

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MUTTONTOWN

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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. This is a follow up to my correspondence regarding our Village's 2018/19 budget preparations. I am pleased to inform you that your Board of Trustees has approved a budget that FREEZES our VILLAGE TAX RATE at the same level as last year.

Your Trustees and I were, once again, able to adopt a budget that provides funding for all Village operations and holds the line on taxes while continuing to ensure Muttontown is DEBT FREE. As discussed in detail at the April budget meeting, this administration's practice of seeking bids for even the smallest expenditures allowed both ongoing and additional services to be funded for the 2018/19 fiscal year without tapping into the dedicated accounts we established for our Village's future needs.

This budget was achieved, due in large part, to the landmark arbitration award handed down after the first contract negotiated between the Muttontown PBA and your elected representatives. The team assembled to represent our Village at the arbitration table secured raises and benefits that were affordable to the community while ensuring that the police presence and response times we have come to enjoy will continue. Balancing the demands of the PBA against our fiscal responsibilities, your elected officials were able to provide our Patrol Officers with incomes that last year topped out at more than \$140,000, plus benefits.

I want to remind you, when in need of a Muttontown Police Officer do not hesitate to DIAL 911. This is the best way to reach an Officer whether it be for a medical emergency, a person or vehicle of suspicious nature or simply a routine inquiry. Rest assured, these calls will be prioritized and assigned by a dispatcher based on urgency.

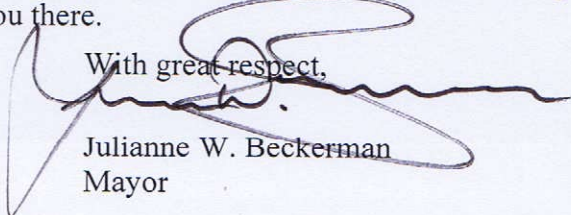
Another factor in holding the line on taxes for the 2018/19 fiscal year was new building permit application revenue, which is up from this time last year. Building Department activity continues to be strong with 2017 seeing 143 applications and 113 permits issued. Due to this volume and its revenue generated, your Board of Trustees has been able to fund the hiring of an additional employee for the Building Department. In the meantime our plan reviewers are putting in weekend hours to attempt to address the Department's volume.

Your Village tax bill for the year 2018/19 will be mailed shortly and is payable as of June 1st with a grace period until July 2nd 2018. If you do not receive your bill by the first week in June, please contact the Village Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Lolis at 516-364-3476.

Over the coming weeks our Village will begin a nearly half a million dollar road repair project. This project is under budget due in large part to the continued practice of careful planning to reap the most from every dollar spent. Crews will be out addressing potholes, repairing curbing, repaving and sweeping roads. Like all projects undertaken, these are fully funded to ensure our Village remains free of any debt.

As always, your Trustees and I welcome your input. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30pm at Village Hall. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to keep informed of the on-goings in our Village, I hope to see you there.

With great respect,



Julianne W. Beckerman
Mayor