

Town Supervisor Peter McMahon has submitted the 2012 budget. The budget includes modest increases in appropriations or spending. We were careful in choosing areas where we proposed an increase. “The Town is no different than a family. We buy gasoline, insurance, vehicles and those costs are going up” the Supervisor explained. The proposed budget is within the new State imposed 2% tax cap.

Overall, a house located in the sewer district, which is assessed at \$100,000 and located on a lot assessed at \$15,000 would see a \$7.56 increase in taxes for 2012. That is a 0.61% increase over 2011. The same house, outside of the sewer district would see a \$21.33 increase or 1.99% more than 2011. The difference is that the sewer district tax is going down 91 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of the lot. Here’s a table to compare the actual 2011 and the proposed 2012 tax rates.

(insert table attached here)

“We continue to search for ways to reduce costs without having to cut the services which Grand Island residents want and deserve” said the Supervisor. “We’ve had outstanding cooperation from all of our employees as we work together to find ways to save money”.

The Town Board will now review the proposed budget, make any changes it feels are necessary and schedule a public hearing. The hearing must be held no later than Thursday, Nov 10th and the final 2012 budget must be adopted by November 20th.