

Mayor's Budget Message – 2022/2023

Our current financial picture – the summary

Our total assessed valuation went up this year following a year where it decreased. Our total taxable assessed valuation is \$32,633,703. Like last year, we will again reduce our property tax rate to avoid going over the state mandated tax cap, it will go from \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$1.66 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. We completed a lot of major road projects in 2021, including chip sealing Hayes Road and major work on Webster Hill to improve the ditching. We have Webster Hill and Smith Hill remaining and will look toward chip sealing those roads in 2023. We will utilize our American Recovery Program Act funds to begin work on our new park in Hoags Corners and proposed 911 address signs for village residents.

What changes are reflected in the proposed budget?

Highlighted changes in proposed budget:

An increase of 3% for stipends/salaries for clerk, treasurer, dwp superintendent, and building inspector/CEO.

An increase in our attorney line to provide \$130 per hour from the current \$125 per hour.

ARPA funding for the parks line and for special projects to account for the proposed 911 address signs.

Conclusion

This year we spent more than we ever have on our roads. We took care of maintenance issues that have been on the “waiting list” for years. We were fortunate to get much of it reimbursed by the state. Many thanks go to DPW superintendent Michael Dorr. The proposed budget reflects priorities and constant costs while maintaining our policy of using volunteers and fundraising to seed new and existing efforts.

We look forward to partnering with the Town of Nassau on a hazardous waste collection day and exploring other needs and priorities. Our village remains in good fiscal condition and we look forward to improving our overall quality of life here in East Nassau.