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## **Borgia Releases Tax-Cut Budget Second Year in a Row**

*Tax Savings for All Town Taxpayers, Including Villages of Ossining & Briarcliff*

For the second year in a row, the Supervisor’s Tentative 2012 Budget, filed with the Town Clerk on Friday, October 28, shows tax cuts for all taxpayers in the Town of Ossining, including residents in the Villages of Ossining and Briarcliff. This budget has a tax rate decrease for all taxpayers despite the fact that the Town of Ossining is taking on additional costs of operating a consolidated Ossining Justice Court, effective January 1, 2012.

These rate decreases are well below the recently-imposed New York State Tax Cap of a 2% tax levy increase. Borgia stated: “In these hard times, we are all struggling to do more with less. For my tentative 2012 budget, I was committed to creating another opportunity to save taxpayers money while increasing government efficiencies through consolidation of services, careful spending, and innovative new ways of providing necessary government services. I am very pleased to offer a budget that does not raise taxes and offers some taxpayer relief despite the increased costs of mandatory NYS Retirement System contributions, the rising cost of health insurance, and additional expenses due to fuel costs.”

This budget has tax decreases in both the Town General (-0.07%) and the Town Unincorporated (-0.02%) budgets. All residents of the Town of Ossining, including those in the Villages of Ossining and Briarcliff, pay the Town General tax. Residents in the Unincorporated area (the “town-outside” of both villages) pay the Town Unincorporated tax.

A total of \$152,752 of revenues from Dale Cemetery operations in 2011 will be restored to all town taxpayers as part of the 2012 Town Budget. This is a first step towards Dale Cemetery restoring taxpayer monies that had been used for operations from 2006-2009.

In addition, the consolidation of the Village of Ossining and Town of Ossining Justice Courts will provide additional tax relief to Village of Ossining residents not reflected in this budget. Cost containment in other areas mean that residents of the Unincorporated area will not see taxes rise due to the cost of the court consolidation, which is estimated by the NYS Comptroller’s office to be \$460,571. If the Village of Briarcliff decides to join the consolidated court, Briarcliff taxpayers will also see a savings in their village tax bills.

The Supervisor’s Tentative 2012 Budget is available in the Town Clerk’s office at 16 Croton Avenue, the Ossining Public Library, and online at [www.townofossining.com](http://www.townofossining.com). The Ossining Town Board will be discussing the Supervisor’s Tentative Budget during November work sessions and will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Police/Court Facility, 88 Spring Street, Ossining. We urge members of the public to review the budget and make comments at the Public Hearing or by contacting me at 914-762-6001 or [cborgia@townofossining.com](mailto:cborgia@townofossining.com). The Town Board anticipates adopting the Final 2012 Budget at its Tuesday, December 13, 2011 legislative meeting.

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