

Supervisors September Report 2021

COVID-19: The number of COVID cases are on the rise. Below are the Washington County statistics for Monday 9/13/2021. Hospitalizations remain low and the Washington County DOH recommends vaccinations. The County will have several clinics for vaccinations. All the information is posted on their website. County DOH will provide booster shot information in the next few weeks.

o **Current Washington County statistics (+/- change since last report):**

- Persons Under Monitoring (PUM): 498 (+ 28)
- COVID-19 + Active Cases: 150 (- 2)
- COVID-19 + Confirmed Cases: 3,413 (+ 26)
- COVID-19 + Recovered: 3,222 (+ 28)
- COVID-19 Current Hospitalizations: 3 (- 2)
- COVID-19 Related Deaths: 41 (No Change)

Greenwich Budget: The attached chart has the full benefit package for the Highway Department includes: 3% hourly increase - 8.8% health insurance increase – health care deductible funding, retirement, and social security costs. The proposal includes an additional .50 cents per hour [\$1040] for the highway foreman. The additional compensation is because the foreman will be assisting the new Highway Superintendent in assuming his new position. Total healthcare costs for highway staff increases \$7,172.97.

The full employee package which includes benefits is a 14% increase over the 2021.

Retiree Healthcare costs for 2022 \$45,525.69 an increase of \$3642.06

NYS Comptroller's Office advises that the employer contribution to the retirement fund should not increase in 2022.

ARP Funding: The Board authorized EFPR Group to conduct a loss revenue calculation for TOG. The loss revenue is calculation is \$234,203. The loss revenue can be used in the General Services area of the budget. The revenue can not be used for salaries, retirement costs and reserve funds. An example the funds can be used for a new furnace and windows in the Town Hall or improvements to the Town Garage. The funds cannot be used to supplant general services items in the budget. The remaining funds \$101,898 must be used in accordance with the US Treasury ARP guidance; Water, Sewer, Broadband. The use loss revenue funding is slightly more flexible than the standard guidelines.

Infrastructure and Highway Funding Savings: I'm proud to announce that the Christie and Ferguson Road bridge and culverts are to be replaced at no cost, saving the Town over \$340,000 and \$54,000 in CHIPS funding totaling \$395,931. I would like to thank the Town Board for their support in negotiating with DOT. Below is the announcement.

The Bridge NY grant was initially applied for and accepted under the previous administration with terms stating that the Town would be liable for any cost overage in excess of the grant amount. In November of 2020, the initial design of the project was received by Supervisor Don Ward. In February of 2021, Supervisor Ward received information from NYS DOT about the bids stating that the cost overages for the two projects equated to \$341,931 which the Town was responsible to pay under the explicit terms of the contract previously approved by the Town in 2018. When Supervisor Ward stated that the Town could not afford this project, DOT stated that the Town could opt out of the projects but would still be liable for the design costs which equated to \$244,772. Supervisor Ward and the Town Board worked on a plan to pay for the projects since the culverts were in dire need of replacing. This plan required the use of all CHIPS funding normally allocated for paving for 2021-2023. Supervisor Ward also re-applied for lost CHIPS revenue in 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and was awarded an additional \$54,000 that would be used for the projects. Over the next 6 months, Supervisor Ward continued to negotiate with DOT to attempt to lower the cost. DOT agreed to rebid the projects to see if the cost could be lowered.

In August 2021, Supervisor Ward received notification that due to his persistent negotiation with DOT, the funding would be shifted from Bridge NY to NYS Capital Construction Program and both projects would be fully funded by NYS at no charge to the Town. Supervisor Ward is working with Washington County to install a temporary bridge on the Ferguson Road project, ensuring that the road is safe for continued use until the project begins in 2022. Supervisor Ward stated, "I have been working on this throughout the past six months and I am glad that I was able to come to a resolution and protect the Town from extra expenses. I am grateful that the Town will be able to use the CHIPS money that would have been allocated for the culvert projects and it can now be used to pave the roads that need repair." Through this negotiation and reapplying for funds, Supervisor Ward has saved the Town residents \$395,931 in total.

American Flag Project: The Town of Greenwich in conjunction with Greenwich VFW Post 7291 cosponsored the American Flag Street Lamp Project. Funds for the project were raised from private donations. The VFW is collecting and disbursing the funding. The TOG worked with National Grid to get approval of the installation of the flags. Phase one of the project was 11 flags by 9/11. That goal was met on Friday 9/10, when 14 flags were placed on poles along Rt 29. The plan is to establish a fund to maintain the flags and a group of volunteers to install and remove the flags in the winter. A great project and well received by the community. Those wishing to contribute and be a volunteer contact the VFW or myself at the Town Hall.

911 Remembrance Ceremony Honoring Our First Responders: On September 9/18 at 2:00 pm at the Greenwich VFW and the TOG is sponsoring a 911 Remembrance Ceremony with the VFW. After the 911 ceremony the VFW is having a cookout and games for First Responders and their families.

Hudson Riverside Park Bids: The last round of bidding for the full renovation of the outside of the classroom building was \$33,700 over the remaining grant allocation. The Board authorized that new round of bids for the roof and front door be sent out for competition. The bids are due at the Town Office on 9/25/2021 at 2:00 pm.

DASNY Grant 7766 HRP: I requested an extension to the grant because of funding issues [bids] were over the grant. I will be working with DASNY after we receive the new bids for the roof and door. DASNY understands the issues concerning materials and delays brought on by CIVID-19. I believe DASNY will grant an extension once the next round of bidding is complete, and the future of the project requirements are clearer.

Greenwich Chamber of Commerce: GCC is conducting their 30th Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday Oct 31 at 1:00 pm. The Best in Parade winner will receive a \$100 prize.

GCC announced that the 9th Annual Holiday Lighted Tractor Parade is scheduled for Saturday November 20 at 6:00 pm.

Town Road Paving: The paving for the year has been completed. TOG paved 5.28 miles of road. The paving for 2021 is the most in several years. Next year we should be able to pave the same or more roads. In years past TOG paving was around 3 miles.

Sale of Town Hall Garage: The Town and Jim Schneible have agreed to a sale price of \$9500. Jim will be responsible for closing costs and the survey. Town Attorney Dave Klingebiel is preparing a contract for the sale of the property.

Washington County: Washington County Board of Supervisors voted to accept a settlement to an action relating to the Opioid Crisis. This settlement is with Johnson and Johnson. The settlement is worst case scenario \$119,587.03 and best-case scenario an \$279,089.25. The funds are restricted for use in opioid related issues.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program [ERAP]: The ERAP program covers rental arrears, prospective rent and utility arrears. Thirty-nine Greenwich residents applied for ERAP assistance. Total of \$211,068 in ERAP payment have been make for Wash Co residents.

Employee	2021 Hourly Rate	2022 Hourly Rate	%	Healthcare	%	Deductible Funding	%	Retirement	%	SS	%	% Increase
Employee 1	\$ 21.63	\$ 22.78	5.3%	\$ 2,011.04	8%	\$ 4,400.00	0	\$ 7,747.58	0	\$ 3,704.31	3%	16%
Employee 2	\$ 20.99	\$ 21.62	3%	\$ 562.48	8%	\$ 2,200.00	0	\$ 4,272.11	0	\$ 3,440.17	3%	14%
Employee 3	\$ 20.99	\$ 21.62	3%	\$ 1,127.98	8%	\$ 4,400.00	0	\$ 4,272.11	0	\$ 3,440.17	3%	14%
Employee 4	\$ 18.62	\$ 19.18	3%	\$ 562.48	8%	\$ 2,200.00	0	\$ 3,789.97	0	\$ 3,051.92	3%	14%
Vacant Employee 5	\$ 19.31	\$ 19.89	3%	\$ 1,608.84	8%	\$ 4,400.00	0	\$ 3,930.26	0	\$ 3,164.90	3%	14%

	2021 Cost	2022 Cost	%
Total Healthcare Cost	\$ 97,558.05	\$ 106,041.36	8%
Total Employee Contribution	\$ 15,071.22	\$ 16,381.76	8%
Total Town Contribution	\$ 82,486.83	\$ 89,659.60	8%

	2021 Cost	2022 Cost	%
Total Retiree Cost	\$ 41,883.63	\$ 45,525.69	8%

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American Rescue Plan

Revenue Loss Calculation

December 31, 2020

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Mr. Donald B. Ward
Supervisor
Town of Greenwich, New York:

In connection with our consulting arrangement, we have performed the procedures listed below, solely to assist you with respect to the revenue loss calculation of the Town of Greenwich, New York (the Town) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 as detailed in the Interim Final Rule to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. Town management is responsible for the Town's proper recording of transactions in the books and records, for the safeguarding of assets and for the substantial accuracy of the financial records. Management also has final responsibility for the revenue loss calculation.

The procedures are as follows:

1. Identify revenue collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the public health emergency (last full fiscal year before January 27, 2020), called the base year revenue.
2. Estimate counterfactual revenue, which is equal to base year revenue adjusted for the growth adjustment, which is the greater of 4.1% or the recipient's average growth in the three full fiscal years prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
3. Identify actual revenue, which equals revenues collected over the past twelve months as of the calculation date.
4. The extent of the reduction in revenue is equal to counterfactual revenue less actual revenue. If actual revenue exceeds counterfactual revenue, the extent of the reduction in revenue is zero for that calculation date.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, review, compilation or any other type of assurance engagement with respect to the revenue loss calculation of the Town of Greenwich, New York. Therefore, we provide no assurance on such revenue loss calculation. Our work cannot be relied upon to discover errors, irregularities or illegal acts including fraud or defalcations.

The revenue loss calculation is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the Town of Greenwich, New York and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than that specified party.

EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC

Williamsville, New York
September 7, 2021

TOWN OF GREENWICH, NEW YORK

Revenue Loss Calculation

Year ended December 31, 2020

Base year general revenue - December 31, 2019	\$ 2,032,278
Growth adjustment	<u>104.1%*</u>
Counterfactual revenue	2,115,901
Actual revenue - December 31, 2020	<u>1,881,698</u>
Revenue loss - counterfactual revenue less actual revenue	\$ <u>234,203</u>

General revenue is the Town's annual revenue adjusted by excluded items as defined by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Final Interim Rule.

*The growth adjustment is rounded for presentation purposes.