

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **BOROUGH OF WOODBINE 2019 BUDGET ONCE AGAIN CALLS FOR NO "LOCAL PURPOSE TAX" INCREASE**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine introduced, at its April 4, 2019, Council meeting, the Borough Budget for 2019. The Local Purpose tax continues to be stable for the 29th consecutive year. The rate is at 0.234 cents per \$100 assessed value, the same as 2018. This means that a property assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$234 in Local Purpose tax.

The 2019 spending plan calls for a total budget of approximately \$2.5 million. This includes the budgets for the water/sewer utility, with a total spending plan of \$525,400, and the airport utility, with a total spending plan of \$570,539 (excluding grants).

For the 2019 year, the Borough has also had to absorb a large increase in the cost of contract services for trash collection (72% increase) and recycling collection (59% increase).

In addition, the Borough will be administering a number of projects throughout this year that were previously funded in the amount of approximately \$3 million). It is pursuing this year additional grant funding in the amount of approximately \$5 million for airport, water, parks and bikeways, and other infrastructure projects.

"I am pleased to report that our financial position remains strong as does our fund balance. We continue to successfully obtain grant funding from federal, state, county, and other sources, allowing us to leverage our municipal funds to the fullest extent possible." noted Mayor Pikolycky. "I take great pride in noting that as Mayor for the past 29 years we have not increased the local purpose tax rate."

**Public Hearing on the municipal budget will be held at the May 2, 2019, Borough Council meeting, starting at 8 p.m.**

**(MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE ATTACHED)**