



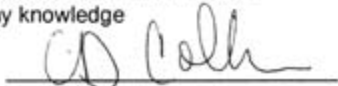
REPORT TO TAXPAYERS ON CURRENT AND PROPOSED BUDGET

FUNCTION OR PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	AMOUNTS ACTUALLY BUDGETED FOR CURRENT FY 2009		PROPOSED BUDGET YEAR FY 2010	
	OPERATING	CAPITAL	OPERATING	CAPITAL
1. Education	12,125,107.00	139,800.00	12,257,686.00	274,197.00
2. General Fin Ad	282,752.00	30,000.00	281,170.02	65,000.00
3. Public Works	1,581,363.00	296,299.00	1,614,161.43	245,000.00
4. Police Protection	1,471,948.00	72,715.00	1,557,780.00	36,000.00
5. Fire Protection	306,214.00	26,500.00	311,568.00	58,000.00
6. Sewerage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7. Parks & Rec	420,229.00	50,000.00	473,740.00	143,500.00
8. Interest on Gen Debt	404,243.00	0.00	336,262.00	0.00
9. Principal on Gen Debt	475,500.00	0.00	260,000.00	0.00
10. Other Gen Govt	1,867,486.00	115,000.00	1,860,016.34	5,000.00
Public Safety (other)	252,123.00	0.00	255,226.96	8,000.00
Public Welfare	5,464.00	0.00	5,464.00	0.00
Public Health	251,693.00	20,000.00	261,693.00	0.00
Library	340,824.00	0.00	357,035.25	0.00
General Misc	53,500.00	0.00	53,500.00	0.00
Planning	117,459.00	25,000.00	110,864.00	75,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,955,905.00	775,314.00	19,996,167.00	909,697.00
REVENUES				
Local	16,082,981.00	760,314.00	16,198,127.00	894,697.00
Local Non-Property	2,951,734.00		2,994,298.00	
State	921,190.00	15,000.00	803,742.00	15,000.00
Other				
TOTAL REVENUES	19,955,905.00	775,314.00	19,996,167.00	909,697.00

CERTIFICATION:

This is to certify that the data contained in this report is accurate to the best of my knowledge

Date 5/15/09


Christina D. Collins

Town of Jamestown

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE CHANGE

The Town of Jamestown proposes to increase its property tax levy to \$17,735,201 in the 2009-2010 budget year; the property tax levy this year is \$17,562,744. THIS IS A PROPOSED INCREASE OF 0.98%.

It has been estimated that the proposed increase in property tax revenues will result in a property tax rate of \$8.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, as compared to the current property tax rate of \$8.11 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The property tax levy for the 2009-2010 budget year also includes motor vehicles at a tax rate of \$14.42 per \$1000 of assessed valuation in accordance with state law.

A property tax rate of \$8.42 would be needed in the coming budget year to raise the maximum levy authorized by section 44-5-2 of the general laws.

The Town of Jamestown budget will be considered at June 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Lawn School, 55 Lawn Ave., Jamestown, R.I.

The above property tax estimates have been computed in a manner approved by the Rhode Island Department of Revenue.

Julio DiGiando
Chief Elected Official
Town of Jamestown

Water

Continued from page 1

system. The new system needs only 5,000 to 6,000 gallons of water per week for the flushing operation.

To flush the system, they just reverse the flow of water in the new system, he added.

Not only does the new system produce more water, it is also less expensive to operate because a lot less water is needed to back flush. That flush water also has to be treated before it is dumped into the bay, he said.

Goslee said the old water treatment system was installed in 1990. The new water treatment system should have a life of 20 to 30 years. The membrane tubes have a 10-year warranty.

Tina St. Pierre of General Electric Water Process & Technologies, the manufacturer of the treatment system, has been in Jamestown for two months getting the plant online. She said the new system is totally automated and controlled through a touch-screen computer display.

The only time the system needs human attention is when an alarm sounds. Only one town employee is needed at the water plant for eight hours a day.

Goslee said Jamestown's peak demand is about 450,000 to 500,000 gallons of water per day on Fourth of July weekend. The new system



Steve Goslee holds a sample filtration tube that is used to clean Jamestown water at the new plant. Thousands of these tubes are needed.

Photo by Jeff McDonough

should be able to meet that demand, he said.

The town's two water towers on Howland Avenue provide a reserve of one million gallons, thus giving at minimum a two-day cushion, Goslee said. "If we had a lightning strike or something, we'd have a couple of days to get back up and running."

The town's water chemistry will remain about the same with the new treatment facility, Goslee said. The water is treated for disinfection, corrosion and pH control, and also for color, taste and odor before filtration, he said.

Charter

Continued from page 3

to vote against things and I know it's cumbersome, but democracy is a cumbersome thing."

The council discussed the town administrator's supervision responsibilities and the necessary level of involvement on behalf of the council. The current charter states that the town administrator selects possible department heads to be approved by the council for hire, but dismissal of these positions is left out of the administrator's hands and at the sole discretion of council.

Councilman Robert Sutton and DiGiando expressed a desire to balance this power discrepancy between who hires and fires by either involving the town administrator in the dismissal process of department heads, or else eliminating the council's authority altogether.

Conanicut Marine Services owner Bill Munger suggested the charter add a water and sewer commission to better represent the users of these facilities.

The town council has been serv-

ing as the water and sewer board.

Rebecchi agreed, adding that over \$10 million in repairs to sewer and water facilities were still in the works and a committee serving to manage those repairs and allocate the funds would be beneficial to the town.

White suggested creating a water and sewer commission outside of the rules of the charter as an easier solution.

Official verbiage of the town's charter will be discussed in greater detail tonight to clarify the duties of the town council, town administrator and various functions in the town's day-to-day operation.

DiGiando said it is important to "tighten" the language of the council's role and interaction with employees and department heads in town in order to avoid council members overstepping boundaries and causing conflicts in the future.

"It's got the potential to be a major problem if X number of years out someone doesn't understand how we interact with one another and it could cause major problems. But, I wouldn't define it as a problem right now," he said.

You're busy . . .

Let us do your insurance shopping for you.



Home • Auto • Business • Marine
Long Term Care • Life & Health



5 Ferry Wharf • Jamestown, RI 02835 • 423-1111

2009 Jamestown Summer Guide

30,000 Statewide Distribution
Late June through early May

Call NOW to Advertise!

423-3200 • www.JamestownPress.com