

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees has worked diligently on the proposed 2017-2018 budget. The “2% Property Tax Cap” afforded the Village and other municipalities with a fiscal year of June 1 – May 31 an increase of only 1.15% over last year’s tax levy. For Williamsville, this is equivalent to approximately \$24,000. In addition, we have a rollover balance of \$12,167 from prior year, when the full allowable levy increase was not utilized. The Village of Williamsville will NOT be over-riding the property tax cap in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The proposed budget for the Village’s 2017-2018 General Fund includes a tax rate decrease of 4.80%, from a rate of \$4.3960 to a rate of \$4.1850 per \$1,000 AV at a 100% equalization rate. Properties in the Town of Amherst have an equalization rate of 91%, which translates to a tax rate of \$4.5989. Properties in the Town of Cheektowaga have an equalization rate of 100%, making their tax rate \$4.3960. The total amount being raised by the tax levy is \$1,744,332, up 3.72% from \$1,681,788.

The Water surcharge will remain at \$1.87 per 1,000 gallons consumed. This rate is added to the Erie County Water Authority water rate. If you use less than the ECWA minimum, the surcharge is only charged on actual water used, not the quarterly minimum. The surcharge is used to pay existing debt and costs related to work completed by ECWA related to the turnover of the Village Water System to ECWA.

Sewer rates will be changing. The capital rate, based on assessed value, will decrease 18.9% from \$1.0472 to \$0.8495 per \$1000 of assessed value. The operation & maintenance rate, based on water consumption, will increase 22.35% from \$4.3437 to \$5.3147 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. This is primarily due to the amount of sewage being treated at the wastewater treatment plant in the Town of Amherst. How a property owner’s rate changes overall will depend on their assessed value and how much water is used; some may see an increase while others may see a decrease. The Village has recently completed an inflow & infiltration study, and will be working towards a possible sewer consolidation with the Town of Amherst.

A public hearing on all budgets will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review at the Village Clerk’s Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and is posted on the Village web site.