



# TOWN OF ULYSSES

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DEAR ULYSSES TAXPAYER,

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The Ulysses Town Board is very glad to have you as a resident of our Town and a member of our community. We want you to know how your taxes are used to provide high-quality services as efficiently and transparently as possible. For more information, or to view the budget or tax bills, visit [ulysses.ny.us](http://ulysses.ny.us).

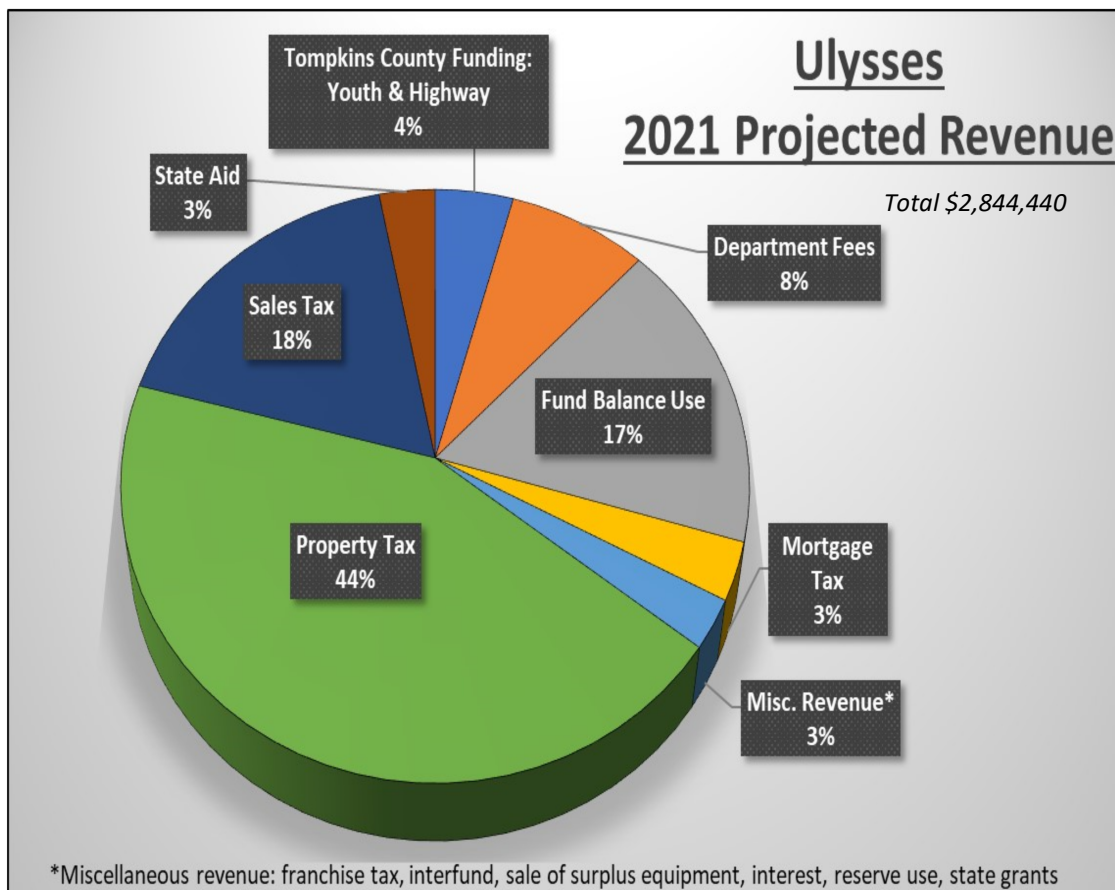
## WHAT'S INCLUDED ON YOUR TAX BILL?

- ◆ Your share of the cost for both Town of Ulysses and Tompkins County services
- ◆ If you are in a Town water district, you will see charges for operation & maintenance and debt charges
- ◆ Solid waste fees (for residential properties)
- ◆ Any outstanding school or village taxes
- ◆ Fire & Ambulance fees (for those outside the Village)

## BUDGETING PROCESS

The Town Supervisor & Budget Officer review current spending and estimate the funding available for the upcoming year. Based on funding requests, we estimate the cost to provide needed services and the amount left to levy or raise from taxpayers. The budget drafted by the Supervisor is carefully reviewed by the full Town Board and the public before it is approved.

For 2021, we cut spending by 8% and worked hard to maintain services with less outside funding while keeping your taxes level. Your share of the tax levy is charged based on the value of your property as determined by the Tompkins County Assessment Department (274-5507). If your property increased in value you may owe more in 2021 even though we kept the tax rate close to the same as 2020.



## WHERE FUNDING (REVENUE) COMES FROM

- ◆ **Sales tax**- a portion is returned to the town
- ◆ **NYS income tax**- a share of the income taxes we pay to NYS are returned to help us pay for local services
- ◆ **County tax**- part of the County taxes we pay are returned to us to help provide local services
- ◆ **Fees** for building, code enforcement, planning, zoning, and ambulance services

**Notes on PROJECTED EXPENSES:**

1. The chart does **not** include the cost of water districts since only properties in the district pay those costs.
2. As Village residents are taxed for Building, Zoning, Fire & Ambulance on Village tax bills, they do **not** get taxed for these items on Town & County tax bills.
3. Of all the Town taxes levied, 38% are used to pay for Fire and Ambulance Services.

**Selected PIE SLICE DEFINITIONS for Projected Expenses:**

**Town Clerk Office**- tax collection, water billing, marriage, hunting and dog licenses, disabled parking permits, town records management, website updates, news-letters, and general assistance to residents

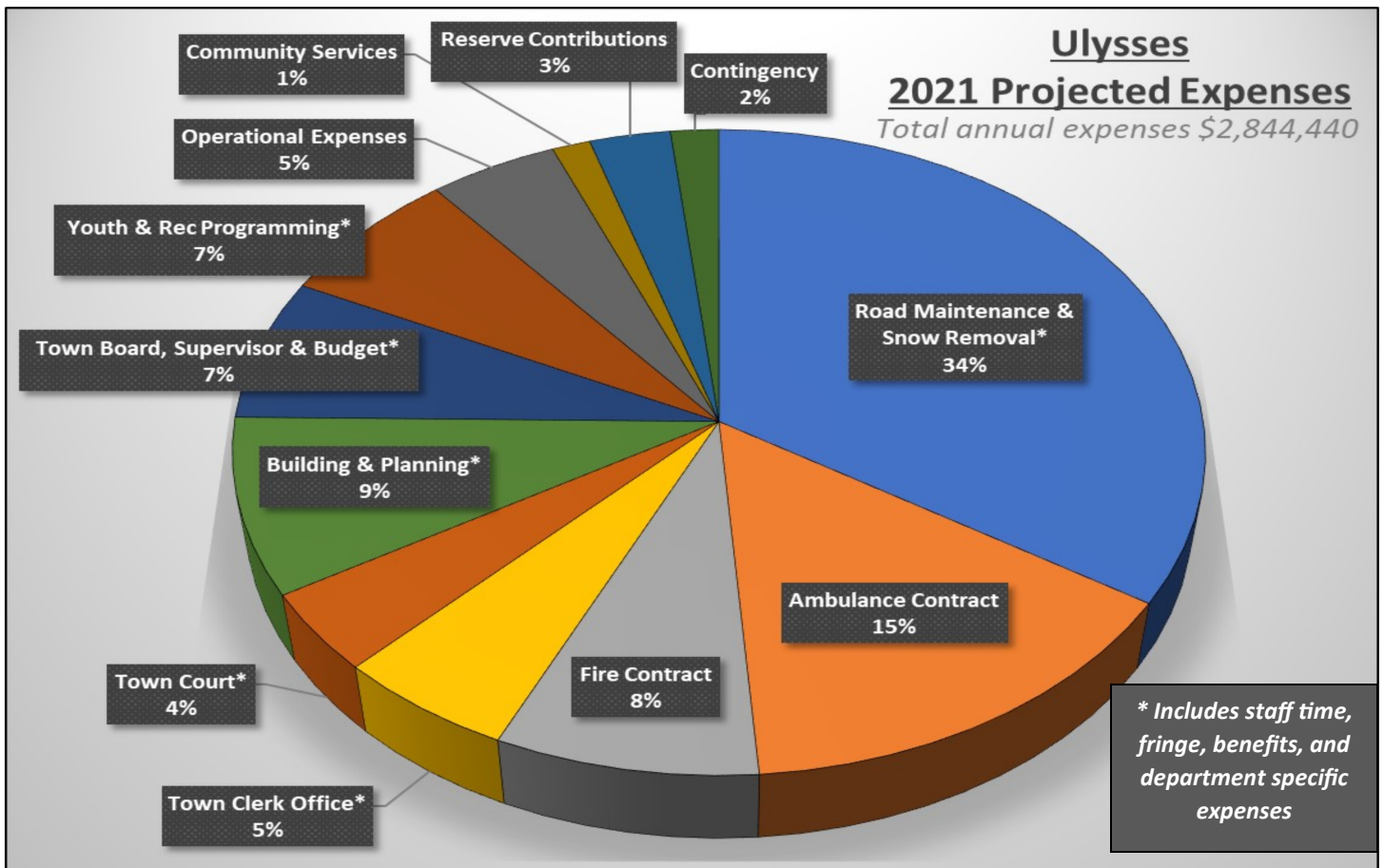
**Building & Planning**- building permits, building & fire inspections, sub-divisions, site plan review, zoning and zoning appeals, community planning

**Youth & Recreation**- summer camp, sports, access to Ithaca Youth Bureau programs, youth development programs, teen jobs, summer reading

**Community Services**- Town Historian, Senior Citizens, Lifelong, Meals on Wheels, Veterans, Gadabout, Trumansburg Conservatory for Fine Arts, Ulysses Historical Society, Community Science Institute, Intermunicipal Org. (watershed)

**Town Board, Budget**- Policy, grant and staff oversight, payroll, bookkeeping, budgeting & reports

**Operational Expenses**- Town Hall insurance and other costs shared across depts.



**PAYING YOUR TAXES:**

Due to COVID-19, we strongly encourage that you pay your bill by mail, on-line (for a fee) at <https://www.ulysses.ny.us/departments/dept-clerk/clerk-tax/> or leave in the drop box at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg, NY 14886. If you need to pay in person, the office will be open **10am-2pm, Mon, Wed, Fri;** or by appointment.

**WISHING YOU A HAPPY & HEALTHY 2021!**

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