

I would like to take this opportunity to explain to the residents of the Village of Spencerport Governor Cuomo's 2017 Initiative to reduce property taxes. He plans to do this by empowering voters who could approve a referendum to approve locally designed consolidation plans by Monroe County that eliminate duplicate services in an effort to lower the costs of local governments. The Governor further announced that if the Legislature passes the 2017 State Budget without the "Consolidation Plan", the Governor will hold up \$715 million in AIM (aid and incentives to municipalities) funding to cities, towns and villages starting April 1, 2017.

What the Governor is actually requesting is a consolidation plan developed by Monroe County that could ultimately result in the dissolution of the Village of Spencerport, other Villages and Fire and Special Use Districts to be on the ballot for the November 2017 General Election.

The Village works diligently to consolidate services with many local municipalities. One major consolidation was the decommissioning the Village's sewage treatment plant and building a pump station owned and operated by Monroe County since 2008. While the Village residents took on the cost of the construction of the pump station, the debt for the project will be paid in full in 10 years. The Village has an Inter-Municipal agreement with the Town of Ogden for Assessor and Building Inspection Services and Monroe County for sharing of equipment and labor for County road work. The Village maintains a fueling station (gas and diesel) shared with the Spencerport Fire Department, Gates Volunteer Ambulance and Ogden Police Department resulting in savings due to volume purchasing of fuel. The Village also shares a sewer camera with the Villages of Brockport and Hilton. Because of this group purchase, each Village has the technology to ensure residents have reliable sewer service without the total costs of the camera.

The Village of Spencerport has stayed below the State-mandated tax cap since its inception in 2014. We have achieved this through our current shared services agreements with local Villages, Towns and Monroe County, deferring of projects, reduction in seasonal and summer employees and extending the life of our equipment and vehicles. This has all been done without reducing any services to residents such as Architectural Review Board, Building Inspection, Bulk Refuse Removal, Code Enforcement, EV Charging Station, Gazebo, Benches & Picnic Facilities, Highway Maintenance, Leaf/Brush Pick-up, Museum, Parks, Parking Lots, Planning Board Services, Recycling, Refuse Removal, Seasonal Decorations, Security Cameras, Shade Trees, Sidewalks, Snow Removal (roads and sidewalks), Street Cleaning, Street Lighting, Summer Concerts, Zoning Board Services.

If you would like to express your views on the Governor's "Consolidation Plan" you can be contacting our local representatives Assemblyman Peter Lawrence – 585-225-4190 or Senator Robert Ort – 716-434-0680.

The following pages outline areas where the Village has identified savings and shared service agreements or IMAs.

If you would like to discuss any of these items pertaining directly to the Village of Spencerport please contact me at 585-352-4771 or attend a Village Board meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Please preserve our Village!

Gary Penders
Mayor
Village of Spencerport