

TOWN OF CLAY

2023 BUDGET MESSAGE

The Preliminary Budget for general and highway purposes totals \$17.2 million. As proposed, the tax rate for Town residents remains the same for the third consecutive year. Total spending is \$421,800 greater or 2.51% over the adopted budget for 2022. The increase includes necessary additions to contractual expenditures as well as employee salaries, wages & benefits.

The budget funds several playground improvements which total \$64,000.

The Town has been and will continue to be proactive in securing grant funding for various projects throughout Clay. The more recent grants totaling more than \$1.8 Million dollars include:

- Town of Clay Memorial Park
- Central Park Restroom
- Project Green Education Center
- Senior Center Parking Lot Paving
- Senior Center Siding Replacement
- Purchase of Street Sweeper for Highway Dept.
- Steelway Blvd. Repaving Project
- Three Rivers BOA Pre-development Project

The Town is migrating the Planning Dept. Software Municipality for the Highway, Town Clerk and Supervisor's Offices as well as to provide online services for Town Residents.

The Town is continuing its effort to provide preventative road repair as a more efficient method for maintaining roads. In 2022, 12.4 miles of Town roads were repaved. 6 miles were repaved by contractors and 6.4 miles by the Town Highway Dept. The 2023 budget includes a total appropriation for paving of \$2.3 million which is targeted to keep on schedule with road maintenance as determined by the Cornell Road Condition Survey.

As always the Town of Clay strives to provide the best possible delivery of services to our residents at the least possible cost.