

# The Incorporated Village of Lattingtown

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“The difference between death and taxes is that death does not  
get worse every time Congress meets”

- *Will Rogers*

Dear Fellow Resident:

Here's what's happening in our Village:

## Taxes

Each year, as our Village Trustees work to preserve the beauty and serenity of our Village, we also work, contrary to the above quote, to make sure that taxes do NOT get worse every time we meet! The Trustees and I continue to keep our Village property taxes flat (now the 7<sup>th</sup> year with no material increase). This means that our current budget is less than that required under New York State's property tax freeze, which imposes a cap based on either the rate of inflation or 2%, whichever is less. As the total property assessment in Lattingtown continues to decrease from \$1,706,661 in 2020 to \$1,134,477 in 2021, the Village tax rate per \$100 will increase from \$45.14 to \$67.93. Tax revenue, however, will remain flat at \$ 770,650.

YEAR	TAXES	ASSESSMENT	TAX RATE	EXPENSES	REVENUES	APP
SURPLUS					other than taxes	
2015-16	770,026	2,031,197	37.91	1,251,912	333,153	148,733
2016-17	770,003	1,983,011	38.83	1,252,612	347,732	134,877
2017-18	770,171	1,910,622	40.31	1,269,934	271,332	205,931
2018-19	770,064	1,835,673	41.95	1,409,285	417,400	181,821
2019-20	770,480	1,772,848	43.46	1,520,231	512,900	236,851
2020-21	770,557	1,706,661	45.15	1,562,232	409,132	383,543
2021-22	770,650	1,134,477	67.93	1,654,258	386,232	497,376

Our building permit fee revenues, year over year, were up 245% in March and 653.6% in April making up for the fees lost during last year's COVID-19 related moratorium on construction. If you have any questions about the budget, do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk/Treasurer, Dawn Gresalfi.

### Roads

An ongoing challenge for the Village is the maintenance and repair of Village Roads. This year we will repave Factory Pond Road. This road has not been repaved since 2007 and has been adversely impacted by traffic detours from the Bayville Bridge project. Current estimates for this repaving are in excess of \$156,000, of which we expect a significant portion to be covered by grants from New York State. In addition, we will be repaving the sidewalk on Ryefield Road. Current estimates for that work are still being gathered. Last year we received \$139,000 toward the cost of the work we did on Fox and Bear Lanes. We continue to lobby the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the office of the County Executive, Laura Curran, for the repaving and repair of the County roads in our Village, most notably Bayville Road and Horse Hollow Road.

### Village Speed Limits

In 2019, the Village speed limit was lowered to 30 mph to promote safety in our Village, particularly in our school zones. Our speed limits now conform with surrounding jurisdictions including the Villages of Bayville and Mill Neck, the Town of Oyster Bay and the City of Glen Cove. Since the roll out on July 1, 2019, Nassau County Police have been asked to enforce this new limit as and where needed.

### Village Boards: Trustees, Planning and Zoning

Our Village is blessed to have a dedicated group of volunteers who serve on each of our Village boards. After many years of service to the Village, Peter Picoli resigned his position on the Village Board of Trustees and Mark DeNatale was appointed to serve out the balance of Peter's term. Mark, a Village resident for 19 years, served on the Planning Board for 11 years prior to his appointment as trustee and will run for election this June.

Mark's spot on the Planning Board was filled by Meghan Widyn as an Alternate on that Board. Meghan is a life-long resident of Lattingtown and we thank her for stepping up to assist our Village.

On the Board of Zoning Appeals, Lisbeth Finnerty has resigned her position as she is moving out of the Village. Liz served for 4 years as an alternate on the Board and we thank her for her service. The Trustees and I have replaced Liz with two new alternate members, Jaime Posillico and Angela Works. Jaime is a lifelong resident and Angela is a 20+ year resident of our Village. Thanks to both of them for agreeing to serve our Village.

### Environmental

The Village continues its cooperation with neighboring villages, the City of Glen Cove, the Town of Oyster Bay and state and federal governments to promote environmental preservation of Long Island Sound and the surrounding north shore area. Deputy Mayor Carol Harrington is our representative on the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee. As a coastal village, we remain actively involved in protecting our watershed and beaches including efforts to control storm water run-off and we ask residents to maintain their septic systems and pick up pet waste. This year, Nassau County has announced a new program to provide grants of \$10,000 to homeowners and small businesses to replace outdated septic systems with new nitrogen reducing systems. For further information about this important program, please contact Village Hall.

### COVID-19

At the writing of this letter, our Village Hall continues to be closed, with business being conducted by appointment, by phone and email. Our hope is to reopen soon. A drop box is located by the front door for filing or picking up documents. Your Village Trustees continue to meet virtually, but Village Court, the Zoning Board and the Planning Board have resumed in-person business while following all relevant COVID protocols. We encourage continued social distancing and compliance with New York State and CDC mandates to slow the spread of the virus.

### COVID-19 Relief Funds

As you may be aware, in early March 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan which provides for direct financial relief to State and local governments. Under this plan, the Village expects to receive approximately \$190,000 in two equal installments over a two-year period. The first installment is expected later this year and the second in 2022. These funds will allow the Village to fast-forward some local infrastructure projects while continuing to keep your Village taxes flat.

### Police

The security and safety of our Village and our surrounding communities is of paramount importance. To that end, I have been working closely with the Nassau County Police Commander from our local precinct to increase and to improve both the police presence and response within the Village. We will continue to stay in close contact with the commander and with the officers assigned to our area.

### Village Beach

One lovely asset of our Village is the Village Beach which will open for business on Saturday, May 29. We are currently in the process of repairing the seawall and patio area, with new picnic tables to be installed when complete. A new rack has been installed to make it easier for residents to store and to use their kayaks and other non-motorized small boats at no additional charge to Village Beach permit holders. If you are interested in joining the beach for the summer, you may download the application from the Village website or you may call the Village Office and we will drop one in the mail for you. The fee for residents is \$150. Resident members may also sponsor a friend for membership for \$250.

### Email Contacts

We continue to compile email addresses for all of our residents to enhance our ability to communicate rapidly and save significant mailing costs. Please visit our website and add your email address:

**[villageoflatington.org](http://villageoflatington.org)**

### Filming

Please note that TV or movie filming within the Village, even on private property, requires a permit from the Village.

### Noise and Lighting Ordinances

To maintain the quiet enjoyment of our Village, please remember to be courteous to your neighbors and be mindful of the hours of operation for landscapers and the restrictions on outdoor lighting (see attached Things to Note). We have also included a separate sheet with landscaping hours to give to your landscapers!

Attached is a list of items of importance for quick reference entitled Things to Note. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Robert W. Fagiola  
Mayor