



Village of Wellsville

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To: Residents of the Village of Wellsville
From: Village of Wellsville Board of Trustees
Re: Tax Collection History Presentation

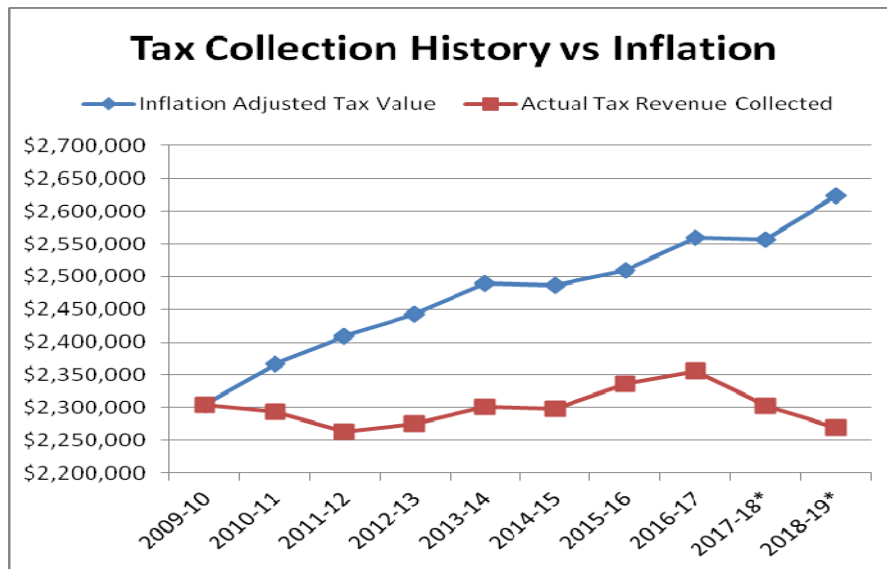
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As you know, the Village Board has been committed to lowering the tax rate. We were able to lower the tax rate again this year despite the overall village assessment going down. The new tax rate proposed for 2017-2018 will be \$17.40 per thousand. In terms of actual tax dollars raised, this is about 1.5% less revenue than last year. In fact, we were able to reduce the tax revenue collected to less than over \$30,000 less than was collected in the 2009-2010 budget year - exactly a decade ago!

As far as taxes collected for the General Fund, the amount collected each year is as follows:

2018-2019	\$2,269,852	2013-2014	\$2,301,600
2017-2018	\$2,303,480	2012-2013	\$2,274,816
2016-2017	\$2,356,280	2011-2012	\$2,262,512
2015-2016	\$2,336,606	2010-2011	\$2,293,752
2014-2015	\$2,298,000	2009-2010	\$2,303,838

When you factor in inflation over the past ten years, the Village is effectively collecting much LESS tax revenue in terms of dollars adjusted for inflation than during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. In other words, to keep up with inflation, the Village should be collecting almost \$2.7 million in tax revenue this year, or roughly 18% higher taxes than we are collecting. **If the Village simply kept pace with estimated inflation, the tax rate for 2018-19 would be \$20.05 instead of \$17.40.** The chart below compares the revenues the Village should have been collecting to keep up with inflation versus taxes actually collected.



* = Inflation amounts are through February 2018 and then for 2018-19 estimated at 2.5%.

Again this year the Village Board met its' goal to lower the tax rate while still providing the same range of services. From public safety to street maintenance, Village surveys indicate every service is valued by residents so the board works to create a budget that provides those valued services efficiently.

Sincerely,

Randy M. Shayler, Mayor