



Budget 2022 Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to my April 2022 Newsletter which is dedicated to the budget that the Board of Trustees have compiled for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

By NYS law, the Fiscal Year for Villages runs from June 1st to May 31st of the following year (vs. Towns, whose Fiscal Year runs from January 1st to December 31st). The Board must approve the budget each year by May 1st, and we have a public hearing scheduled for 6PM on April 13th at the Millbrook Firehouse to formally present the budget for review and discussion.

The following is a summary of key elements in our budget. Line-item detail of the **[tentative budget](#)** is available on our **[website](#)**. You are welcome to bring any questions or comments to the public hearing or contact me directly via email or phone any time.

Summary – General Fund

This year's General Fund ("A-Fund") budget is within the NYS-mandated tax cap. The tax rate will increase 1% to \$4.85 per \$1000 of assessed property value while the overall assessed value of Village of Millbrook property has increased 1%, resulting in a 2% increase in the tax levy.

The total A-Fund budget is \$2.1M with \$1.1M of revenue coming from the tax levy on Village property and \$1M of revenue coming from other sources (Town of Washington, Dutchess County, NYS, rentals, fees, ...).

Of the \$2.1M in A-Fund expenses, \$709K (35%) is for Fire/Rescue, \$615K (31%) is for the Front Office, \$435K (22%) is for the Highway Department, and \$229K (12%) is for the Police Department. This budget includes an across-the-board employee salary increase of 3%, comparable to other local municipalities.

Fire/Rescue: By contract, Fire/Rescue services are provided to both Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington residents with Town of Washington paying a majority of the cost, based on the ratio of assessed property values in the 2 municipalities. 57% of the Fire/Rescue budget is for the contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics to provide the Village of Millbrook & Town of Washington with 24/7 paramedic/ambulance service. This contract contains an annual 2.5% increase.

Other Fire/Rescue budget expenses include:

- Costs for routine training & certification of all Fire/Rescue volunteers.
- Maintenance & repair of FD vehicles and the firehouse, including the 2nd of 6 annual payments to cover 40% of the cost of a new firehouse roof, with the remaining cost being funded by the Fire Company 501c3;
- An increase in contributions to the LOSAP fund (a pension-type payout to volunteers who have met yearly service requirements).
- An expansion of the NYS-mandated cancer coverage for volunteer firefighters.
- An annual contribution (per contract) to the Apparatus Reserve Fund towards the future replacement of a fire truck.

Front Office expenses include:

- Salaries for trustees (including myself), clerks and the Building Inspector.
- Contracts for attorney & engineer services.
- Liability, medical, disability & workers' compensation insurances.
- Data processing equipment, software & tech support.
- NYS retirement contributions.

- Principal & interest on the 20-year bond to cover the cost of the oil-spill remediation in 2010.
- Estimated bond principal & interest for that portion of the retaining wall repair which is not covered by the Village's American Rescue Plan allotment.

Highway expenses include:

- Salaries for 1 part time and 3 full time employees.
- Maintenance, repair & repaving of Village roads.
- Maintenance & repair of Village property & buildings.
- Equipment & vehicles needed by the Highway Department.

Police expenses include:

- Salaries for 1 full time and 6 part time police officers.
- Cost for routine training & certification of all officers.
- Police retirement contributions.
- Equipment & vehicles needed by the Police Department.

Summary – Water & Sewer Funds

For both the Water Fund ("F-Fund") and the Sewer Fund ("G-Fund"), we outsource administrative and operational services to VRI. By contract, their rates are tied to the CPI which increased 6.3% in 4Q21.

F-Fund: The overall annual water budget will increase to \$339K. Because of the VRI rate increase, increased energy costs, and above-expected costs for replacement of filters in our new water distribution system, we must increase the water rates by \$.50 per 1000 gallons used, effective 6/1/22. This 7% rate increase is necessary to ensure that the F-Fund remains "standalone" (meaning that all expenses in the water budget are covered by the water-portion of your quarterly water/sewer bill).

G-Fund: The overall annual sewer budget will increase to \$375K. Although these same (admin & energy) expense increases are reflected in the G-Fund and we are budgeting the cost to replace the pump station and install a generator in South Millbrook, expected sewer revenues will cover these expenses, keeping the G-Fund "standalone" at current rates.

Questions or Comments?

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Attend the Public Hearing at 6 PM on 4/13/22 in the Millbrook Firehouse.

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Village Board Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Millbrook Firehouse
20 Front Street, Millbrook, NY

APR
13
6:00
PM

NEXT BOT MEETING

Public Hearing - Budget

Visit our [meeting docs page](#) for [agendas](#) and documents relating to the upcoming meeting.

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