

2020 Tentative Budget Overview

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The total tax levy in the 2020 Tentative Budget is \$753,00, down about 1% from 2019. Our 2020 total operating expense budget, which excludes major capital spending which will be funded from the fund balance, not from the 2020 tax levy, is about \$1.46 million, compared to \$1.45 million in 2019. Taxable assessed value is up about \$1 million in 2020 to \$307 million. The 2020 Capital Budget assumes a new plow truck at about \$250,000; and about \$60,000-\$70,000 in Town Hall energy efficiency investments funded from the NYSERDA grant we received in 2019.

Except as noted below, General Fund and Highway spending and revenues in the Tentative Budget are about flat to the 2019 budget.

1-Sales tax is budgeted at \$315,000, \$15,000 over the 2019 budget but \$30,000 less than we expect to receive in 2019, which is on track to come in at about \$345,000, about 9.5% higher than the proposed 2020 budget.

2-Property and liability insurance programs are budgeted up \$1,000 to \$28,500 to reflect the new highway new shed and normal price increases. Insurance could increase more if we decide to insure our major equipment at replacement cost.

3-Salaries and related social security are up 2.5%, about \$10,000. Salary increases averaging 2.5% are budgeted for all staff except Supervisor, Town Board and Judges.

4-Health insurance is up \$5000...CDPHP has requested a 9.8% increase

We will have opportunities to make changes to the 2020 Budget after the public hearings for Tentative, Preliminary and Final budgets prior to our board meetings in September, October and November. We may have to reduce certain revenue lines, like the mortgage tax, fees and fines to reflect 2019 results, and we may want to allocate additional funds to support our town pool and kids camp and

As part of the budget process we will review and update the 5-year Capital Plan, and determine how much of a cash reserve we want to maintain for “unexpected” revenue shortfalls or emergency spending needs. As in prior years, we will try to develop a final budget that lowers taxes while funding our contingent account at the \$130,000 level, providing adequate budgets for all departments and maintaining a cash reserve of around \$800,000.