

**Village of Massena  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION  
Meeting Minutes**

**DATE/TIME:**                   **APRIL 2, 2019 (5:30 P.M.)**

**PLACE:**                           Town Hall Building, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York

**PRESENT:**                       **Board of Trustees:**  
 Mayor Tim Currier  
 Trustee Christine Winston  
 Trustee Francis Carvel  
 Trustee Albert (Herb) Deshaies  
 Trustee Matthew LeBire

**Staff:**  
 Kevin Felt (Village Treasurer)  
 Lisa Tyo (Deputy Village Treasurer)  
 Monique Chatland (Village Clerk)  
 Hoss Fayad (DPW Supt.)  
 Chief Adam Love (Police Dept.)

**Press:** John Michaud III (WNTS Television), Bob Beckstead (Daily Courier Observer)

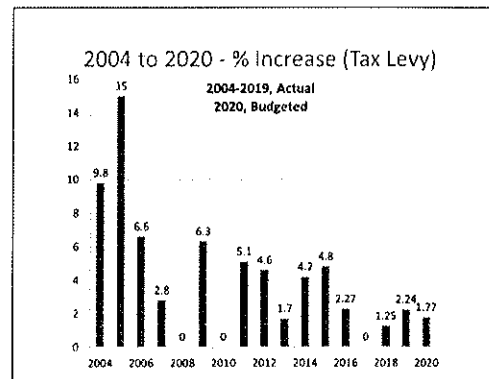
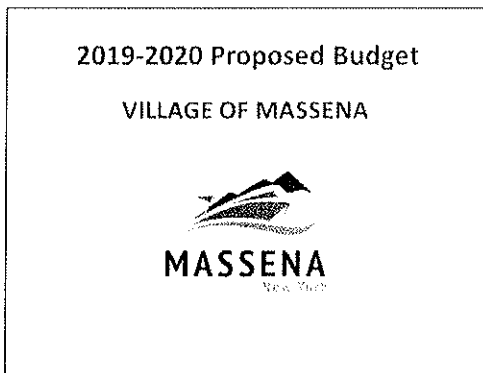
**Residents/Others:** Sylvia Despaw (Massena Seniors), Nate Lashomb (Chamber of Commerce), Toby Violi

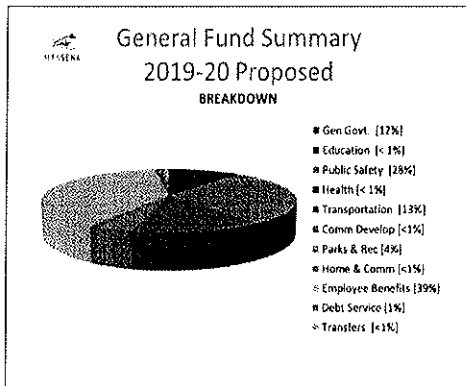
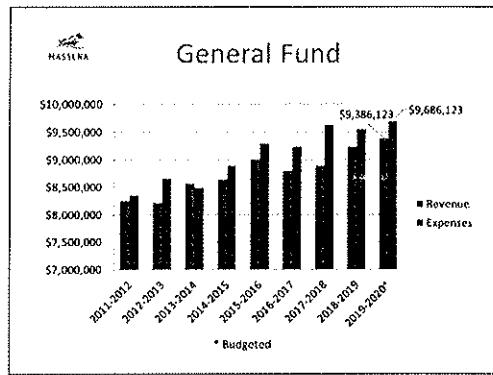
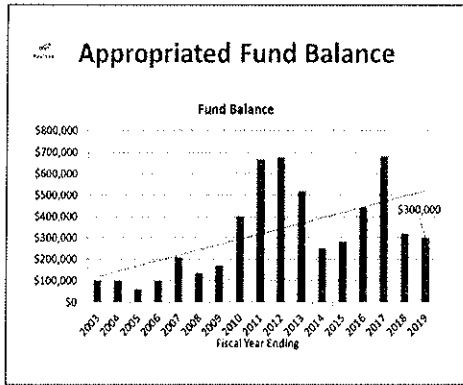
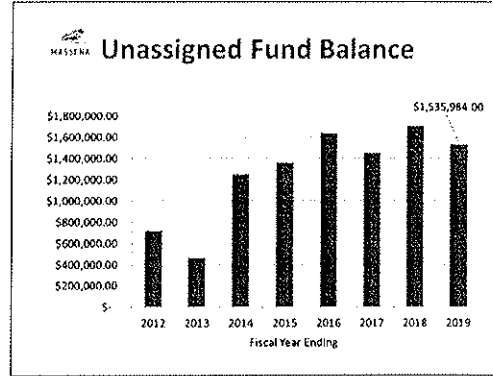
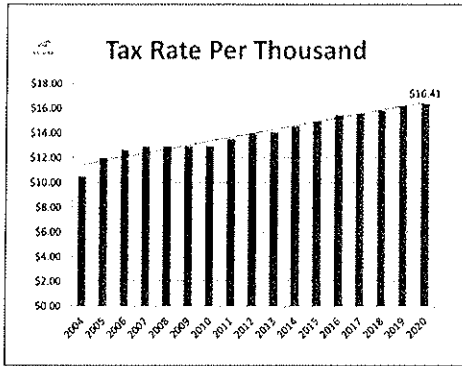
Mayor Currier opened a Special Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees at 5:30 p.m. and conducted a roll call of board members present. A motion was offered by Trustee LeBire and seconded by Trustee Deshaies to dispense with the regular agenda and enter into a Budget Work Session regarding the 2019-2020 Village Budget. **Motion Carried 4:0** (AYE=Winston/Carvel/Deshaies/LeBire).

**MAYOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

At 5:32 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee LeBire, seconded by Trustee Deshaies to open the meeting to the public hearing on the Mayor's proposed 2019-2020 budget. **Motion Carried 4:0** (AYE=Winston/Carvel/Deshaies/LeBire) (***Clerks Note: See page 1736 for legal notice.***)

Mayor Currier presented the following budget message:





CATEGORY	MAJOR
General Government	\$ 1,087,388
Education	\$ 0
Public Safety	\$ 2,984,583
Health	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 1,413,518
Community Development	\$ 56,550
Parks & Recreation	\$ 404,080
Home & Community	\$ 88,220
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,465,081
Debt Services	\$ 142,218
Transfer to Other Fund	\$ 24,485
TOTAL	\$ 9,686,123
Raised By Taxes	\$ 5,861,788

### Notable Accomplishments

**Public Works:** Phase 1 – Abandonment Complete  
 Infrastructure Repairs (Roads, Utilities, Martin-Guard), Fire Trucking  
 Paved 1.6 miles of roads  
 Public Works facility consolidation

**Joint Recreation:** New Programs and Events, Race N' Skate  
 Playground programs and renovations  
 Water Street Park is required to begin

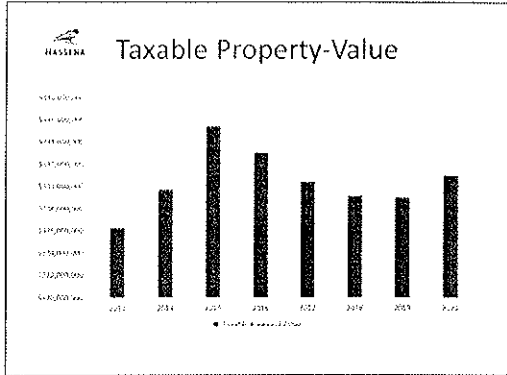
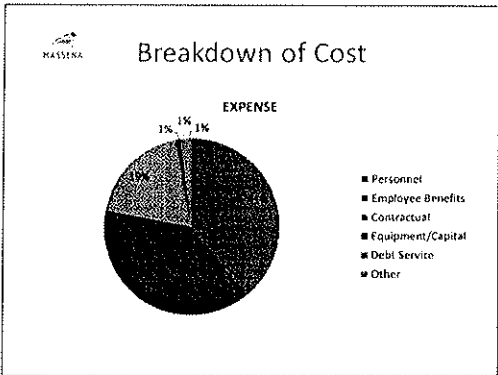
**Police:** Renewed Employment, Community Policing  
 MAFCC Partnership, IceBus  
 Narcotics Investigation – dedicated investigator

**Fire/Codes:** Zombi Property Grant  
 New Software (improved website)  
 Fair – New equipment (pick up, upgrade tool)

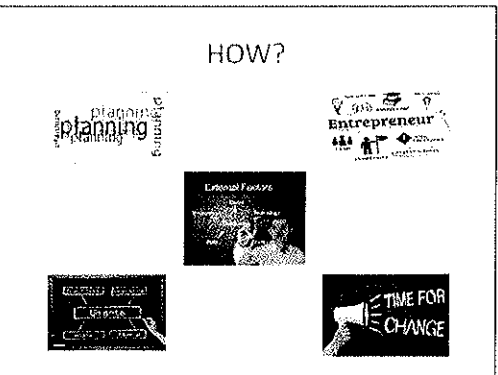
### Notable Accomplishments

**Health/HRD:** Partnership with DANF  
 \$ 600k First Time Home Buyer Grant (17 new home owners)  
 \$ 400k Community Development Block Grant (housing rehab)  
 Currently doing a survey to judge interest level

**Business Development Collaboration – Focus on Community Development**  
 Local Government: Reorganization Study – underway  
 Spring Cleanup – no more curbside pickup  
 Made Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption PERMANENT  
 Installed new accounting software program



- ### LAST FOUR YEARS
- THREE PRIMARY FOCUSSES**
1. Changing the Narrative  
Optimism & Progressive Style
  2. Focusing on Community Development
  3. Improving the Downtown Core

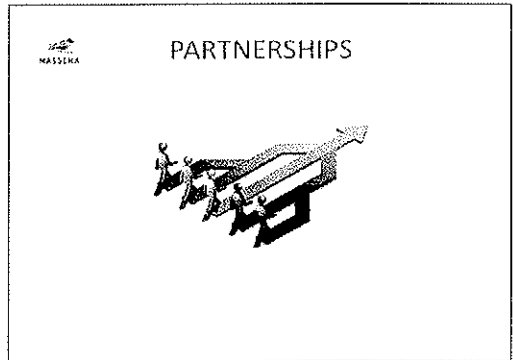



- ### CREATING ENVIRONMENT
- Strategic Development Specialists
  - Strategic Development Team
  - 485-A Tax Abatement
  - Core of Community
  - Changing the Narrative (together)
  - Let Us NOT FORGET those who were already here in the downtown!
  - School of Business
  - DRI Application (community effort)

### HOUSING

**Expanded Housing Office and Partnered with DANC to administer it. More than 853K invested in new home ownership (first time buyer) or housing improvements (renovation) – BLIGHT**

- 11 New (first time) Home Owners
- 14 Housing Rehabs
- Zombie Property Grant – Prevention!






## NY State Budget

Adapted State Budget Creates Challenges

### Internet Sales Tax

The adopted State Budget does include the proposal to impose the sales tax on internet transactions. While this will generate an increase in local sales tax revenue, in 2019-20 the State is going to intercept \$240 million (including \$127.5 million from New York City) of the estimated \$400 million in new local revenue to help fund the MTA capital plan. That amount increases to \$320 million (including \$170 million from New York City) in 2020-21 and then by an additional 1% each year thereafter.




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### Transportation Aid

The fate of transportation aid remains unknown as a supplemental capital projects bill will be considered later in the session.

This bill will address whether there will be any increase in **CHIPS, Pave NY and Extreme Winter Recovery** funding. (\$ 311,516)




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### Tax Cap

The adopted State Budget includes language making the tax cap permanent.

However, the provision that would have allowed local governments to recognize increases in the tax base due to PILOT payments in tax base growth and not tie it to inflation was not included.




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Other Notables:

- increase in education aid (\$ 8%)
- 500M increase in Water & Sewer infrastructure
- Recreational Cannabis – Out of Budget
- Up to Three (3) Prisons to be closed
- Hetty Pay Raise for Law Makers
- Criminal Justice Reform (cash bail)
- Post Janus Protections for Public Employee Unions
- Plastic Bag Ban
- Much, Much More




## 2018-2019 Proposed

• General Fund:	\$ 9,686,123
• Waste & Refuse:	\$ 1,379,786
• Water Fund:	\$ 2,111,464
• Sewer Fund:	\$ 2,073,379
• Debt Service:	\$ 684,565
• Capital Projects:	\$ 515,851
• Special Grants:	\$ 0
• Community Center:	\$ 69,000
TOTAL	<b>\$16,520,259</b>




## Thank You

Department Managers  
 Treasurer  
 Staff  
 Organizations:  
 Joint Recreation, Business Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fire Dept., Senior Citizens, Citizens



## Schedule

- April 2 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing – Tentative Budget & 2% Tax Cap  
 Senior Citizens; Chamber of Commerce; Public Works
- April 4 5:30 p.m. Justice Court; Code Office; Fire; Police; Treasurer / General
- April 9 5:30 p.m. Joint Recreation; Business Development Corporation; Remainder of Budget Review, Adoption Possible
- April 11 5:30 p.m. If Necessary



## Public Hearing Questions & Comments

Hearing no public comment, at 5:49 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Carvel, seconded by Trustee LeBire to close the public hearing on the Mayor's proposed 2019-2020 budget. **Motion Carried 4:0** (AYE=Winston/Carvel/Deshaias/LeBire)

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF 2% LIMIT**

At 5:49 p.m. a motion was offered by Trustee LeBire and seconded by Trustee Carvel to open the meeting to a public hearing to consider adopting a local law to authorize a real property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law §3-c. **Motion Carried 4:0** (AYE=Winston/Carvel/Deshaies/LeBire) *(Clerks Note: See page 1736 for Notice of Public Hearing.)*

Mayor Currier explained the purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on a possible property tax cap override but that it was just a precautionary measure and the Board would not be taking any action at tonight's meeting. The hearing will remain open and at the conclusion of the budget work sessions, prior to adopting the budget the Board will determine if it is necessary to adopt a local law to override the tax cap and vote on the matter then.

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**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

A Budget Work Session was conducted regarding the Department of Public Works, Massena Senior Citizens, and Massena Chamber of Commerce. No changes were made to the Mayor's Tentative Budget at this time. If changes are proposed during subsequent budget work sessions, the Village Treasurer will incorporate same into the final budget at the time it is presented for adoption at a future meeting.


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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, it was moved by Trustee LeBire and seconded by Trustee Carvel that the special meeting be closed. **Motion Carried 4:0** (AYE=Winston/Carvel/Deshaies/LeBire). It was so ordered by Mayor Currier at 6:12 p.m.

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**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

  
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Monique M. Chatland, Village Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

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Pursuant to Section 5-508 of the Village Law, the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget for the Village of Massena has been prepared and filed with the Village Clerk at the Village Office, Town Hall Building, Massena, New York, where it may be inspected by any interested parties between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Said Tentative Budget includes maximum compensation for the Mayor of \$17,000 per annum and for the Trustees of \$6,000 each per annum. A summary of the Tentative Budget is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$9,686,123
WASTE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL	1,379,786
WATER FUND	2,111,464
SEWER FUND	2,073,379
DEBT SERVICE	684,656
CAPITAL PROJECTS	515,851
SPECIAL GRANTS FUND	-
COMMUNITY CENTER FUND	69,000

TOTAL: \$16,520,259

A public hearing on the Budget will be held at the Town Hall Building, Massena, New York, on April 2, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to consider same before final adoption.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATED: March 20, 2019

Monique N. Chatland, Village Clerk.

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF 2% LIMIT**

Notice of Public Hearing on  
Proposed Local Law  
Annexment to Taxation  
Local Law  
(Tax Levy Limit Override)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Massena, New York, will conduct a public hearing on the 2nd day of April, 2019, at 5:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Building, Massena, New York, concerning a proposed Local Law which provides for amending the Code of the Village of Massena, Chapter 286 (Taxation) to authorize a real property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same.

Copies of the proposed local law in its entirety are available in the Office of the Village Clerk located in the Town Hall Building, 60 Main Street, Massena, New York, during regular business hours, for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested parties.

By Order of the Village Board of Trustees Dated:  
Monique N. Chatland  
March 19, 2019  
Village Clerk.