

Press Release

The Village of Thomaston adopted an unprecedented Budget for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$2,707,868. This is the thirteenth consecutive Village budget without a tax increase for its residents. Now for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, under the leadership of Mayor Steven Weinberg and the Village Board of Trustees, there will be a 3% tax decrease for Village taxpayers.

It is truly unique for a village in the State of New York to consistently provide its high level of services to village residents without borrowing and without a tax increase for more than a decade, let alone a tax decrease. The Village of Thomaston is debt free, and so does not incur interest or other cost servicing any municipal bonds.

Village municipal services include such things as beautification, tree planting in the public right of way, maintenance of common grounds & islands in the community, maintenance of our roads, Belgian block curbs and sidewalks, code enforcement, clearing & cleaning our streets after storms, snow removal, and garbage removal.

The Fiscal Year 2022/2023 includes expenditures of approximately \$760,000.00 for two capital road projects for Crescent and Colonial Road and for the purchase of a new street sweeper, all to be paid for from savings carefully accumulated for this purpose.

Careful economic planning of Mayor Steven Weinberg and the Village Board of Trustees over many years, together with success in obtaining state and local government grants and other aid, has allowed the Village to main its roads and equipment without borrowing or increasing taxes. With continued economic vigilance, that should continue, allowing us to repave our roads in stages as the need arises, and replace obsolete equipment.

The Village has been careful not to duplicate services offered by other local governments such as the Town and County and has entered into Inter-Municipal agreements to further savings of expenses.

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees also supervise our dedicated staff of full-time and part-time employees, who assure that budgeted funds are correctly spent and that our roads and equipment are well maintained.

It is leadership by example from the top down, planning and careful administration by all Village employees that has empowered the Village to plan for the maintenance and replacement of the Village's capital assets, have the funds and the manpower necessary to work around the clock clearing after every storm, and provide the municipal services of building and code enforcement and sanitation while making the Village a more beautiful place to live, all without borrowing and without increasing and now actually decreasing the cost to Thomaston residents.