

Village of Williamsville

2020-21 Budget Summary

BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS:

- **TOTAL BUDGET:**
Estimated at \$5.37 million
- **TAX LEVY:** (amount to be raised in taxes)
Increase of \$386,047, to about \$2.64 million
- **ESTIMATED TAX RATE:**
Increase of 51 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, totaling \$4.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (both at 100 percent valuation)



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A Message from Mayor Deb Rogers

Fellow Residents,

I hope that you and your family are safe and healthy as we navigate through this difficult time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When developing a budget it is necessary for the Village Board to evaluate its goals, community needs and resident input. On Feb. 29, during our initial budget meeting, the board agreed that the state's tax cap, set at 2.22%, would need to be exceeded in the 2020-21 budget. While a tax increase is never our desire, there are areas of our infrastructure in need of major repairs.

In particular, our village parks and Department of Public Works headquarters are in need of maintenance and upgrades which have only ever been discussed but not budgeted for in over a decade.

Development of the village's budgets often involve complicated discussions and crucial decisions among the board; however, our work on the 2020-21 spending plan became more challenging in March as we adopted social distancing mandates and other measures to stop the spread of the virus.

This budget summary is an additional way our village government seeks to be as open and transparent as possible with the community we serve.

The Village Board believes that our taxpayers deserve the best services. As such, the 2020-21 budget will directly lead to noticeable improvements that will benefit the entire community for years to come. We encourage your feedback on the 2020-21 budget.

| Mayor Deb Rogers |

BUDGET BRIEFS:

- The 2020-21 spending plan includes \$125,000 to fund substantive improvements in village parks. The funding is part of the Parks Committee's Master Plan, referred to as Picture Our Parks 2025. A public hearing to reveal the plan was scheduled for March 23. However, the hearing was postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Funding from the budget will assist in infrastructure and safety improvements to the Department of Public Works' garage, where the roof is also in need of replacement. The roof work must be completed before a planned solar panel installation can be accomplished. The village will use funding from a state grant for the solar upgrades to the DPW garage.
- The 2020-21 budget is the first since 2014 that exceeds the state's mandated tax cap. The budget's cap was set by the state at 2.22 percent.

PROVIDE FEEDBACK:

- Further details of the village's 2020-21 budget are available in the press releases and budget appropriations sheet, all of which have been posted to www.WalkableWilliamsville.com. Comments and questions on the budget can be emailed to kdepriest@village.williamsville.ny.us. All public remarks must be received by 8 p.m. Friday, April 24. Call 716-632-4120 for any questions about this process.