

# Sands Point Report

## The Village's 110th Year

**March 2020 - Budget Report - Fiscal Year 2021**  
**Public Hearing - Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 8:00 PM at Village Hall**

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Daniel Scheyer

## Milestones

### In Memory of Michael Zenobio

I note with great sadness the passing of resident **Michael Zenobio**. Following his retirement from the Board of Zoning Appeals after serving for twenty-five years, he was honored by the Village and the New York State Conference of Mayors in 2019 for his exceptional service and tenure. A week before his passing, Village Police Officers Iaconetti and Meyer, responding to the emergency call at his home, found him unresponsive with no pulse. They administered CPR successfully and were able to restore a strong pulse for his transport to the hospital, but ultimately recovery was not possible.

### Planning Board

Last December, **Hal Spielman** retired from the Village Planning Board after fifteen years of dedicated service. He will be missed as a valued colleague and mentor to recent appointees to the board. **Larry Janis** was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board for the balance of Hal's term.

### Village Club

The General Manager of the Village Club for the past two years, **Dana Cancellero**, has resigned effective this month; she has accepted a position at a club in northern Westchester closer to her home. Kemper Sports is conducting a nationwide search for her successor; Club operations will not be impacted as senior staff carries on as usual in planning for the coming season.

## BUDGET REPORT – FY 2021

I am pleased to report that the Village's tax levy increase for the 2021 fiscal year beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> will remain below the NY State property tax "cap" for the ninth year in a row since adoption by the State Legislature. This year's "cap" on the increase in the total tax levy is **1.8%**, as calculated by the NYS Comptroller's Office.

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It is important to note that annually-imposed tax “cap” percentage applies to the total property levy for the Village. Your individual tax bill may vary up or down by a different percentage, depending on changes in your home’s assessed value and other factors that the Village does not control. **The Village has not adopted the County’s 2020-21 assessment role, which is under scrutiny because of significant disparities and inconsistencies with the County’s re-assessment determinations.** It is also subject of a class action lawsuit pending against the County. The Village will continue to carefully monitor all developments relating to County assessments.

As I note every year, the “one-size-fits-all” process by which the State determines each year’s “cap” seems arbitrary and largely irrelevant for villages like Sands Point. Our substantial labor and capital costs vary from year to year based on factors we cannot directly control and bear little relationship to the “cap”. Over the past nine budget cycles, the “cap” started at over 2%, dropped to 0.8% for the 2017 fiscal year, increasing again last year into the 2% range and is now back below 2%. Such lack of predictability and consistency makes fiscal planning more difficult, though it has been and will remain the Board’s goal to avoid exceeding the “cap” without diminishing the quality and quantity of Village services provided to our residents.

## **The Most Significant Budget Changes For FY 2021**

The 2021 budget benefits from three major expense reductions:


- The conclusion this past year of a ten-year payout to the **police retirement system** of **\$183,000** per year to switch police pension categories a decade ago.
- A 25% reduction in the recently-bid five-year **sanitation** contract saving **\$144,000** per year; the bidding process this year benefited from increased competition. Services will remain unchanged and Dejana will continue as the contractor.
- A 20% reduction in **snow removal** costs, also thanks to increased bid competition, saving **\$83,000** per year; McGowan Brothers was the winning bidder.

On the minus side, the Building Department is estimating an income reduction of **\$160,000** from **permit and extension fees** resulting from a substantial drop in construction activity in the Village over the past year. Albany’s estimates for **retirement contribution and health plan** costs are up by **\$105,000** for the coming fiscal year.

The Village’s largest annual capital expense involves maintaining our **road and drainage systems** in the best possible condition. We have increased the total budget for road repaving, drainage and repair by **\$135,000** to a total of **\$540,000** for the coming year. The Village engineer reviews and rates the condition of all Village roads to determine how best to prioritize the spending of available funds.

The 2021 budget provides for a **contingent account** of approximately **\$500,000** which serves many purposes, such as unanticipated revenue losses, expenses, and police retirement pay.

**If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please attend the Public Hearing on Tuesday evening, March 26<sup>th</sup> or contact me or Clerk Liz Gaynor in the interim. If you have any questions about how the new tax rate will affect your actual tax bill this spring, call Leah or Colleen at the Village Office and they will be happy to provide you with a tentative calculation.**

 Mayor

For the Board of Trustees  
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**GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021 PRELIM</b>
A-0000-1001-0000	REAL PROPERTY TAXES	9,371,629.31	9,540,387.00	9,711,854.00
A-0000-1081-0000	PYMTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	20,420.00	200,659	204,264.50
A-0000-1090-0000	INT/PENAL.-REAL PROP TAX	34,694.18	80,000.00	82,500.00
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>		<b>9,426,743.49</b>	<b>9,821,046.00</b>	<b>9,998,618.50</b>
A-0000-1130-0000	UTILTY GROSS RECEIPT TAX	88,782.58	110,000.00	110,000.00
A-0000-1170-0000	FRANCHISE FEES	78,861.51	105,000.00	105,000.00
<b>TOTAL NON PROPERTY</b>		<b>167,644.09</b>	<b>215,000.00</b>	<b>215,000.00</b>
A-0000-1255-0000	CLERK'S FEES	3,893.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
A-0000-1560-0000	BUILDING PERMIT FEES	445,455.00	425,000.00	300,000.00
A-0000-1560-0001	BLDG PERMIT EXTENSION	141,401.92	135,000.00	100,000.00
A-0000-1560-0003	TREE PERMIT	7,540.00	14,000.00	13,000.00
A-0000-2089-0001	SP HISTORY BOOK	0.00	100.00	100.00
A-0000-2110-0000	BD.OF APPEALS FEES	11,005.10	18,500.00	7,000.00
A-0000-2110-0001	BZA EXP.REIMBURSEMENT	62,050.93	110,000.00	85,500.00
A-0000-2115-0000	PLANNING BOARD FEES	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
A-0000-2115-0001	PLANNING BD EXP REIMBURSEMENT	15,923.92	40,000.00	39,500.00
A-0000-2130-0000	PROPERTY CLEANUP FEES	4,907.50	7,000.00	6,000.00
A-0000-2401-0000	INTEREST AND EARNINGS	29,698.00	40,000.00	50,000.00
A-0000-2410-0000	GENERAL UTILITY ALARM RENTAL	5,796.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
A-0000-2544-0000	LIC. FEE-ATT/CINGULAR-TIBBITS	77,835.18	77,835.00	80,170.00
A-0000-2545-0000	LIC.FEE-ATT/CINGULAR-SOUTH ROAD	90,106.48	83,366.00	85,867.00
A-0000-2546-0000	LICENSE FEE- SPRINT-TIBBITS	71,019.59	71,075.00	73,207.00
A-0000-2547-0000	LICENSE FEE- T-MOBILE-TIBBITS/SOUTH RD	153,474.46	152,479.00	157,053.00
A-0000-2548-0000	LIC FEE- VERIZON-TIBBITS	88,597.88	88,814.00	91,478.00
A-0000-2552-0000	LIC FEE-VERIZON-SOUTH ROAD	56,238.00	59,663.00	61,453.00
A-0000-2590-0000	ALARM PERMITS	118,370.00	135,000.00	135,000.00
A-0000-2593-0001	CSTL.EXP.REIMBURSEMENT	1,590.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
A-0000-2594-0000	PERMITS-OTHER	1,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
A-0000-2594-0001	RD.OPEN REIMBURSEMENT	11,000.00	16,500.00	16,500.00
A-0000-2595-0000	FILM PERMITS	154,700.00	130,000.00	120,000.00
A-0000-2597-0000	LANDSCAPE PERMIT	45,950.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
A-0000-2610-0000	JUSTICE COURT FINES	19,810.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
A-0000-2611-0000	FALSE ALARM PENALTY	5,030.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
A-0000-2655-0000	MINOR SALES	30.00	100.00	100.00
A-0000-2665-0020	SALE OF VEHICLES-POLICE	1,995.00	2,000.00	0.00
A-0000-2701-0000	REFUND-PRIOR YRS EXP	1,735.00	0.00	0.00
A-0000-2770-0000	MISCELLANEOUS	27,766.08	500.00	500.00
A-0000-2770-0001	BLUEPRINT REVENUE	2,933.50	5,000.00	5,000.00
A-0000-2770-0002	POLICE O/T FILMING	58,352.50	75,000.00	68,000.00
A-0000-2770-0003	FILM ADMIN FEE	15,212.50	25,000.00	17,000.00
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>		<b>1,730,817.54</b>	<b>1,816,932.00</b>	<b>1,617,428.00</b>
A-0000-3001-0000	STATE AID	16,537.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
A-0000-3005-0000	MORTGAGE TAX	177,433.72	225,000.00	225,000.00
A-0000-3060-0000	DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT	2,829.01	3,000.00	5,000.00
A-0000-3501-0000	C.H.I.P.S. PROGRAM	123,563.28	100,000.00	125,000.00
A-0000-5301-0000	WK COMP REFUND	9,007.67	30,000.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL AID</b>		<b>329,370.68</b>	<b>375,000.00</b>	<b>377,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>11,654,575.80</b>	<b>12,227,978.00</b>	<b>12,208,046.50</b>

**GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021 PRELIM</b>
TOTAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES	54,038.96	55,000.00	60,000.00
TOTAL COURT	31,021.88	19,975.00	36,050.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTING & AUDITING	47,697.75	47,970.00	48,378.00
TOTAL VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION	501,221.73	457,009.00	478,147.00
TOTAL VILLAGE ATTORNEY	198,789.73	144,500.00	148,000.00
TOTAL ELECTION	1,692.40	2,100.00	2,100.00
TOTAL VILLAGE HALL	144,901.01	208,950.00	190,450.00
TOTAL INSURANCE	115,712.44	197,050.00	148,773.50
TOTAL REFUND REAL PROPERTY TAX	63,385.13	35,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	-	591,859.00	500,680.00
POLICE PERSONNEL	4,437,606.98	3,786,917.00	3,999,027.00
POLICE BENEFITS	2,290,879.10	2,467,660.00	2,391,491.00
TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION	884,946.87	912,360.00	916,431.00
TOTAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT	97,891.82	110,255.00	114,768.00
TOTAL ROADS	591,460.09	936,200.00	990,700.00
TOTAL HISTORICAL	540.28	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	95,597.88	108,000.00	85,500.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	52,416.42	39,000.00	39,500.00
TOTAL REFUSE AND GARBAGE	579,172.96	588,840.00	444,630.00
TOTAL TREES	63,075.00	75,000.00	95,000.00
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	427,029.08	355,960.00	390,580.00
TRANSFER TO WATER FUND	697,093.00	687,100.00	686,916.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	403,436.05	400,273.00	399,925.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,779,606.56</b>	<b>12,227,978.00</b>	<b>12,208,046.50</b>

**WATER REVENUE**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021 PRELIM</b>
F-0000-2140-0000	METERED WATER SALES	1,494,908.68	1,600,000.00	1,600,000.00
F-0000-2141-0000	PT.WASHINGTON REVENUE	666.57	0.00	0.00
F-0000-2148-0000	PENALTIES	14,352.22	25,000.00	25,000.00
F-0000-2401-0000	INTEREST INCOME	26,303.11	6,000.00	15,000.00
F-0000-2540-0000	IRRIGATION-RESIDENT WELL APPLICA-TION	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
F-0000-2590-0000	PERMITS	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
F-0000-2592-0000	IRRIGATION- CONTRACTOR PERMIT	425.00	400.00	500.00
F-0000-2600-0000	PERMIT RENEWAL FEE	143,780.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
F-0000-2680-0000	INSURANCE RECOVERIES	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-0000-2710-0000	PREMIUM ON OBLIGATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00
F-0000-2770-0000	UNCLASSIFIED REVENUE	250.00	300.00	0.00
F-0000-2801-0000	INTERFUND REVENUES	697,093.00	687,100.00	686,916.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>2,387,778.58</b>	<b>2,483,800.00</b>	<b>2,492,416.00</b>

**WATER EXPENSES****PERSONNEL SERVICES**

F-8310-0100-0000	PERSONNEL SERV /SALARIES	572,697.11	612,211.00	632,358.00
F-8310-0110-0000	PERSONNEL/OFFICE SALARIES	145,830.43	148,255.00	155,667.00
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>		<b>718,527.54</b>	<b>760,466.00</b>	<b>788,025.00</b>

**WATER EXPENSES**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2019 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2020 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021 PRELIM</b>
F-1910-0400-0000	ADMIN/INSURANCE	60,863.79	68,400.00	68,900.00
F-1990-0400-0000	CAP ADD/CONTINGENCY	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
F-8310-0210-0000	PURCH OF EQUIPMT	4,379.03	30,000.00	40,000.00
F-8310-0215-0000	VEHICLE PURCHASE	33,433.00	40,000.00	0.00
F-8310-0400-0000	ADMIN/AUDITOR	8,681.25	5,400.00	5,835.00
F-8310-0401-0000	ACCOUNTING FEES	15,521.00	15,000.00	14,880.00
F-8310-0410-0000	ADMIN/CONSULTANT	20,266.82	25,000.00	25,000.00
F-8310-0414-0000	UNIFORMS	1,202.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
F-8310-0415-0000	EQUIPMENT RENTAL/LEASE	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
F-8310-0420-0000	ADMIN/TELEPHONE	12,843.60	16,000.00	16,000.00
F-8310-0426-0000	ADMIN/AUTO REPAIR	5,837.37	14,000.00	14,000.00
F-8310-0440-0000	ADMIN/COMPUTER EXPENSE	32,615.69	45,856.00	47,553.00
F-8310-0460-0000	ADMIN/SUPPLIES	5,128.16	9,000.00	9,000.00
F-8310-0461-0000	PLANT/SUPPLIES	8,446.39	10,000.00	10,000.00
F-8310-0463-0000	ADMIN/POSTAGE	4,688.76	6,000.00	6,000.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		<b>213,906.86</b>	<b>299,656.00</b>	<b>272,168.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
F-8320-0200-0000	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<b>4,950.24</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>				
F-8320-0400-0000	LIGHT & HEAT	190,435.95	200,000.00	200,000.00
F-8320-0410-0000	ENGINEER FEES	23,654.38	25,000.00	25,000.00
F-8320-0411-0000	LAB FEES	36,134.00	30,000.00	90,000.00
F-8320-0414-0000	MAINTENANCE ALARMS/SITES	11,901.38	19,000.00	22,000.00
F-8320-0420-0000	REFUND-WATER SPRINKLER CONTROL	900.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
F-8320-0424-0000	REPAIR TO EQUIP/DISTRIB	73,494.11	90,000.00	95,000.00
F-8320-0444-0000	DISTRIB/MISCELLANEOUS	7,754.76	8,000.00	9,000.00
F-8320-0450-0000	CHEMICALS-OTHER	8,828.56	18,000.00	20,000.00
F-8320-0460-0000	DISTRIB/CAUSTIC	37,835.47	40,000.00	45,000.00
F-8320-0464-0000	TRAINING,ASSOC DUES,TRAV	1,612.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
F-8320-0480-0000	WATER PURCHASE	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</b>		<b>392,550.61</b>	<b>486,000.00</b>	<b>560,500.00</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
F-9010-0800-0000	BENEFITS/NYS RETIREMENT	85,181.78	69,306.00	71,787.00
F-9030-0800-0000	BENEFITS/SOCIAL SECURITY	51,504.25	54,000.00	56,000.00
F-9035-0802-0000	NYS EMPLOYER -MCTMT	3,011.71	3,000.00	3,100.00
F-9040-0800-0000	WORKERS COMP	42,770.00	39,000.00	40,000.00
F-9055-0800-0000	SHORT TERM DISABILITY	672.00	725.00	800.00
F-9060-0800-0000	BENEFITS/HEALTH INSURANCE	146,486.10	117,150.00	120,500.00
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		<b>329,625.84</b>	<b>283,181.00</b>	<b>292,187.00</b>
<b>NON OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
F-9710-0700-0000	BONDS..INTEREST	210,969.00	214,732.00	196,094.00
F-9710-0710-0000	BONDS..PRINCIPAL	628,226.00	627,216.00	645,823.00
<b>TOTAL NON OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>839,195.00</b>	<b>841,948.00</b>	<b>841,917.00</b>
<b>TOTAL WATER FUND EXPENSES</b>		<b>2,541,680.86</b>	<b>2,701,251</b>	<b>2,809,797</b>



**SEE SPECIAL COVID-19 MESSAGE ON BACK**

## **SANDS POINT 2020 BUDGET REPORT**

### **PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH**

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**CURRENT RESIDENT OR:**

## **PREPARING FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

There are many questions and few certain answers for municipalities, businesses and families confronting the reality that the coronavirus is likely to affect us all in some way, even if, as we hope, containment efforts are reasonably successful at limiting the number of people infected.

It's critical that we all keep informed about the latest developments and advisories from healthcare professionals and emergency services officials. Among many good sources of reliable information, the NorthShoreAlert.org messages prepared and sent by the PWM OEM provide useful information, both general and specific to our peninsula when appropriate. There is no charge for signing up for NorthShoreAlert.org. The first coronavirus message was sent last week by Peter Forman, Commissioner of the Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management ("PWM OEM") and our Deputy Mayor and Emergency Manager. **If you are reading this newsletter in hardcopy form and did not receive that message, I urge you to make sure you and other adult members of your family sign up at NorthShoreAlert.org to receive important text, voice and/or email messages. If you need assistance, Village Hall staff will be happy to help you sign up or you can email [alerts@NorthShoreAlert.org](mailto:alerts@NorthShoreAlert.org).**

Our goal is to strive to maintain all Village services regardless of the challenges a virus outbreak may pose, and everyone involved with Village operations at both the staff and volunteer levels – police, emergency management, public works/water, building department, general services and the Village Club - will be working together to provide information, guidance and assistance to our residents augmenting the efforts of federal, state and county officials and health professionals.

Ed Adler, Mayor ([edadler@sandspoint.org](mailto:edadler@sandspoint.org))  
For the Board of Trustees and Staff