistance Program is an annual grant the Village Court can apply for. This year the Village Court was awarded \$30,000 in grant funding which was used to purchase new chairs in the courtroom, to replace the windows and casings, lighting, and painting in the courtroom.

We filed with FEMA for reimbursement for the costs associated with Tropical Storm Isais July 30, 2020 and have received \$73,998 in funds from the Federal and State government.

In July 2021 the Village received \$188,102 in funds and anticipates in July 2022 another \$188,102 in funds under the American Rescue Plan Act, these funds will be used to offset additional costs to the Village due to COVID-19.

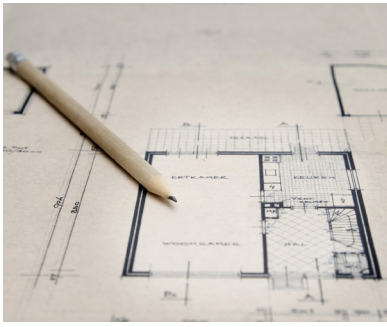


Congressman Suozzi with Deputy Mayor Prasad

Volunteer Opportunities on Village Boards

The Village has three Boards with volunteers from the Village and 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, 2022. 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.

Amnesty Program Extended



The Reconciliation “Amnesty” Program has been extended through October 31, 2022 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 \$1,500 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, 516-364-3476 option 2 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

Annual Village tax payments are due by
July 1, 2022

Tax bills were mailed the last week in May. If you did not receive a copy of your bill please call Village Hall at 516-364-3476 option 1.

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 516-364-3476 option 2

East Norwich Fire Department
516-742-3300

Jericho Volunteer Fire Department
516-931-0898

Syosset Volunteer Fire Department
516-921-0000

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