



# TOWN OF OSSINING

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## **Town of Ossining Releases Preliminary 2010 Budget** *Spending Decreases and Revenue Losses Characterize Budget*

The 2010 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Ossining was submitted on October 30, and is available at the Ossining Public Library, the Town Clerk's office at 16 Croton Avenue, Ossining, or online at [www.townofossining.com](http://www.townofossining.com), Town Supervisor Catherine Borgia announced.

The nation, state, and local economic downturn posed many challenges during the preparation of the 2010 Preliminary budget. Revenue sources other than property taxes, such as mortgage tax, sales tax, and state aid declined significantly in 2009 and are projected to continue to decline for 2010. In the first quarter of 2009, every department and function in the town cut its budget, achieving a cost savings of \$230,000, or 8% of the operating budget. During subsequent months in 2009 additional cuts were made through salary reductions, reduction of personnel through attrition and layoffs, and further operational cost savings by department heads and staff.

The 2010 Preliminary Budget shows decreases in spending of approximately \$485,149. The Town General fund is \$4,890,945, an -8.00% spending decrease from 2009. The Unincorporated Fund expenditures amount to \$6,166,227, or a -0.97% spending decrease from 2009.

The 2010 Preliminary Budget incorporates further cuts across all departments, including further salary reductions, furloughs, and spending cuts in every department. Revenue lines show decreases of 55% in expected interest and earnings for 2010; 33% decrease in Mortgage Tax revenues; 17.65% reduction in Sales Tax revenues and 100% reduction (to \$0) in Appropriated Fund Balance. Some increased expenses include the new MTA payroll tax, anticipated to be \$17,000 and a 41.1% increase to the NYS retirement fund for town employees and a 14.8% increase for police retirement.

The Ossining Town Council will be discussing the Preliminary Budget during the November work sessions and will hold a Public Hearing on the budget on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 7:30 pm at the Police Court Facility, 88 Spring Street, Ossining, NY. The Town Council anticipates adopting the Final 2010 Budget at its December 8, 2009 legislative meeting.

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