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Warm Greetings to Everyone!

The holidays of November remind us to be thankful for and appreciative of the good fortune and many blessings that each of us in our town has received over this past year.

The November meeting of the Town Board was conducted on Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. A public hearing on the 2015 budget was conducted and the budget adopted. The budget is lean and responsible. Our budget goal was to have no tax increase and maintain the level of services to residents. To accomplish this there will be a 1.5% pay increase for town employees during 2015. Cuts were made in many departments including assessor clerk, highway garage custodial services, celebrations, refuse and garbage, bond interest, retirement, and insurance. There were a few areas of increase to cover higher expenses in areas such as salaries (1.5%) and machinery contractual. Using additional revenues and available fund balance the town tax rate will increase by \$.0068 per 1000 assessment to \$1.1268. If your home is assessed at \$200,000. Your taxes will increase by \$1.20. The Town of Saratoga tax rate is lower than that of our neighboring towns.

The town offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day. In addition the Town offices will be closed November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Veterans Robert and William Lang Honored

At the Town Board Meeting held on November 6th, deceased veterans Robert Morris Lang and William Donald Lang were honored for their service to our country. Both brothers enlisted in the Navy almost immediately after graduating from Schuylerville High School. Robert served in World War II as an Aviation Radio and Radarman in the Navy Air Force and William served in the Korean War as a Hospital Corpman. Both men will be honored at the Saratoga County Deceased Veterans Ceremony to be held on November 18th at 2:30 pm in County Building #1.

A message from National Grid

National Grid encourages everyone to be prepared for possible storms and power outages that can potentially occur over the winter..

Here is a list of safety tips and important contact information.

Be prepared by creating an emergency kit:

- Water. The American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Charged cell phone
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- First aid kit

We urge you to stay connected

In addition to [Outage Central](#), National Grid offers a number of ways for customers to report outages or learn about restoration efforts and important safety information.

Here's how:

- Outage reporting hotline - Call 1-800-867-5222 to report an outage.
- Text messages - Customers can receive text message alerts by texting the word STORM to NGRID (64743). Customers can opt out at any time by texting the word STOP to NGRID (64743).
- Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) to connect with us and other customers.
- Download our free mobile app (available in the Apple and GooglePlay stores) which will allow you to view outage maps, report your outage, check the status of your outage, and access important contact and safety information.

Remember, if your power goes out, you can also access our mobile website by going to nationalgrid.com on your mobile phone.

Saratoga County Veteran's Fund 5K Race

On Saturday, November 8th at 10:00 am the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency conducted a 5K and a ½ mile Kids fun race at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville. Over 350 runners participated in the race and several hundreds of dollars were raised to support the Saratoga County Veterans Trust Fund.