

2014 Department of Public Works Budget Presentation

The Department of Public Works 2014 Budgeted Expenditures increased by approximately \$1.250 million which represents approximately 1.85%.

Major increases are in Utilities (+\$2.0 million), Rental & Taxes (+\$240K) and Contractual Services +\$440K).

Annual Regular and Other Personal Services:

The Department in an effort to reduce expenditures abolished (2) vacant positions in 2014. The positions are (1) Office Assistant Word Processor in the White Plains Operations Division and (1) Deputy Superintendent of Buildings in the Valhalla Operations Division. The Department has also held the line on Overtime and Hourly requests.

Equipment:

Department has held the line on Equipment and is requesting only those that assist the Department in work efficiency.

Materials & Supplies:

Department has reduced most Materials and Supplies accounts with the exception of Utilities. The Department is currently forecasting a slight increase in kilowatt usage (+.6%) and a slight decrease Natural Gas Therms (-3.2%) as weather patterns return to more normal conditions as compared to below normal degree days and colder temps in the winter months. Couple this with increases in Utility Rates the Department is currently forecasting a deficit of approximately \$1.4 million in Utilities for 2013 (a savings plan has been implemented to keep the Department within Budget).

Expenses:

The Department has kept costs in the Expenses Accounts as close to 2013 levels as possible. The increase in the Rental & Taxes Account is due to negotiated increases in payments to Landlords. The increase in Contractual Services is due to a number of multiyear contracts that are up for bid where there is now a slight increase after years of holding the line.

The Department has held the line and has examined all Contracts, Non-Recurring Repairs and Replacement and Repairs and Maintenance requests.

Attached is historical information with regards to Positions, Gross Expenses, Revenue, Gas Prices, Rental & Taxes and Court Costs, Kilowatt usage for White Plains and Valhalla, Average Square Footage that is maintained per Operations Employee.