

Elected Trustees for 2022-2024

Thank you to all the candidates for the Village Election held on March 15, 2022. The community is grateful for your interest in serving our community. There were 2 open trustee positions which will be filled by *Shane Ellis* (returning) and *Chelsea Heath*.

Thanks also to retiring Trustee Andrew Wright for 7 years serving the community.

From the Mayor—

As the nice weather returns and we start getting back outside to our favorite warm weather activities please remember to do them safely. Lets also remember to watch out for others doing their favorite warm weather activities such as the kids on bicycles and people going for walk. Kayakers be reminded of the launch, storage rack, and Blueway Trail kiosk located north of the Village Office adjacent to the waterfront.

There is lots of information in this edition of the newsletter, including information on the proposed FY2022-23 Village Budgets. The General Fund budget which relies heavily on the collection of property taxes also utilizes sales tax and other revenue incomes. A five percent increase in total appropriations is proposed within the General Fund budget; also included is an increased utilization of fund balances and, after lengthy discussions by Village Board Members, a sales tax revenues amount which remains flat at the prior fiscal year’s rate. Unfortunately, a overall decrease in the amount of total taxable value within the Village results in a slight increase in the tax rate. That increase amounts to approximately five dollars per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The Village Board accepted a purchase offer for the Cayuga Memorial Hall and anticipates closing on the sale soon. Work continues on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, another public informational meeting will be scheduled in upcoming months.

As the spring rainy season is upon us, please keep the road side ditches, driveway culverts and catch basins in front of your homes clear of leaves, branches and other debris which can prohibit proper drainage, cause flooding or other damage. Bagged leaf and bundled brush pickup will resume and spring clean up is scheduled for June 11th.

Be well and stay healthy,
Mayor William Sherman

William Sherman

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 VILLAGE BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 5-508 of the Village Law of New York, the tentative budget for the Village of Cayuga has been prepared and filed with the Village Clerk where it may be inspected by any interested parties during office hours or by appointment by calling 315 -252-1707. PDF copies of the tentative budget are also available by emailing info@villagecayugany.com.

Said tentative budget includes maximum compensation for the Mayor at \$2448 per annum and for the Trustees at \$1734 per annum. And contains total proposed expenditures of the following:

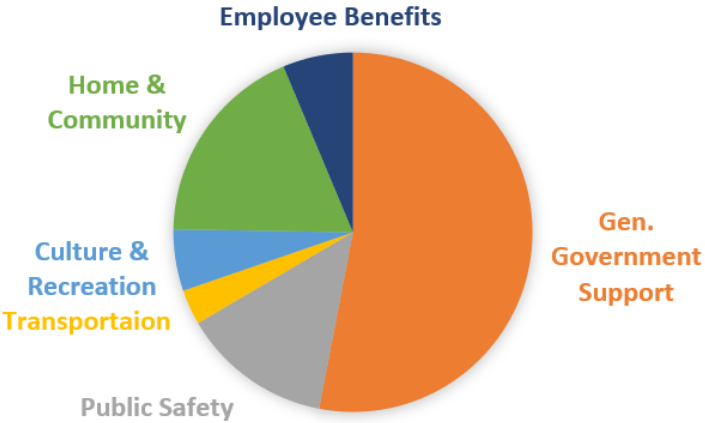
General Fund \$506,602.00
Sewer Fund \$380,225.00
Water Fund \$71,245.00

The proposed real property tax rate would be .008582 per thousand.

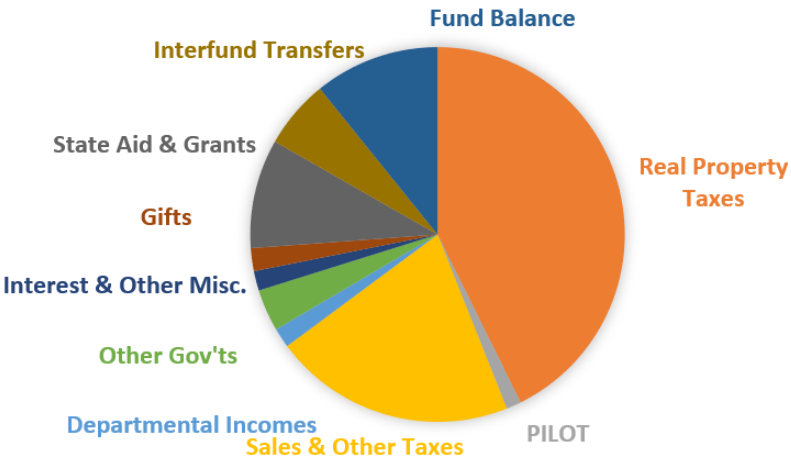
The Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Village Budget scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:30pm will be streamed live at www.facebook.com/villagecayugany.

Village Budget Information 2022-2023

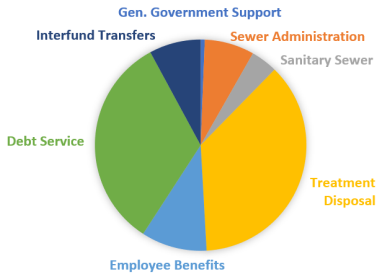
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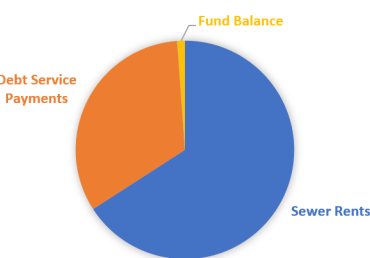
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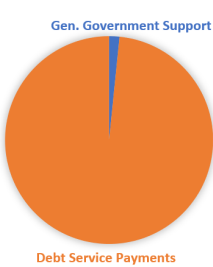
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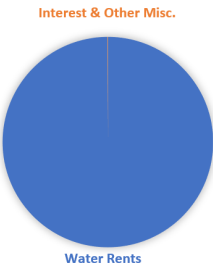
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PROPOSED WATER FUND EXPENDITURES



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The History Corner by Cindy Scoville:

One thing we learn from studying history is that change is inevitable. Changes are once again taking place in the Village. Take a drive or walk around the village and you can't miss the signs of construction/renovation. Two noteworthy developments expected in the near future involve Cayuga Memorial Hall and Cayuga Elementary School. Both have been sold and big changes will soon take place.

“The Hall” - as it is known– was dedicated in March 1949. The following quote is from the dedication program: “As early as the late thirties the village board saw the growing social and recreational needs for a community building. Later each village organization appointed a member to join a planning committee. The committee decided that “The Hall” should be a memorial to veterans of the two World Wars and conducted a successful financial drive in January 1945. The funds for this project were subscribed by 181 individuals, Beacon Milling Co., Cowles Chemical Co. and from Village funds, all of which amounted to \$46,000. This was a large sum for a village as small as Cayuga, but because of its successful business firms the villagers were able to build the Hall.” The community planning committee consisted of representation from the boy and girl scouts, school board, home bureau, Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic churches, American Legion Post 1259 and its auxiliary, fire department, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, and village board.

Cayuga Elementary School was constructed in the early 1950's. Prior to that, students in grades K-8 attended school at the brick schoolhouse on Center St. (which later became the Grange building and is currently unoccupied). Up until around the late 1930's or early 1940's, high school students in Cayuga traveled by train to Mynderse Academy in Seneca Falls. When school buses became the mode of transportation, students were bused to Union Springs and Cayuga became part of the Union Springs School District.

I would enjoy hearing your memories of activities you enjoyed at both “The Hall” and Elementary School. Email me at: Cayugahistory@gmail.com. Perhaps I will share your stories in future issues of this column. Meanwhile, pay a visit to the railroad station meeting room and view the excellent display about our village history—compliments of the Frontenac Historical Society and Museum.

Spring Clean-Up Reminders

- ⇒ Leaf and brush pick-up will begin the first and third Wednesday in April. Reminder that brush must be bundled and be no more than 3 feet long and 3 inches in diameter. Bags with leaves may weigh no more than 35 pounds.
- ⇒ Please remove any items from the cemetery that you wish to retain. Removal of items should be complete by May 15th to allow preparation of the cemetery for Memorial Day on May 30th.
- ⇒ Village Clean-Up Day is scheduled for **June 11th** from 8am-12noon at the Village Garage. Items accepted: appliances **without** freon, mattresses, bicycles without tires, anything not part of your normal trash. Items not accepted: tires (tire recycling day scheduled June 25th watch for further information), building materials, items with freon.
- ⇒ Spring Electronics Plus collection day—April 9th. Registration required. Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 315-255-1183 for appointment and location.

Pick Up Your Pet's Waste! It's Polluting our Lakes

Dog owners should know that your pet waste needs to be picked up and disposed of appropriately. Due to diet, dog feces does not break down fast and then when it rains, stormwater runoff allows it to easily flow directly into the lake. This is a health concern for you as well since E-coli, giardia and salmonella are just a few of the bacteria found in dog “poop” and parasites such as roundworms can also be present. All of these organisms can be transported in dog waste and all are easily transferred to humans. Dog “poop” that enters the water through runoff also introduces an increased amount of nutrients and the

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addition of these nutrients may lead to more severe algae blooms or other water problems.

Cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae is a growing concern in our lake. So, when you take your dog for a walk, take a “poop bag” and pick up after your pet. Keep our lakeshore and walking path clean. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to be a good pet owner.

The Cayuga Waterfront Festival Is Back This Year!

Come join us on August 6th and visit the craft, food and many other vendor tables, all while enjoying the performances from the live bands. Whether you want to sign up for the softball tournament, try your luck at raffles, enter your children in the fishing derby, or just stop out for our fabulous fireworks display, there promises to be something for everyone! If you are interested in being a part of the festival in any capacity (helper, vendor, traffic control, etc.) you can reach out to Chelsea Heath at crheath07@gmail.com or Don Wilson at dew2n3@gmail.com.



Cayuga Fire Department Needs Your Help!



Your neighbors volunteer to provide fire protection service to you as well as BLS ambulance for EMS and a boat for water rescues on Cayuga Lake. With man/ woman power shortages, mutual aid and good working relationships are more imperative now than every before. We are asking for new volunteers to become a part of our team. The Fire House is open Monday evenings and you are encouraged to stop in and speak with the current volunteers and look at the equipment supported by your tax dollars. We also have a junior membership for young people 16 years of age and older. Won't you visit and learn how you can help your community?

It's a good time to remind you that there is a NYS Burn Ban in effect from March 16th—May 14th.

Swim Program

Kelly Lyndaker, Waterfront Director is planning to have swim lessons at Harris Park this year. Stay tuned for further information in the Summer Newsletter.