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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2012

Dear Resident:

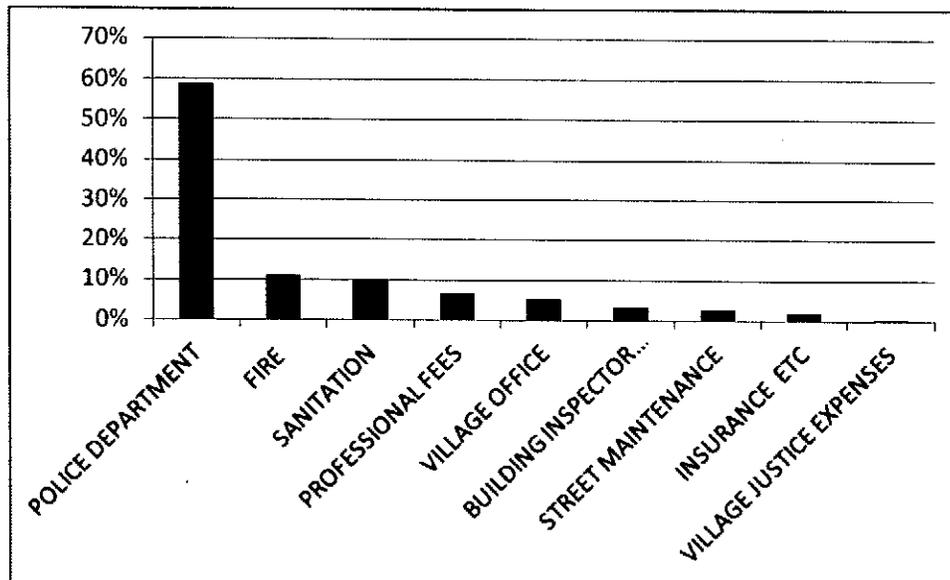
After over a year of study, analysis and discussions, I am pleased to announce that Oyster Bay Cove has reached a five year agreement to provide the Village of Laurel Hollow with police protection. The agreement enhances the fiscal well being of both Villages without sacrificing police service quality. It is a win/win for both Villages and we look forward to a long and mutually satisfactory policing relationship with our neighbors. The goal is to start Laurel Hollow police service June 1, 2012.

OTHER NEWS

The Board of Trustees recently reviewed and revised Building Department, Planning Board and Zoning Board fee schedules. At the end of the day, the intent is to simplify and clarify the schedules. We have also made an effort to streamline the processes involved in those applications and reduce the time burden on applicants.

THE VILLAGE OPERATING BUDGET

Over the past 5 years, we assiduously worked to hold the line on costs and indeed, cut costs. As a result, the village budget is lower today than it was in Fiscal 2008. As residents, it is important to know where budget dollars are spent. To paraphrase Sy Syms, an educated resident is important. The following chart displays expenses for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2012.



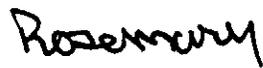
Our Police Department, at 59 % of the budget, is by far our largest expense with fire protection and waste removal next. All three areas involve contractual expenses whose increases for FY 2013 and beyond exceed the 2% Cap promulgated by Albany and Governor Cuomo.

That said, the agreement with Laurel Hollow will help us hold the budget line. However, employee pension costs, health care benefits and retiree health care costs remain areas of concern. We fully intend to continue working on ways to rein in such costs.

We continue to explore ways to move the Village Office out of the "temporary" trailer and into an appropriate facility. More on that soon, I hope.

Have a wonderful spring and summer.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosemary". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Rosemary Bourne, Mayor

NB: June 19, 2012---Village Elections: two trustees and the village justice