

## Town of Brandon

### Proposed FY 15-16 Municipal Operating Budget

At Town Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Neshobe Elementary School Auditorium, Brandon voters will have an opportunity to discuss the proposed \$2,906,075 Municipal Operating Budget of which \$2,435,370 will be raised by taxes. The proposed Municipal Operating Budget for FY 15-16 adds \$47,245 net to the amount to be raised by taxes that voters approved last year. The proposed expenditures are a 2.5% increase over expenditures four years ago in the FY 11-12 Budget. This is a responsible 0.625% increase per year, over the last four years.

This year, the Brandon Free Public Library and Brandon Senior Center have been moved out of the Municipal Operating Budget to be voted on as appropriations. Voters will also have the opportunity to approve proposed Capital Projects as separate appropriations. By moving the Library, Senior Center and Capital Projects out of the Municipal Operating Budget, the Municipal Operating Budget now covers the base costs of running the Town, with all other added expenses to be decided by the voters through appropriations.

The following chart shows the anticipated taxes for a property value of \$100,000. The education tax is last year's Homestead rate as the final number was not available at the time this was printed. The estimated tax increase of \$46 assumes passage of the following items in full: the Municipal Operating Budget, the Fire District Budget, the Brandon Free Public Library appropriation request, the Brandon Senior Center appropriation request, voted Exempt Properties, all Petitioned Appropriation Requests, and Capital Project Appropriations.

<b>Estimated Tax Bill</b>	
<b>Per each \$100,000 of Assessed Value</b>	
Education Tax (last year's figure)	\$1,336
Fire District Tax	\$ 76
Municipal Operating Budget Tax	\$ 737
Library & Senior Center Appropriation	\$ 30
All other Appropriations, Petitions, and Exemptions	\$ 74
<b>Total Estimated Tax Bill:</b>	<b>\$2,253</b>

The Municipal Operating Budget covers 11 departments. Highlighted below are features of the proposed Municipal Operating Budget representing changes from the current year's budget:

- Town Administration – Decrease due to staff reorganization
- Clerk/Treasurer – Increase due to salary adjustment
- Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement – Increase due to staff reorganization
- Police – Increase due to cost of living adjustment and insurances
- Public Works – Increase due to reinstatement of a full-time Public Works Director
- Capital Improvement Plan - Increase due to current and future asset and safety equipment replacement

**Additional budget information can be found on the Town's website:**

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