



2023 State of the Village

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Changing of the Guard



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Tax Year	Village Tax Rate	Village-wide total assessment	assessment % Δ	levy	levy \$ Δ	levy % Δ
2010-11		\$110,885,266.00				
2011-12		\$113,697,425.00	2.54%	\$623,946.00		
2012-13		\$114,123,477.00	0.37%	\$621,800.00	-\$2,146.00	-0.34%
2013-14		\$115,042,330.00	0.81%	\$684,443.00	\$62,643.00	10.07%
2014-15	\$6.37	\$116,341,444.00	1.13%	\$741,095.00	\$56,652.00	8.28%
2015-16	\$6.75	\$117,186,325.00	0.73%	\$791,007.00	\$49,912.00	6.73%
2016-17	\$6.98	\$120,031,817.00	2.43%	\$838,215.00	\$47,208.00	5.97%
2017-18	\$6.90	\$130,690,545.70	8.88%	\$901,618.00	\$63,403.00	7.56%
2018-19	\$7.10	\$131,486,503.00	0.61%	\$933,223.43	\$31,605.43	3.51%
2019-20	\$7.25	\$133,867,269.00	1.81%	\$970,633.00	\$37,409.57	4.01%
2020-21	\$7.25	\$144,087,485.00	7.63%	\$1,044,086.00	\$73,453.00	7.57%
2021-22	\$7.25	\$144,596,187.00	0.35%	\$1,048,378.00	\$4,292.00	0.41%
2022-23	\$7.25	\$145,599,320.00	0.69%	\$1,055,979.00	\$7,601.00	0.73%
2023-24	???	\$156,636,636.00	7.58%	???	???	???
Averages:			2.69%			5.93%

66% = People (payroll/state retirement/HI)

94% = Departments (People, equipment, reserves)

Since pandemic ... EMS growth

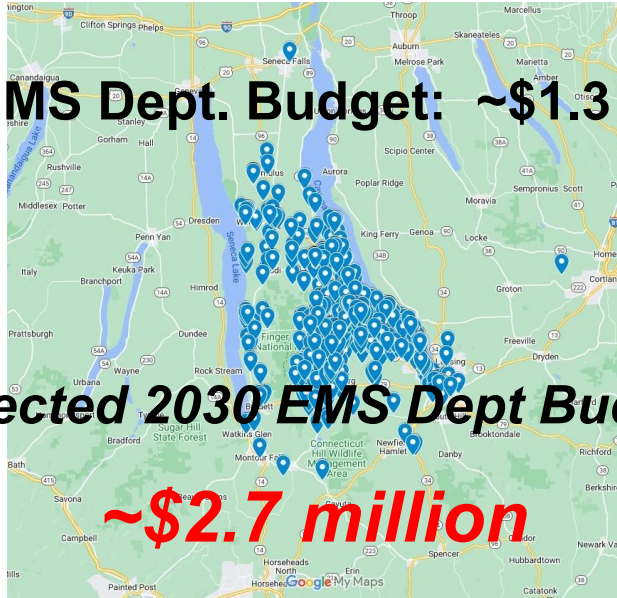
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2022 EMS Dept. Budget: ~\$1.3 million

Projected 2030 EMS Dept Budget:

~\$2.7 million



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Stormwater



- Stormwater is a growing issue due to climate change
- Multiple projects in 2023
 - Larchmont Dr. infrastructure investigation
 - Congress & Seneca St infrastructure installation
 - Washington & E Seneca Rd storm grate relocation
- Comprehensive Management Plan
 - 3 year project starting in 2023
- Document your stormwater issues and private infrastructure
 - Share with me - darfler@trumansburg-ny.gov
- More info at the bottom of <https://trumansburg-ny.gov/>



- Larchmont Drive
 - Village engineer working to identify options to address drainage issues
- Washington & East Seneca Road
 - Move location of storm grate to capture runoff coming down East Seneca Road
- Congress and Seneca St
 - Add stormwater infrastructure
- Comprehensive Management Plan
 - Inventory of the existing infrastructure studied
 - Recommendations for proposed improvements
 - Update drainage maps for the entire Village
 - Identify and prioritize a list of possible projects
 - Cost estimate for proposed improvements
 - Draft legislative policies
 - Review findings with the Village
 - Make recommendations for grant opportunities

Sewer Law



- Current law from 1966 - lacks state & federal requirements & best practices
- No major impact to existing residential users
- Potential impact to non-residential users
 - Grease and oil interceptors to protect system
 - Updated rate structure (next slides)
- Potential impact for new hookups
 - Requires modern construction practices
- Public Hearing: March 27th @ 7pm - Village Hall Meeting Room
- More info at <https://trumansburg-ny.gov/news/draft-sewer-law-and-faq/>



Water & Sewer Rates



- Utilities are required to be financially independent and self sufficient
 - Revenue must cover costs, Village does not make a profit
- Recent projects have increased costs
 - Second water source at Taughannock Park
 - Quadrupled sewer plant processing capacity
- Rates need to rise to cover increased costs
 - We held water rates flat during the pandemic, revenues no longer covering costs
 - Water rates were projected to increase 100% from 2013, will actually be ~80% increase
 - Sewer rates being studied by the Village's financial advisors, anticipated to increase
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- Water Rates
 - Contracted with our engineering firm to build a water maintenance schedule
 - Contracted with our financial advisors
 - Project out the water system costs (operating, maintenance, and loan repayment)
 - Calculate a sufficient water rate to cover those costs
 - September 2022 - rolled out the first half of those rate changes
 - New capital charge to cover loan payments
 - July 2023 - roll out the second half of those rate changes
 - Increase in the capital charge
 - Anticipating an increase in the per 1,000 gal rate
 - Commercial users charged a base rate per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU)
- Sewer Rates
 - Contracted with our engineering firm to build a sewer maintenance schedule
 - Currently contracting with our financial advisors
 - Project out the sewer system costs (operating, maintenance, and loan repayment)
 - Calculate a sufficient sewer rate to cover those costs
 - September 2023 (tentative) - roll out rate changes
 - Details TBD based on recommendations from financial advisors
 - Commercial users charged a base rate per equivalent dwelling

- unit (EDU)
- Potential capital charge to cover loan payments
- Potential rate increase to cover operating and maintenance costs

Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs)



- Provide a fair, equitable, and consistent approach to billing
 - Current (commercial) billing has evolved organically over decades
- Based on water consumption of a single family
 - ~50,000 gallons annually in the village
- Residential Users
 - Assigned 1 EDU per dwelling
- Non-residential Users
 - Assigned 1 EDU per 50,000 gallons annually
- All users are charged equally
 - 1 base rate (water or sewer) per EDU



[?TBD?] State Park

Trumansburg Police Department



1. Call summary
2. Frank Hammer Award
3. Speed monitoring
4. First responder open house
5. Crossing Guards
6. Update on reform goals



Comp Plan & Zoning Revision Timeline



Year	Comp Plan & Zoning Revision Committee	Village Board
2018	Recommends consultant to hire	Mayor creates CPZR committee
2019	Initial work with consultant, Public input meeting	
2020	Community survey , Comprehensive plan draft	
2021	Public comment & revision , Residential zoning	Public comment & adoption of comp plan
2022	Residential zoning, Public comment & revision	
2023	Short term rentals, Public comment & Revision , Commercial & Industrial zoning	Public comment & adoption of 1st zoning update
2024	Public comment & revision , Overlay districts, supplemental regulations & administration	Public comment & adoption of 2nd zoning update
2025	Public comment & revision , Are we done yet?	Public comment & adoption of 3rd zoning update

Residential Zoning Revision



- Trumansburg is struggling to remain affordable
- Lack of housing inventory causes rising housing prices
- Our current zoning is not delivering the housing we need



<https://data.cjonline.com/real-estate-market-report/inventory/14886/zipcode-14886/>

Residential Zoning Revision



- **Proposal Highlights**
 - **Reduce lot size for lots with 1-4 units** (*matches what already exists in the village*)
 - **Allow 1 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) per lot** (*e.g. garage apartment, "in-law cottage"*)
 - **Reduce parking requirement from 2 spots to 1 per unit** (*removes barriers for smaller units*)
 - **Prohibit > 20 units on a lot** (*promotes small scale and often local development*)
 - **Require infill homes to match surrounding front yard depth** (*maintains similar character*)
 - **Remove manufactured home park regulations** (*prohibited by NYS law*)
- **Revisions based on public comment**
 - **Remove recommendation to reduce lot size requirements for lots with 5+ units**
 - **Expand affordable housing incentive to include households in lower income brackets**
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- **Lot sizes**
 - 6,500 sq ft lot for 1-2 units
 - 10,000 sq ft lot for 3-4 units
 - Numbers reflect 99% of what already exists in the village based on tax assessment data
- **Accessory Dwelling Units**
 - ADUs create flexibility for building additional dwellings, often without changing the visual character of the neighborhood
- **Parking**
 - Reducing parking requirements doesn't prevent parking from being built, we already see much more parking built than is required
 - It does remove a potential barrier to building additional dwellings and can reduce building costs
- **Large number unit development**
 - Reducing the number of units on a lot encourages smaller scale development which is more in keeping with the village
 - Subdivision can allow for more lots with more total units across them but those lots are still smaller in scale which is the intention
- **Infill development**
 - front yard depth must be within 10% of the avg front yard depth of dwellings within 200 ft and on the same side of the road
- **Affordable housing**
 - Expanded to include households making less than 50% of the area median family income

- Manufactured home parks
 - NYS passed a law in 2015 effectively prohibiting treating mobile homes separately from any other single-family dwelling

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