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Dear Friends,

At the January 21st meeting of the Board of Trustees a budget for the March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 fiscal year was adopted. The budget includes an increase in tax of 4.34%. For me, personally, that amounts to a village tax increase of about \$2 per week in the coming year.

As a Board, we are mindful of the intent of the Tax Cap legislation. Balancing the tax levy and the level of services with the changes in assessment values is challenging. The Trustees are tasked with maintaining the village infrastructure, including professional fire and emergency medical services, police protection, plus road maintenance and timely snow clearing.

The 5th year of a five-year contract with the St. James Fire District was a driving force in exceeding the Tax Cap. If not for this scheduled increase, the 2015/2016 budget would have met the Tax Cap. Signed in 2010, the contract with St. James Fire District provides for fire and emergency services from a well-staffed and well-trained fire department. Soon the Trustees will be focusing on negotiating a new agreement.

Even with the 4.34% tax increase, our village residents will benefit from an overall tax rate (town plus village) that is lower than that paid by the town residents who live outside the village boundaries.

On the reverse of this letter, please review the budget summary and graphics reflecting the revenue and expenses for the coming fiscal year. Details of the budget are available at Village Hall or on the village website www.villagehohny.org.

Also, please participate in our efforts to support the Smithtown Township Emergency Food Pantry. Staffed through community volunteers, the food pantry aids local people in crisis feed themselves and their families. Last year the pantry, located at 90 Edgewater Avenue, Smithtown, provided food to over 2,000 families. Canned or dried foods and paper or toiletry items are always in need, so please check your shelves. Nonperishable donations can be dropped at the Village Hall lobby. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

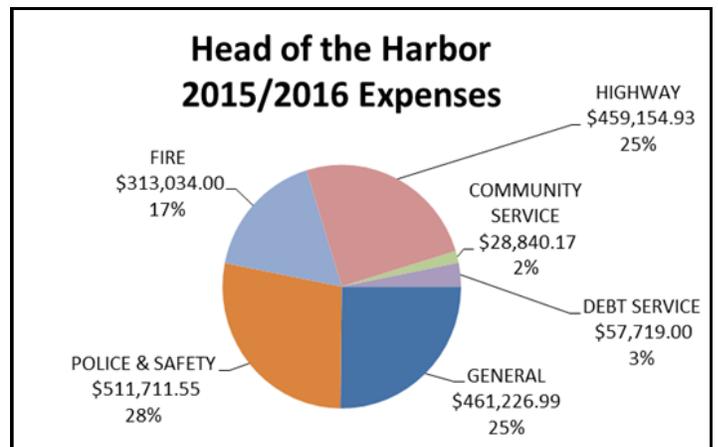
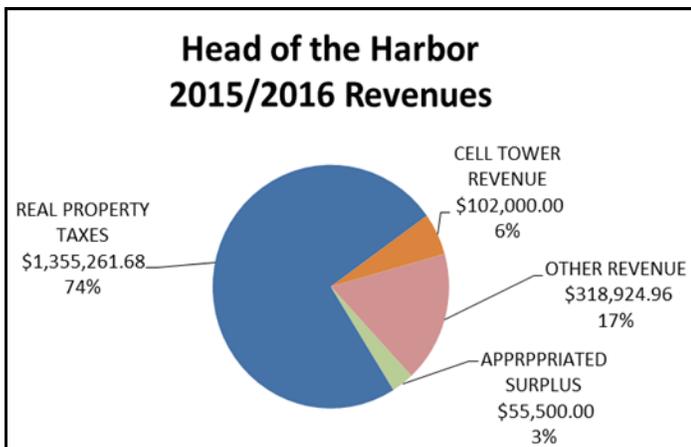
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Douglas A. Dahlgard
Mayor

Head of the Harbor Village Budget 2015/2016

Below is a summary of the current (2014/2015) budget and next year's budget (2015/2016). 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.villagehohny.org.

	2014-2015	2015-2016
REVENUES		
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,301,638.70	\$1,355,261.68
OTHER REVENUES	338,257.23	420,924.96
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>113,000.00</u>	<u>55,500.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$1,752,895.93</u>	<u>\$1,831,686.64</u>
EXPENSES		
GENERAL	\$394,097.32	\$381,226.99
POLICE, FIRE & SAFETY	790,591.82	824,745.55
HIGHWAY	414,687.25	459,154.93
COMMUNITY SERVICE	30,058.04	28,840.17
DEBT SERVICE	58,903.50	57,719.00
RETIREMENT	<u>64,558.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,752,895.93</u>	<u>1,831,686.64</u>
 NET REVENUE/EXPENSES	 <u>\$0.00</u>	 <u>\$0.00</u>
 TAX RATE	 <u>\$22.38</u>	 <u>\$23.38</u>



Homeowners will receive their 2015/2016 Village Tax bills in mid-February. Paid annually, village taxes are due March 1st and may be paid without penalty by April 1, 2015. All payments received after April 1st are subject to a penalty. Penalty rates can be viewed on the Treasurer's page of the village website: www.villagehohny.org

Tax bills will only be mailed to those residents who do not have an escrow account with a Bank, Credit Union or Mortgage Company which is responsible for paying their Village Taxes. A receipt will be mailed to all homeowners after the payments have been received and recorded.

Any questions concerning tax payments can be forwarded to the Village Treasurer, Patricia Mulderig at 631-584-5596.