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SAUGERTIES PUBLIC LIBRARY

2020 Proposed Budget

INCOME	2019	2020 Proposed
Real Property Taxes	\$580,144	\$617,796
Fines, Fees, Printing, FAX	\$23,000	\$18,212
Interest	\$1,500	\$2,000
Gifts & Donations	\$10,000	\$14,000
New York State Aid	\$4,500	\$4,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$20,000	\$18,850
TOTAL INCOME	\$639,144	\$675,358

IMPORTANT DATES	
Trustee Candidate Petitions Due	Wednesday, August 7 by 5pm.
Budget Public Hearing	Thursday, August 8, 6pm at regular board meeting
Trustee Election & Budget Vote	Thursday, September 5, 10am -- 8pm at the Library

EXPENSE	2019	2020 PROPOSED	
Salaries	\$338,675	\$358,734	Includes four full-time and 16 part-time staff
Employee Benefits	\$104,490	\$111,925	Retirement, Social Security, Workers Comp., Disability, Health Insurance (for 3 full-time staff, library pays 70%). Employees pay their own retirement.
Library Materials	\$53,750	\$53,000	In 2018 we added 3,451 new books, DVDs, ebooks etc. to our collection of 72,428 items.
Programs, Local History, Art & Exhibits	\$11,850	\$13,850	Includes summer reading, museum passes, local history, and grant funded programs such as English classes.
Operation of Building	\$91,700	\$92,404	Utilities, Insurance, Maintenance, Lawn & Grounds, Snow Removal, Geothermal, Equipment, Custodial Services.
Equipment Maintenance & Supplies	\$13,170	\$13,170	Copier, Office Supplies, Postage, Public Printing Supplies
Automation & Library System Fees	\$17,500	\$19,000	Mandatory Fees to the Mid-Hudson Library System
Professional Services	\$12,575	\$12,775	Accounting, Legal, IT Consulting, Staff Development
Budget Vote & Elections	\$500	\$500	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$639,144	\$675,358	

TAX LEVY/TAX RATE	2019	2020
Total Taxable Assessed Value	\$1,841,734,499	\$1,905,667,251
Tax Levy	\$580,144	\$617,796
Tax Rate per Thousand \$ of Assessed Value	\$.3150	\$.3241
Total Increase for 2020	\$.0091	= less than one penny per \$1000 assessed value

2020 Proposed Budget Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Library's Proposed Budget for 2020?**

The total proposed budget is \$675,358. The portion of the budget raised from taxes is \$617,796. The rest comes from gifts and donations, an appropriated fund balance, late fees, photocopy and computer printing fees, FAX fees, and New York State Library Aid.

- **What is the impact on tax rates and individual taxpayers?**

The Saugerties Public Library District is comprised of the Town and Village of Saugerties. The tax rate is increasing by .0092 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value from .3150 to .3241. (Less than 1 penny). **A property with a market value of \$200,000 would see an increase of around \$1.85 per year from \$63.00 per year to \$64.85 per year.** (Saugerties has the second lowest per capita library tax in Ulster county.)

- **Will the library's budget exceed the Tax-Cap?**

Yes. The Library budget is subject to the tax cap legislation that sets a limit on property tax increases. This is the second time since the tax cap law was enacted in 2012 that the library shall exceed the tax cap. The library has used an appropriated fund balance to avoid tax increases to the community over six of the past seven years. The library invested in capital improvements in 2017-2019, purchasing two adjacent properties and creating an outdoor programming space for the public. The fund balance is near depletion and the tax levy must cover a larger percentage of the library's budget. The 2020 budget proposal calls for a 6.49% tax levy increase, which comes to less than 1¢ per \$1000 assessed property value.

- **Does the community use the Library?**

Yes! The Saugerties Public Library currently has the highest circulation activity in Ulster County. Card-carrying patrons now total 9,779 (51% of all Saugerties residents). Library cards continue to be issued at an average of 49 per month. In 2018 we offered 903 programs which were attended by 11,775 people, 13,268 adults used our library computers, and the Library's Wi-Fi had 119,086 wireless sessions!

- **How many trustees are being elected this year?**

Two five-year terms are up for election.

- **When is the Library Budget Vote and where is it held?**

The Annual Library Budget Vote will be held at the library on Thursday, September 5, 2019 as prescribed in our legislated charter. Polls are open between 10am and 8pm. Registered voters, both renters and property owners, living in the Saugerties Public Library District are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots will be available at the Library beginning August 20.

- **How do I get more information?**

The proposed 2020 budget is available at the Library and on our website. You may also attend the public budget hearing at the Library on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6pm or contact Katie Scott-Childress, Library Director, at 845-246-4317 ext 300

