

## 2014-2015 VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE TAXES

Several changes will be taking place in the Village's 2014-2015 fiscal year, including the following:

- The water system will be turned over to the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) resulting in a lower water rate for customers
  - \* There will be a surcharge placed on the water bill to cover the costs related to the turnover and existing debt
  - \* The water rate charged by ECWA including the surcharge will be less than the Village's current rate of \$5.81 per 1000 gallons
- Administrative charges of approximately \$90,000 will be moved from the Water fund to the General fund and hydrant fees of approximately \$45,000 will be added to the General fund
  - \* This amount alone represents an increase in the tax rate of 8.97%
  - \* It represents an increase in the amount of taxes raised of 8.80%
- Without the water charges outlined above being added to the General fund, the General fund would have a tax rate decrease of 2.80% and a decrease in the amount of taxes raised of 0.21%
- With the water charges outlined above being added back to the General Fund, there will be a tax rate increase of 5.79%, and an increase in the amount of taxes raised of 8.61%
- Sewer charges based on water consumption that were previously on the water/sewer bill will be placed on the tax bill as a user fee (this is where they were charged through the 2003-2004 fiscal year, at which time they were moved to the water bill)
- Sewer rates will remain the same as last year
  - \* The capital charge (based on AV) will remain \$0.9804 per \$1000 AV
  - \* The O&M charge (based on water consumption) will remain from \$4.0672 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed
- The Village Board and Department heads worked extremely hard to hold the line on expenditures in order to minimize the impact of the water consolidation on the General Fund.