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April 6, 2010

Dear Neighbor,

The Village Board will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday April 13, 2010 at 8PM at the Village Hall to discuss the proposed budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

The Village Board has been working on the budget for the past few months. We have focused on maintaining or decreasing expenses and on increasing non tax revenue, with the overall objective of no Village tax increase this year. Mindful of the increases of the past few years and the increases in taxes we are all experiencing at all levels of government; it has been our goal since last June to not have any increase in property taxes this year. In order to achieve this goal, this Board undertook several steps to keep expenses at a minimum and to increase non property tax revenue items. One of these steps was to obtain fuel for all our Village vehicles from a neighboring Village instead of a local retailer as had been done previously, resulting in significant savings, not only for this past year, but for future years as well. Changes and improvement at our pool, most significantly the availability of prepared food for our members, supplied by the Stewart Manor Country Club, resulted in an enhanced experience at the pool as well as adding additional revenue. Improvements at the pool continue and are expected to increase revenue for this upcoming year. In addition, the Board is proposing changing our parking meters from 25 cents per hour to 25 cents per half hour. We anticipate this will increase our parking meter revenue. This revenue increase will not be generated solely by our Village residents, but by all those frequenting the stores on Covert Avenue.

In addition, numerous grants were applied for and secured as well. Grant applications can be a difficult and time consuming process, but awards will allow us to continue making capital improvements to our roads, pool complex and village hall without the cost being directly passed onto our residents. Last week we were awarded a competitive grant through The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program and The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. This \$102,000.00 grant for new light fixtures and windows throughout the Village Hall, and to insulate the entire building will not only allow us to

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make these long overdue improvements, but will also allow us to reduce our energy costs each year moving forward. You have also probably heard or seen work beginning at the pool parking lot. This work is being funded through a grant award as well. Our fire department, as they have done in past years, again worked hard to secure funding to obtain necessary critical firefighting equipment and protective gear. This is equipment that we are required to have, and funding its purchase through grant awards will help to keep expenses lower in the future.

The total increase in this year's budget is less than 3%, and the budget totals \$2,265,331.60. However this increase is offset by increases in non-tax revenue sources and **there will be no increase in property taxes**, nor will it be necessary to transfer any of the Village fund balance to help fund this year's budget.

Please be assured that the Board and Administration have carefully considered all Village expenses and revenue sources and will continue to carefully monitor our Village finances throughout the year with an eye on continuing to limit our expenses while seeking funding sources other than property taxes. Your attendance at the Public Hearing on April 13th is strongly encouraged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

James J. Kelly
Mayor

Incorporated Village of Stewart Manor Revenues Proposed Budget 2010-2011

	2009/10 Original Budget	2009/10 YTD- 3/8/10	2010/2011 Proposed Budget	Budget Percent Change	Percentage of Total Budget
Property Tax Items	\$1,431,797.39	\$1,430,252.39	\$1,431,796.76	0.00%	63.21%
Utility & Sales Tax & Franchise Fees	\$66,710.00	\$49,668.29	\$76,400.00	14.53%	3.37%
Meters and Parking Permits	\$46,200.00	\$37,364.99	\$71,000.00	53.68%	3.13%
Pool	\$146,500.00	\$176,716.70	\$181,500.00	23.89%	8.01%
Commercial Sanitation	\$45,334.00	\$40,954.28	\$46,582.00	2.75%	2.06%
Interest Income	\$5,000.00	\$2,362.83	\$3,070.00	-38.60%	0.14%
Rentals & Leases	\$215,553.00	\$179,902.24	\$229,879.84	6.65%	10.15%
Building, Zoning , Business Lic.	\$23,000.00	\$22,732.63	\$26,500.00	15.22%	1.17%
Court Fines	\$116,400.00	\$67,265.00	\$100,000.00	-14.09%	4.41%
State Aid	\$76,983.00	\$79,868.41	\$69,634.00	-9.55%	3.07%
Sale of Equipment / Miscellaneous	\$895.00	\$1,309.12	\$675.00	-24.58%	0.03%
Library Funding District Tax	\$28,942.00	\$28,943.03	\$28,244.00	-2.41%	1.25%
TOTAL	\$2,203,314.39	\$2,117,339.91	\$2,265,281.60	2.81%	100.00%

Incorporated Village of Stewart Manor Expenses Proposed Budget 2010-2011

	2009/10 Original Budget	2009/10 YTD- 3/8/10	2010/2011 Proposed Budget	Budget Percent Change	Percentage of Total Budget
Mayor and Board of Trustees	\$8,150.00	\$3,125.00	\$7,150.00	-12.27%	0.32%
Court and Code	\$114,721.44	\$75,881.42	\$123,384.50	7.55%	5.45%
Contractual Pay	\$143,037.00	\$93,623.74	\$148,211.20	3.62%	6.54%
Village Hall Office & Building Repairs	\$263,042.49	\$186,666.17	\$253,498.55	-3.63%	11.19%
Fire Department	\$162,026.00	\$100,197.59	\$164,641.00	1.61%	7.27%
Highway	\$156,040.84	\$122,063.33	\$154,355.79	-1.08%	6.81%
Sanitation (inc. benefits)	\$404,440.61	\$286,171.72	\$424,262.06	4.90%	18.73%
Pool	\$116,244.00	\$168,023.66	\$151,397.00	30.24%	6.68%
Debt Service (all)	\$632,787.42	\$545,822.97	\$629,525.84	-0.52%	27.79%
Employee Benefits (not inc.Sanitation)	\$138,020.58	\$141,579.25	\$146,776.67	6.34%	6.48%
Miscellaneous	\$36,560.00	\$20,036.41	\$33,885.00	-7.32%	1.50%
Library Funding District	\$28,244.00	\$28,244.00	\$28,244.00	0.00%	1.25%
TOTAL	\$2,203,314.38	\$1,771,435.26	\$2,265,331.60	2.81%	100.00%

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Real Property Tax Summary

	2009/2010 Adopted Budget	2010/2011 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Real Property Taxes	\$1,431,797.39	\$1,431,796.76	-\$0.63	0.00%
Non Property Tax Revenue	\$771,517.00	\$833,484.84	\$61,967.84	8.03%
Expenses	\$2,203,314.38	\$2,265,331.60	\$62,017.22	2.81%

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