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Dear friends and residents,

The Old Tappan 2023 municipal budget was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the evening of April 3rd. After weeks of budget sessions, the results were compiled by our C.F.O. and forwarded to the borough auditor for the preparation of the budget in its final form. Our auditor complemented the borough on its strong stable condition not only now but in the past and looking forward in the years to come. This year's municipal increase in property taxes amounts to \$72.00 on the average home assessed at \$802,000.00. This amounts to about 16.6% of your tax bill. Unfortunately, information on the county's budget and the local and NVRHS schools' budgets is not available at the time of this writing. The municipal budget is up for adoption at the Mayor & Council meeting to be held on May 1st.

Although the Bergen County bridge reconstruction on Old Tappan Road got off to a rather slow start, the job is up and running full bore now. Granted, I am sure that we will continue to be inconvenienced by the road closure for some months to come.

While on the subject of Bergen County projects, we have been informed that the repaving of Central Avenue will take place later this year. Our appeals to address the poor condition of Central Avenue were finally heard. On the other hand, Old Tappan annually budgets \$500,000 for the maintenance and paving of our local streets and roads to keep them in good shape.

Sadly, this past Friday, a family on Cheryll Lane lost their home to an early afternoon fire. Upon the arrival of our fire department, flames could be seen above the roof line and spread rapidly thereafter. The home was extensively damaged however, all escaped the fire without injury.

In closing, I hope that all enjoyed a blessed Passover and Easter.

Sincerely,

*John M. Kramer*

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Borough of Old Tappan