

A VIEW OF THE FALLS

Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear Friends;

As we near the end of the first quarter of 2008, we actually are in the midst of the final quarter of the 2007-2008 budget year for the village. The new budget process has begun and the Village Trustees and Village Staff are working diligently on reviewing needs that will help us in structuring the 2008-2009 budget.

While it remains a goal to continue to have the lowest tax rate of the 10 Monroe County Villages, we find it increasingly difficult to do so while knowing that there are many upgrades to Village infrastructure that must be completed and also many needs for equipment purchases for all of our departments.

The waste-water treatment plant upgrades, highway/DPW garage area and the purchase of a new Ambulance will be the leading budgetary concerns for 2008-2009. While some of this expense has been budgeted, the many other necessary needs we have as well as the need to put aside (Capital Plan Funds) makes preparing the budget difficult while still trying to keep increases to the tax rate low.

This process is (open) and if any of our residents need explanation of budgetary lines and expenses, we are always open to this dialogue. Please know that we (the Village Trustees/staff) are committed to giving all of our residents the best value possible and that we also are committed to a tax rate that makes sense while allowing us to progress forward and not fall behind.

Sincere Regards,
Richard B. Milne
Mayor, Village of Honeoye Falls