

**The Incorporated Village of Lattingtown**

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**“Everyone should pay their taxes with a smile. I would love to, but they insist on cash!”**

**- Jackie Mason**

Dear Fellow Resident:

Here's what's happening in our Village:

Taxes

Per the quote above, we appreciate smiles, but we do need cash to run the Village. Happily, despite inflation's growing impact on our expenses, Village property taxes continue to remain flat with no material increase for the ninth consecutive year. As the total property assessment in Lattingtown continues to decrease from \$1,073,814 in 2022 to \$1,038,535 in 2023, the Village tax rate per \$100 will increase from \$71.76 to \$74.15. Tax revenue however, will remain flat at \$770,073.

YEAR	TAXES	ASSESSMENT	TAX RATE	EXPENSES	REVENUES other than taxes	APP SURPLUS
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
2022-23	770,568	1,073,814	71.76	1,534,838	436,839	327,431
2023-24	770,073	1,038,535	74.15	1,536,047	336,838	399,135

Our success in keeping taxes flat this year is due in large part to continued strong building permit fees and moderating our Village road rebuilding program. If you have any questions about the budget, do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk/Treasurer, Dawn Gresalfi.

### Roads

Road maintenance and repair remains high on our priority list. This past year we finished rebuilding Factory Pond Road, including addressing drainage issues. We completed the engineering work and bid package to rebuild Millford Drive, but that work will be postponed to budget-year 2023-2024 to spread costs over a longer period, allowing us to maintain a flat tax rate. Matinecock and Egypt Lanes and Park Avenue need attention which will be addressed in year 2024 – 2025. We successfully lobbied the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the County Executive's office to repave Lattingtown Road, with a couple of sections to be completed once drainage repairs are finished. Our lobbying efforts are currently focused on repairs to and maintenance of Horse Hollow and Bayville Roads.

### Village Hall

We completed Phase I of renovations to the Village Hall which included installation of two ADA compliant bathrooms and an ADA compliant rear ramp entry, accessible to our public meeting room and court room. These costs were partially funded by \$80,000 in grants from Nassau County and New York State. Unfortunately, mold and asbestos were discovered during the renovations and we are now soliciting bids for that remediation work.

### Governor Hochul's Housing Plan

Thank you to all who responded to my letter earlier this year and wrote to the Governor opposing her housing plan - which she has backed away from for now. As you are aware, her plan as originally proposed is an existential threat to our way of life in Lattingtown and our surrounding villages. We will remain vigilant in objecting to any similar proposals.

### 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. Unfortunately, we continue to see speeding in our Village. Nassau County Police have been asked to step up enforcement as and where needed.

### Village Boards: Trustees, Planning and Zoning

Steve Ely, who served on the Village Board of Trustees for more than 6 years, has resigned his position. We are grateful for Steve's contributions to the governance of our Village. He will be missed.

I have appointed Tony Bliss to take Steve's spot on the Board of Trustees for the remainder of Steve's term. Tony has served the Village as a member of our Board of Zoning Appeals for 11 years and will run for election in June for his own four-year term as a Village Trustee.

Gene Souther, Jr., who I had appointed earlier this year as an alternate member of our Zoning Board of Appeals, will now move up to be a voting member to fill Tony's spot. Gene has lived in our Village for more than 12 years. You may recall Gene's father, who served the Village for 23 years in several positions and passed away last year.

I have also appointed Cathy Bauer as an Alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Cathy has been a resident of the Village for over 28 years.

### 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, marshlands and beaches including efforts to control storm water run-off. We ask residents to pick up pet waste and to maintain their septic systems. Nassau County continues to provide grants of \$10,000 to homeowners and small businesses to replace outdated septic systems with new nitrogen reducing systems. See <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5191/Nassau-Septic>. Permit applications for both traditional and Innovative and Alternative Septic Systems installation and replacement are available on the Village website at <https://www.villageoflatingtown.org/applications--documents.html>. For further information about this important program, please contact the Village.

### Garden Sheds

We have changed our setback regulations as they apply to garden sheds. If you are planning on installing one, please check with our Building Inspector, Peter Albinski.

### 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 27th. 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 non-resident 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:**

**[villageoflatingtown.org](https://www.villageoflatingtown.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 restrictions on outdoor lighting (see attached Things to Note). Please also note that in response to a number of complaints, fines for noise violations have been increased and our Code Enforcement Officer Jack Mancusi and the Second Precinct have been asked to step up enforcement. We have also included a separate sheet with landscaping hours for you to give to your landscapers!

Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fagiola  
Mayor

Enclosures

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Village elections are Tuesday, June 20 at Village Hall from 12.00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Running for re-election to four-year terms are:

- Mayor - Robert Fagiola
- Trustee – Carol Harrington
- Trustee – Anthony Bliss

Please come and cast your vote.