



Town of
Brighton

2026 TOWN BUDGET



Town of Brighton – 2026 Budget Highlights

- Increase in Tax Levy (Including Sewer District)
\$673,655 (3.35%)
(3.80% not in Sewer District)
- Increase in Health Benefits & Retirement Contributions
\$840,470
- Increase In Estimated Revenues
\$1,761,160
- Increase In Use of Fund Balance
\$203,460

Town of Brighton – 2026 Budget Highlights

- Increase in Tax Rate (Including Sewer District)
4.42%
(4.87% not in Sewer District)
- Difference in Tax Levy % due to lower
Taxable Assessed Valuation (TAV)
- Change in TAV brings no revenue to town
 - Reasons for change in 2026:
non-profit purchases-income exemptions-NYS
adjustments-grievances
(TAV may change slightly until county freezes value)

Summary of Town Net Operating Budget

Town Operating Funds	Authorized Appropriations	Estimated Revenues	Appropriated Fund Bal/Res	Amount to be Raised in Taxes
General Fund	\$25,285,730	\$12,040,420	Res \$83,540 FB \$2,100,000	\$11,061,770
Highway Fund	\$7,287,060	\$1,648,355	Res \$14,550 FB \$400,000	\$5,224,155
Library Fund	\$2,702,680	\$76,920	\$100,000	\$2,525,760
Less Interfund Transfers (HWY)	(\$133,380)	(\$133,380)		
Total NET All Town Funds – 2026	\$35,142,090	\$13,632,315	\$2,698,090	\$18,811,685
Total NET All Town Funds - 2025	\$32,600,075	\$11,945,635	\$2,530,630	\$18,123,810
Change in Operating Tax Levy (\$)	\$2,542,015	\$1,686,680	\$167,460	\$687,875
Change in Operating Tax Levy (%)				3.80%
Tax Rate Comparison:	2026 Tentative Town Budget	2025 Adopted Town Budget	Increase in Dollars	Increase As a Percent
Town Taxable Assessed Value	\$3,022,548,234	\$3,053,786,424	(\$31,238,190)	-1.03%
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of A.V.	\$6.224	\$5.935	\$0.289	4.87%

Summary of Town Operating Funds and Special Districts

	Authorized Appropriations	Estimated Revenues	Appropriated Fund Bal/Res	Amount to be Raised in Taxes
2026 Town Operating Funds	\$35,142,090	\$13,632,315	\$2,698,090	\$18,811,685
2026 Special Districts	\$5,401,540	\$221,425	\$156,500	\$5,023,615
2026 Total Operating & Special Districts	\$40,543,630	\$13,853,740	\$2,854,590	\$23,835,300
2025 Total Operating & Special Districts	\$37,694,675	\$12,090,555	\$2,714,130	\$22,889,990
Change in Total Tax Levy (\$)	\$2,848,955	\$1,763,185	\$140,460	\$945,310
Change in Total Tax Levy (%) (589 additional refuse units)				<div>4.13%</div> <div>3.36%</div>

2026 “Tax Cap” Calculation (Town & Special Districts)

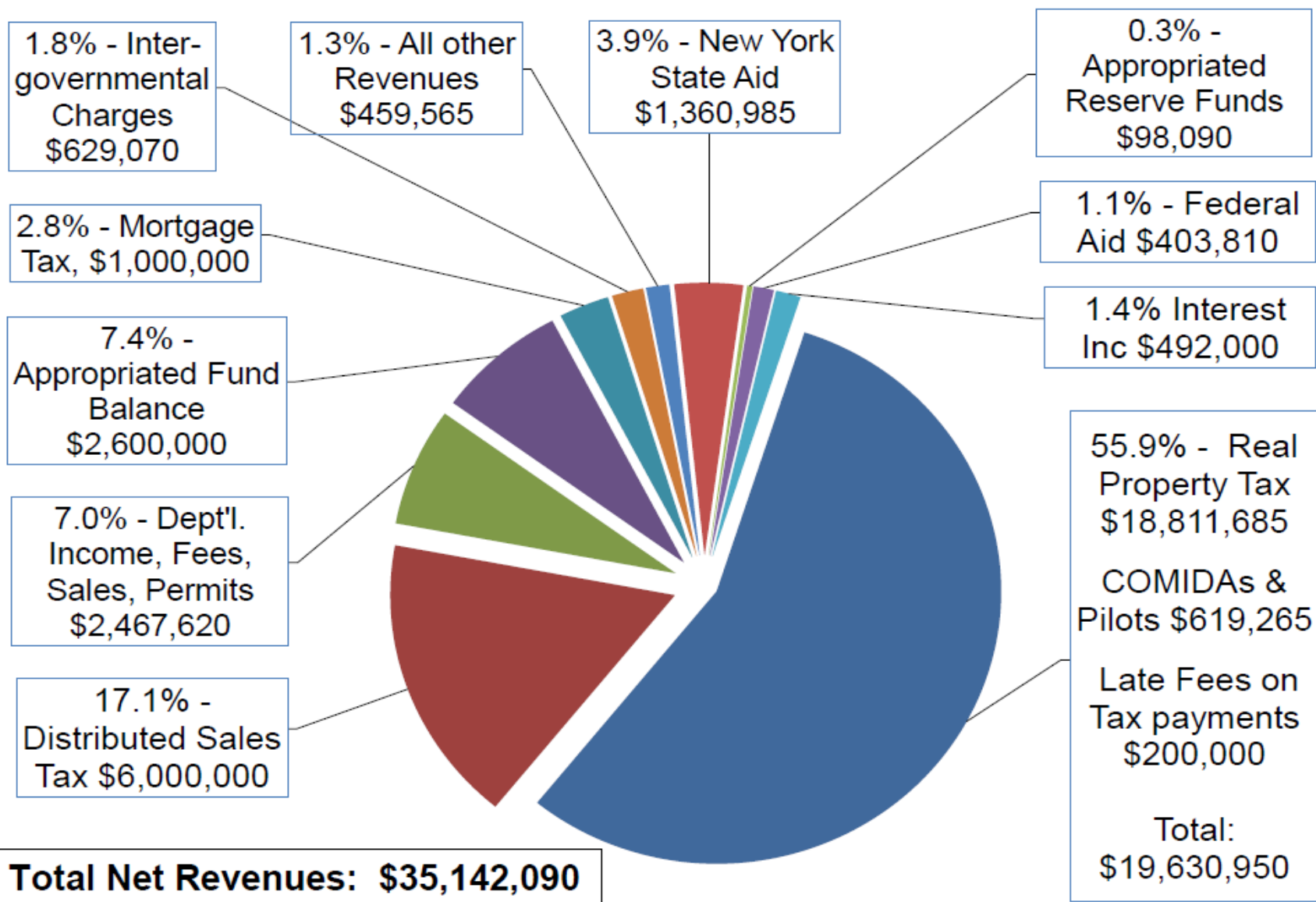
per Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011

	Calculation Component	Amount		Description
1.	Prior Year Total Tax Levy (2025)	\$22,889,990		Total Levied in 2025 for Town and Special Districts
2.	Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0007	+	Adjustment from NYS (takes into account growth real property base)
3.	PILOTS Receivable in 2025	\$596,695	+	Total Payments-in-lieu of Taxes for 2025
4.	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	1.02	X	Lesser of Inflation or 2% (The State Comptroller's inflation amount was over 2.00%)
5.	PILOTS Receivable in 2026	\$619,265	-	Total Payments-in-lieu of Taxes for 2026
6.	Available Carryover from 2025	\$0	+	Lesser of 2025 Tax Levy Limit minus actual 2025 Levy, or 1.5% of 2025 Tax Levy Limit before Exclusions.
7.	Exclusion – Pension (estimated)	\$40,134	=	Employee Retirement (ERS) and Police & Fire (PFRS) system contribution rates increased over previous yr.
8.	2026 Tax Levy Limit	\$23,393,631		The maximum allowable under the State Tax Cap Law without a Town Board override
9.	Allowable \$ Increase from 2025	\$503,641		Allowable dollar increase in Total Tax Levy
10.	Allowable % Increase from 2025	2.20%		Allowable percentage increase in Total Tax Levy
11.	2026 Town Funds Prelim. Tax Levy	\$18,811,685		Town Funds (General, Highway, Library, Debt Service)
	2026 Special Dist Prelim. Tax Levy	\$ 5,023,615	+	All Special Districts
	TOTAL 2026 Preliminary Tax Levy	\$23,835,300	=	Total Preliminary Tax Levy for all Town Funds
12.	2026 Preliminary Levy % increase	4.13%		Preliminary Budget Tax Levy percentage increase
13.	Dollars over/(under) the tax cap	\$441,669		

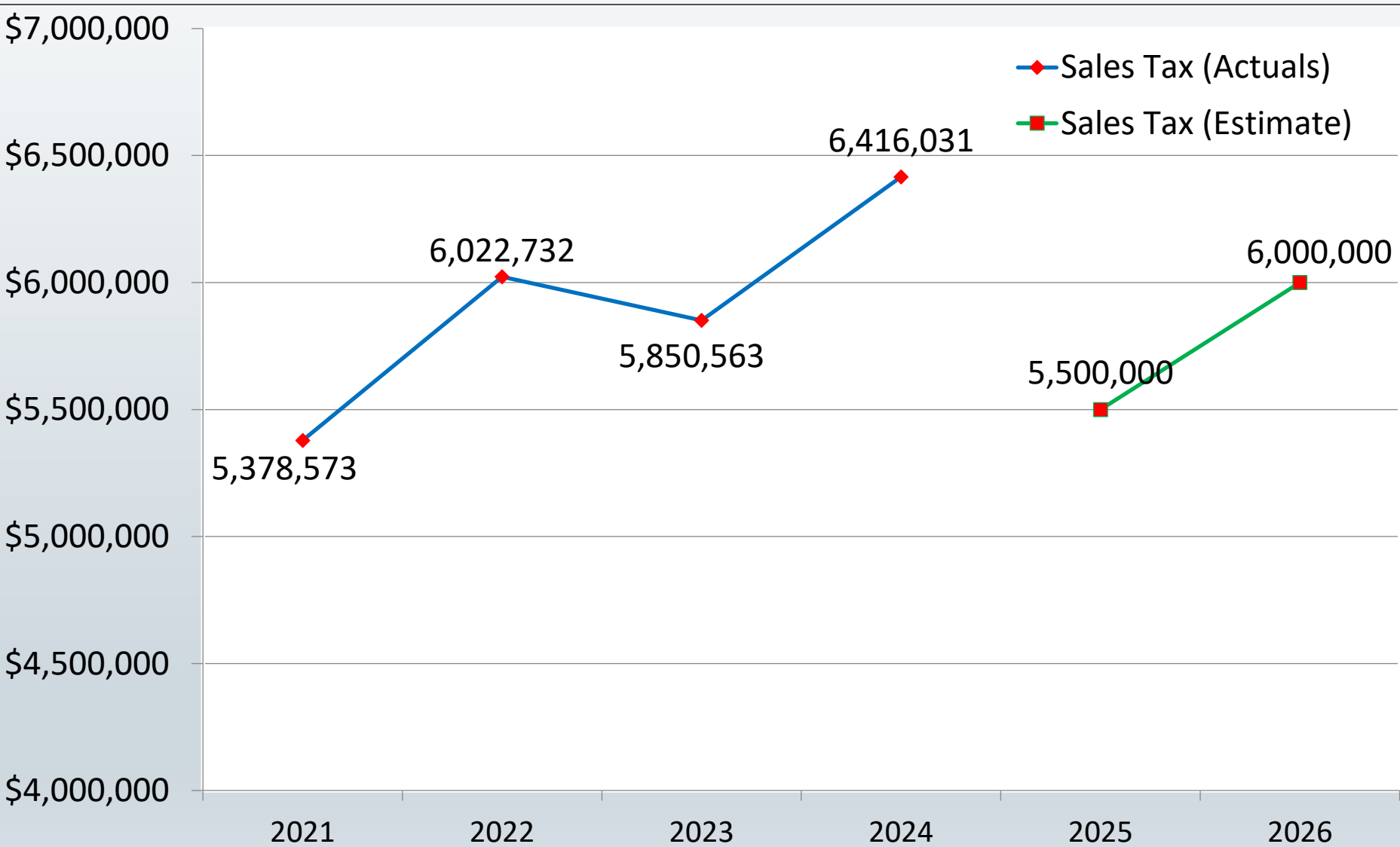
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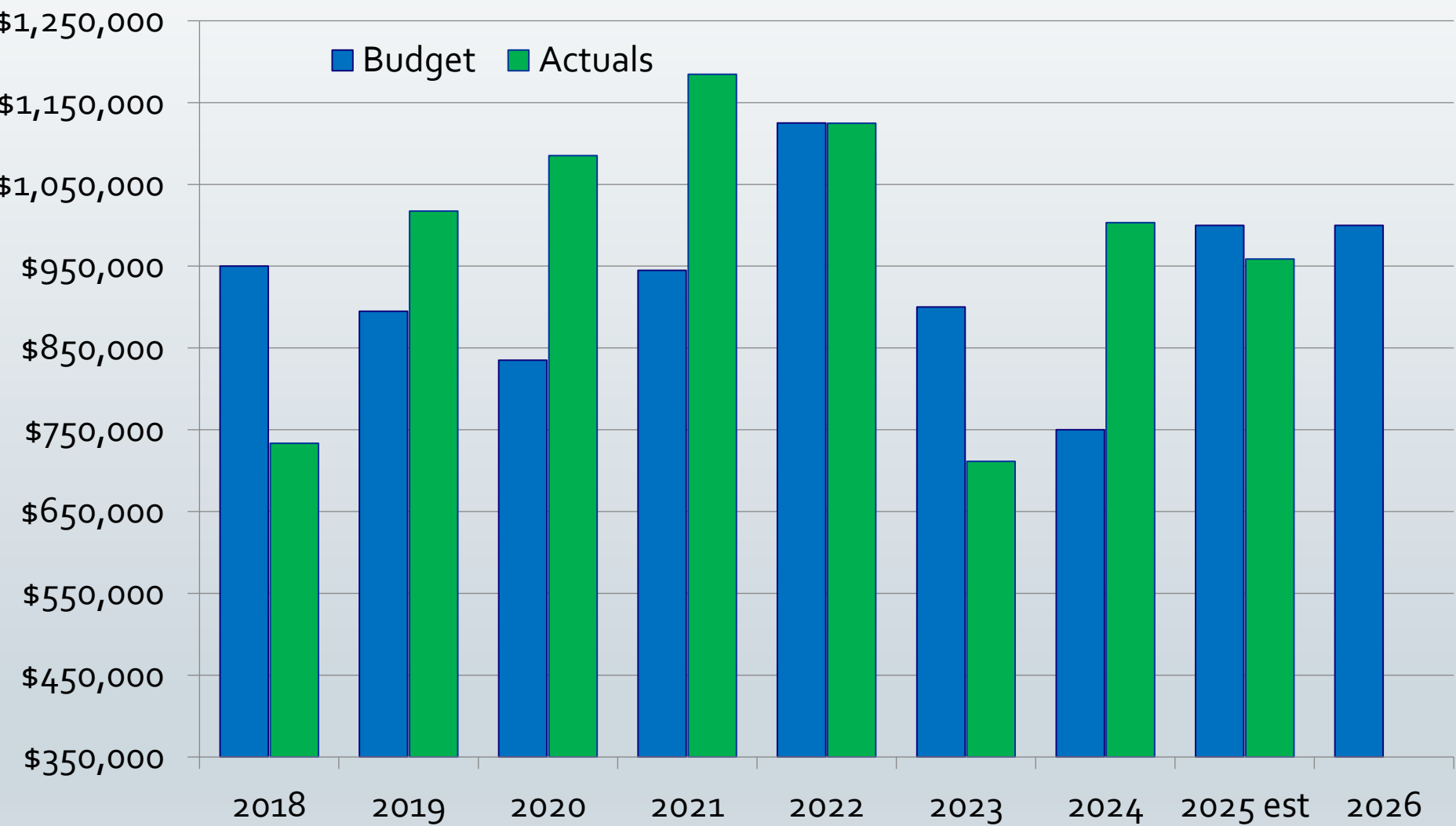
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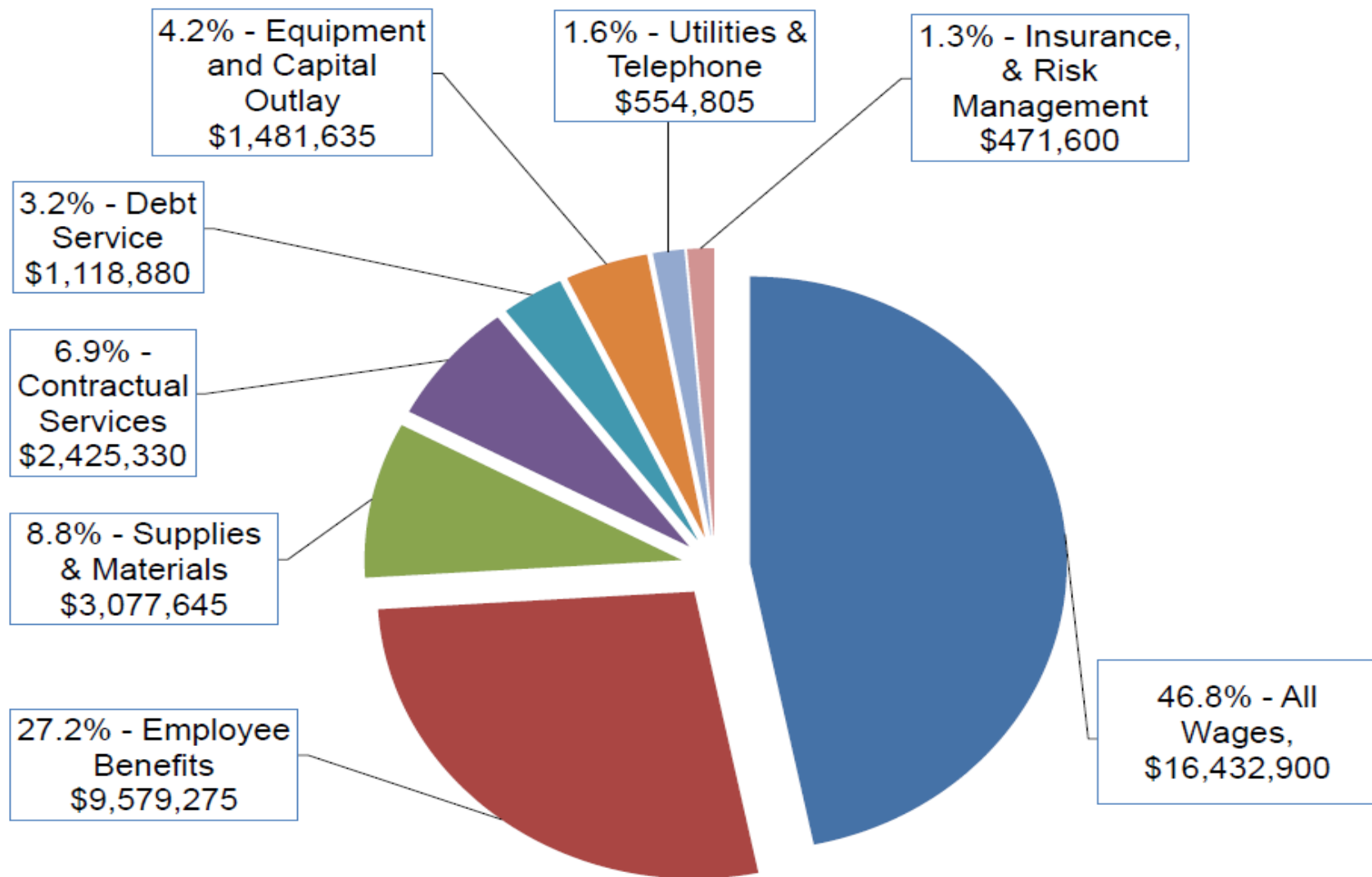


Sales Tax Historical Revenues and Projections

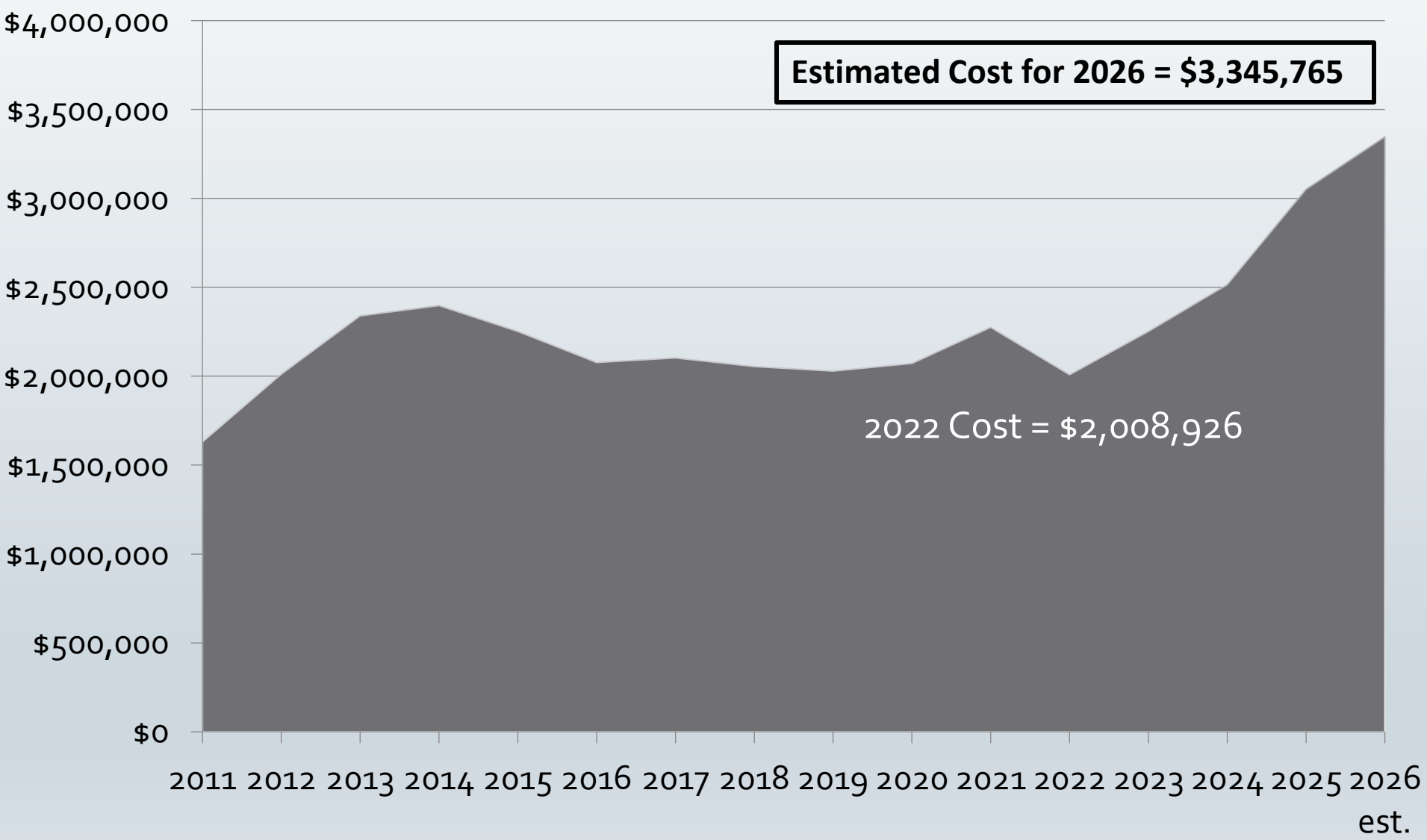


Mortgage Tax Historical Revenues and Projections

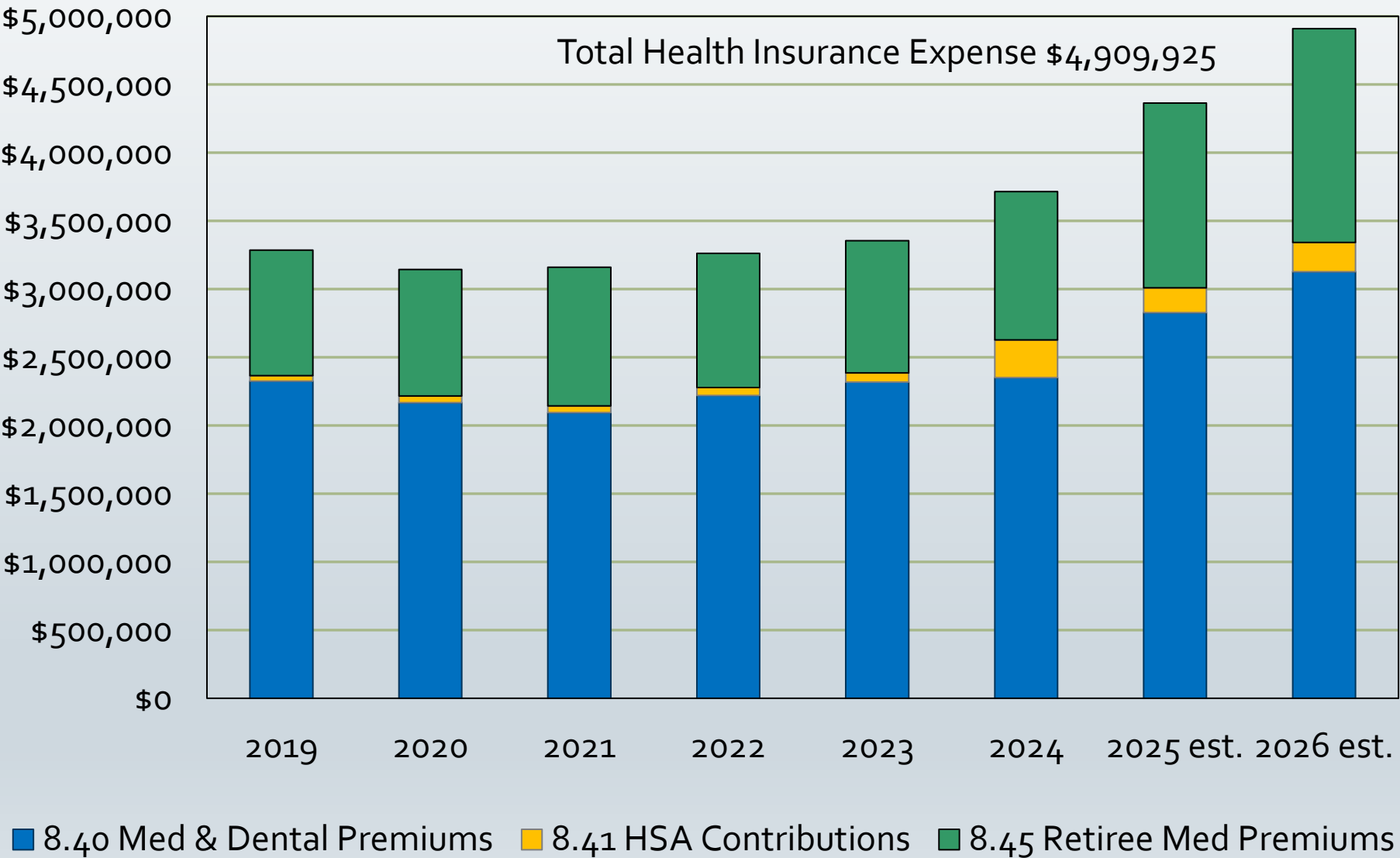


NET APPROPRIATIONS BY EXPENDITURE TYPE**Total Net Appropriations: \$35,142,900**

New York State Retirement Expense and Projected



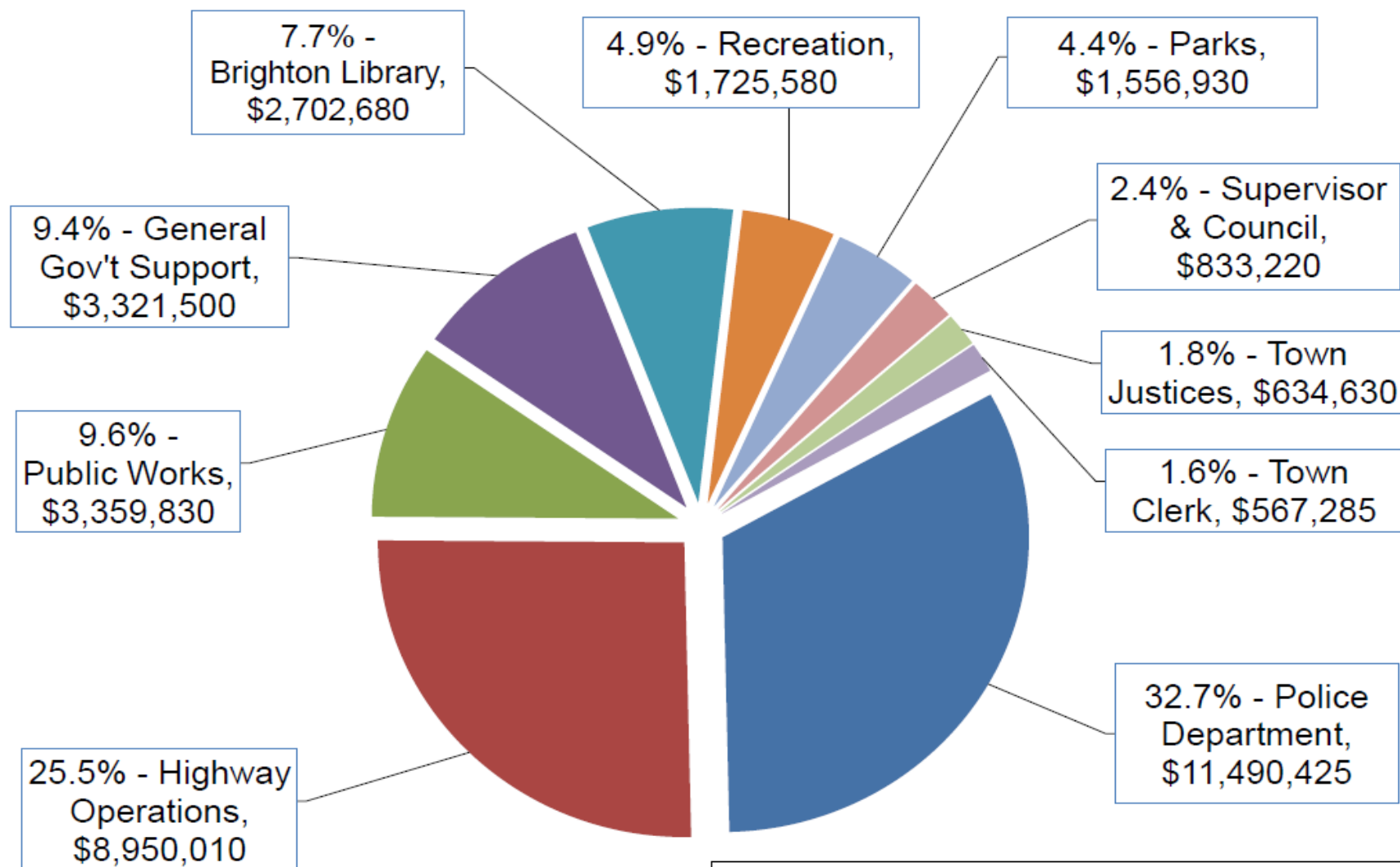
Health Insurance Expense



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HOW TOWN DOLLARS ARE SPENT



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Police Department & Court – Your Tax Dollars at Work



A Safe and Secure Community

- New York State Accredited Police Agency with a staff of 40 full time and 5 part time professional, trained and dedicated sworn police officers.
- Operating 24 hours/365 days a year: services include emergency response, road patrol, criminal investigations, crime prevention, youth programs, animal control, school crossing safety and court security.
- In 2024 there were 48,047 service calls; down nearly 5% from 2023 calls of 50,573.
- There were 515 criminal arrests made in 2024 which was a decrease of 1% over the 2022 arrest total of 519.
- As part of the Community Engagement Initiative, community presentations continue to be made annually.
- Courts completed 5,908 cases in 2024 which was an increase of 3% over 2023.

Highway & Sewer— Your Tax Dollars at Work

Roadway and Infrastructure Maintenance

- Road Maintenance of 194.5 lane miles of roads, 99 miles of storm sewers, 41 miles of concrete gutters, 38 miles of curbing, and approximately 1,700 road signs.
- Prior to paving, the Sewer Department performs maintenance on storm sewers, televising and flushing to ensure integrity of pipe. The Highway Department repaved and surface treated approximately 18 miles of roadways, installed/replaced 3,096 ft of gutters and installed 926 ft of storm sewers in 2024.
- Snow and Ice control on 318 lane miles of roads during inclement weather addressing traffic safety.
- Curbside brush and leaf pickup performed townwide, including material processing at Town Landfill (20,857 cubic yards of brush and 21,876 cubic yards of leaves collected and processed in 2024).
- Tree Maintenance: In 2023, 58 trees were planted, 54 removed and 475 tree hazards trimmed.
- Sanitary Sewer Maintenance of 150 miles of lines including 450 ft pipe installed, 21,598 ft televised, 216,336 ft flushed, and 301 service calls made in 2024.



Brighton Memorial Library – Your Tax Dollars at Work



Information Access & Lifelong Learning

- Offers a wide array of educational and recreational books, ebooks, audio books, magazines, newspapers, streaming services (Hoopla, Kanopy & OverDrive), DVDs, music CDs, multimedia, discount museum and park passes, puzzles, Internet access, WiFi, and research databases.
- Community resources include curbside pickup, themed book bundles, programs, technology classes, Partners in Reading Program for Seniors, tutoring/study rooms, Quiet Room, Friends of the Library Book Store, Brighton Kiwanis Discovery Room for children and the Learning Center meeting room for non-profit organizations and more!
- 187,441 patron visits to the Library in 2024, which was an increase of 8% over 2023.
- 1,370 Library Programs with 52,513 attendees in 2024 which was an increase of 9% over 2023.
- Brighton Memorial Library leads other Monroe County public libraries serving similar sized communities in usage statistics.

Parks, Recreation and Community Programs – Your Tax Dollars at Work



- Seven (7) parks and various recreation areas encompassing over 625 acres
- Over 17 miles of walking trails
- Recreation facilities including: 8 playgrounds, 2 lodges, an outdoor pool, 8 soccer fields, 7 baseball/softball fields, 4 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, 4 pickleball courts, pavilions and picnic facilities
- Activities and classes year-round for all age groups (180 programs with 788 sessions offered in 2024)
- Summer Camps, Summer Concert Series, Community Garden, Afterschool Program, Summer and Winter Farmers' Markets.

General Government Services – Your Tax Dollars at Work



- Fire Marshal ensures compliance with Fire and Building Codes
- Public Works reviews construction projects for conformity with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and community development goals
- Public Works plans new Town infrastructure and development projects (some projects include the Highland Crossing Trail, Monroe Ave Green Innovation Project and Streetscape Improvements, Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation, Farmer's Market)
- Town Clerk provides Marriage Licenses, Passports and other services
- Town Historian collects, organizes, and preserves historical Town records
- Assessor maintains property valuation records for all Town parcels

Capital Budget Overview – Investing in Critical Infrastructure & Equipment

Highway and Public Works

\$3,412,485



Vehicles

1 Plow, 1 Backhoe

\$620,000

(planned bond)



Road Programs

Paving/Sewers/Gutters

\$1,065,000

(\$531,000 grants)

New Town Sidewalks

\$817,855

(\$390,350 grants,
\$427,505 bond)



Planning & Other

Town Sidewalks, GIGP

Monroe Ave

Maintenance, Other

\$749,630

(\$465,000 grants,
\$70,160 in reserves)



Forestry

Management

Tree Trimming,
Removal, Planting

\$160,000

Capital Budget Overview – Investing in Critical Infrastructure & Equipment

Special Districts

\$1,309,945



Sewer District

Sewer Relining

\$335,575

Winton Road Pump
Station Design

\$131,770

Sewer District

Compact Excavator

\$82,000

10-Wheel
Dump Truck

\$275,000
(planned bond)

Sidewalk District

Maintain Sidewalks
for the District

\$395,600

Ambulance District

Contribution to
Equipment Reserve
for Purchase of
Ambulance

\$90,000

Capital Budget Overview – Investing in Critical Infrastructure & Equipment

Info Systems/Police/Parks/Rec/Facilities

\$1,789,505



**Information
Systems / Finance**
Computers,
Network and
Disaster Recovery
Equipment
\$116,750

Police Dept
Replace 3 Vehicles
\$174,000
Body Cameras
\$58,000

Recreation & Parks
Meridian Center
Restroom Remodel
\$70,000
Replace Transit Van
\$75,000
(grant funds)

Debt Service
Bonds & Leases
\$1,295,755



2026 Budget Presentation

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