

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees has worked diligently on the proposed 2018-2019 budget. The “2% Property Tax Cap” afforded the Village and other municipalities with a fiscal year of June 1 – May 31 an increase of 2% over last year’s tax levy. For Williamsville, this is equivalent to approximately \$78,500 after all factors are taken into consideration. In addition, we have a rollover balance of \$8,317 from last 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 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The proposed budget for the Village’s 2018-2019 General Fund includes a tax rate decrease of 7.26%, from a rate of \$4.1850 to a rate of \$3.8813 per \$1,000 AV at a 100% equalization rate. The decrease is due, in part, to the re-assessment completed by the Town of Amherst in 2017, which become effective in the Village’s 2018-2019 fiscal year. The total amount being raised by the tax levy is \$1,838,960, up 5.42% from \$1,744,332 raised in 2017-2018.

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 11.27% from \$0.8495 to \$0.7538 per \$1000 of assessed value. The operation & maintenance rate, based on water consumption, will increase 2.00% from \$5.3147 to \$5.4208 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. The Village completed an inflow & infiltration study in 2016, and will be conducting smoke testing this spring to help further identify areas in need of improvement and abatement. We will be working towards a possible sewer consolidation with the Town of Amherst.

A public hearing on all budgets will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018. 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.