

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2021

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Mayor Skelly called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

PRESENT: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Dillabough, Fisher,  
Kennedy and Rishe

ABSENT: Councillors Powers and Skamperle

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Mayor Skelly moved a resolution to accept the 2022 Preliminary Budget and direct that the Preliminary Budget be filed with the City Clerk and the Comptroller of the City of Ogdensburg, and Councillor Fisher seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE  
2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, as required by the City Charter, the City Manager has submitted a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2022 to the City Council on or before November 1, 2021,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby accepts the preliminary budget and directs that the preliminary budget be filed with the City Clerk and the City Comptroller.

City Manager Stephen Jellie and City Comptroller Angela Gray made a presentation to Council to present the 2022 Preliminary Budget. (A copy of their presentation follows these minutes.) Mr. Jellie's extensive remarks are available in the video posted on the City website at [www.ogdensburg.org](http://www.ogdensburg.org).

Councillor Kennedy made a motion to table the resolution. The motion died for lack of a second.

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The vote was:

AYES: Mayor Skelly, Councillors Dillabough, Fisher and Rishe

NAYS: Councillor Kennedy

CARRIED, 4 TO 1

On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

# City of Ogdensburg

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2022 Budget Presentation  
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# 2022 Budget Highlights



- 10% Property Tax Cut (20% Lower than 2020 Rates)
  - \$15.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value – Lowest since 2010
- 69% Constitutional Tax Limit Achieved (previously 80.61% in 2021)
- 20.5% Decrease in Sales Tax Revenue (\$765K Budgeted & \$1.3MM Projected)
- 11% Avoidance in Revenue from Water/Sewer Funds to General Fund
- 13% Reduction in Overall Debt
- Staffing Reduced 12% - No Layoffs Required - All Vacant Positions
  - 7 positions reduced in OPD
  - 3 positions reduced in OFD
  - 1 position reduced in DPW
  - 1 position reduced in City Staff

# 2022 Budget Highlights (Continued)

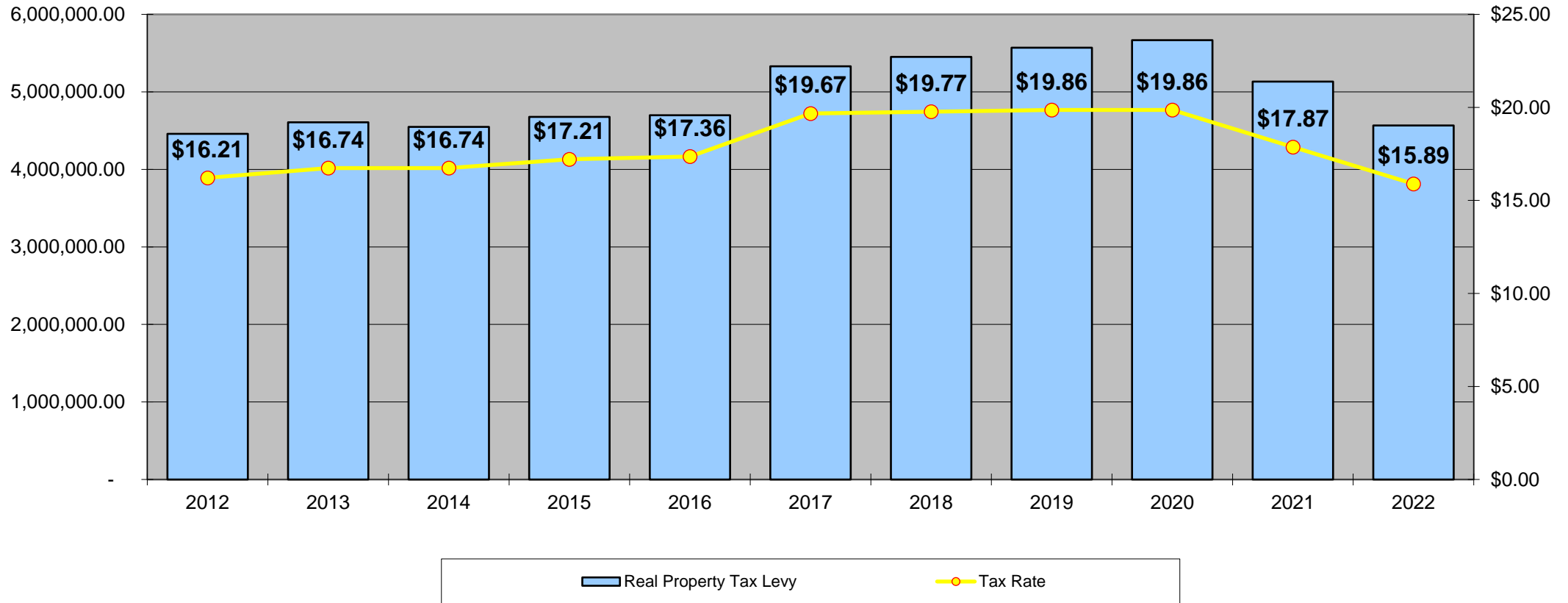


- Maintains a Strong Fund Balance (At least \$2.5MM)
- Funds Available for Capital Improvement (\$1.6MM)
- Strengthens Commitment to Planning and Economic Development
- Begins Closing the Pay Disparity Between City Departments
- Provides Funds for the City-Wide Assessment Project
- Provides Funds for Design of a New Skate Park
- Balances Funds Over All Departments/Programs

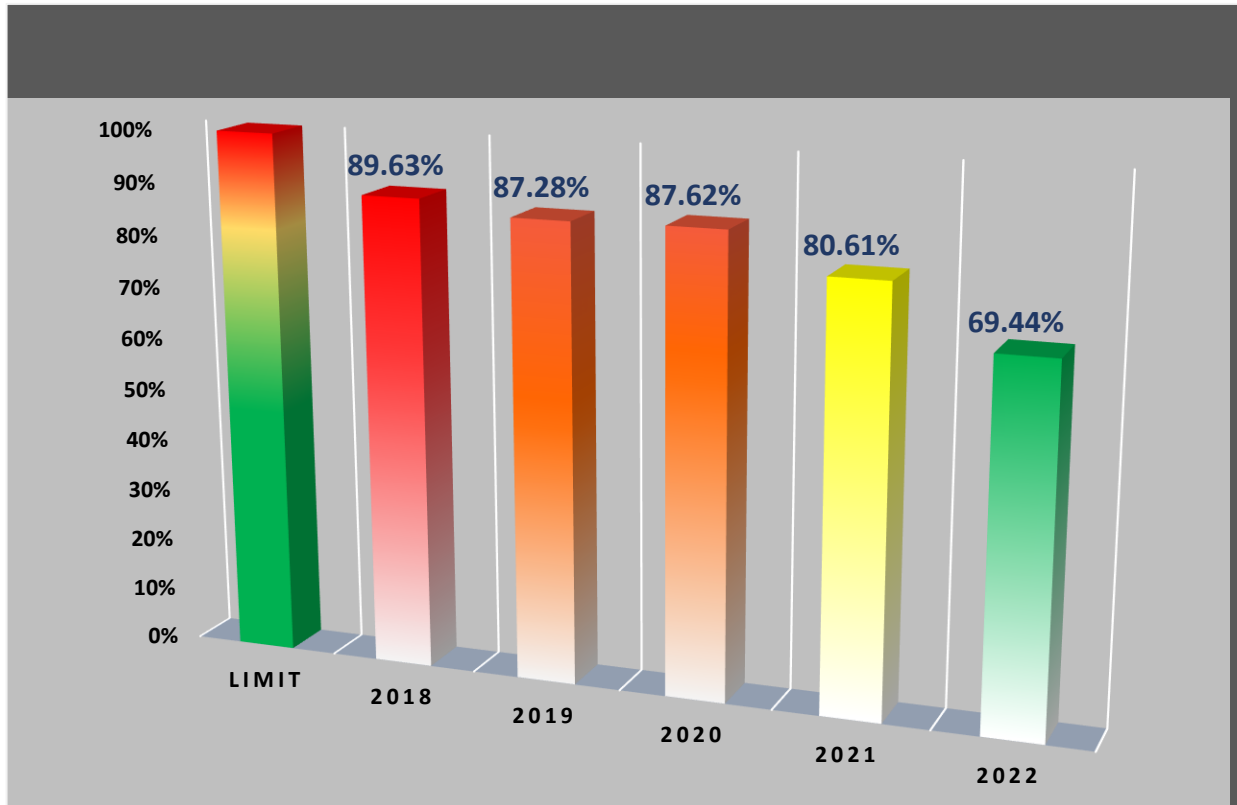
# Tax Levy & Tax Rate History



Tax Levy and Tax Rate, 2012 - 2022



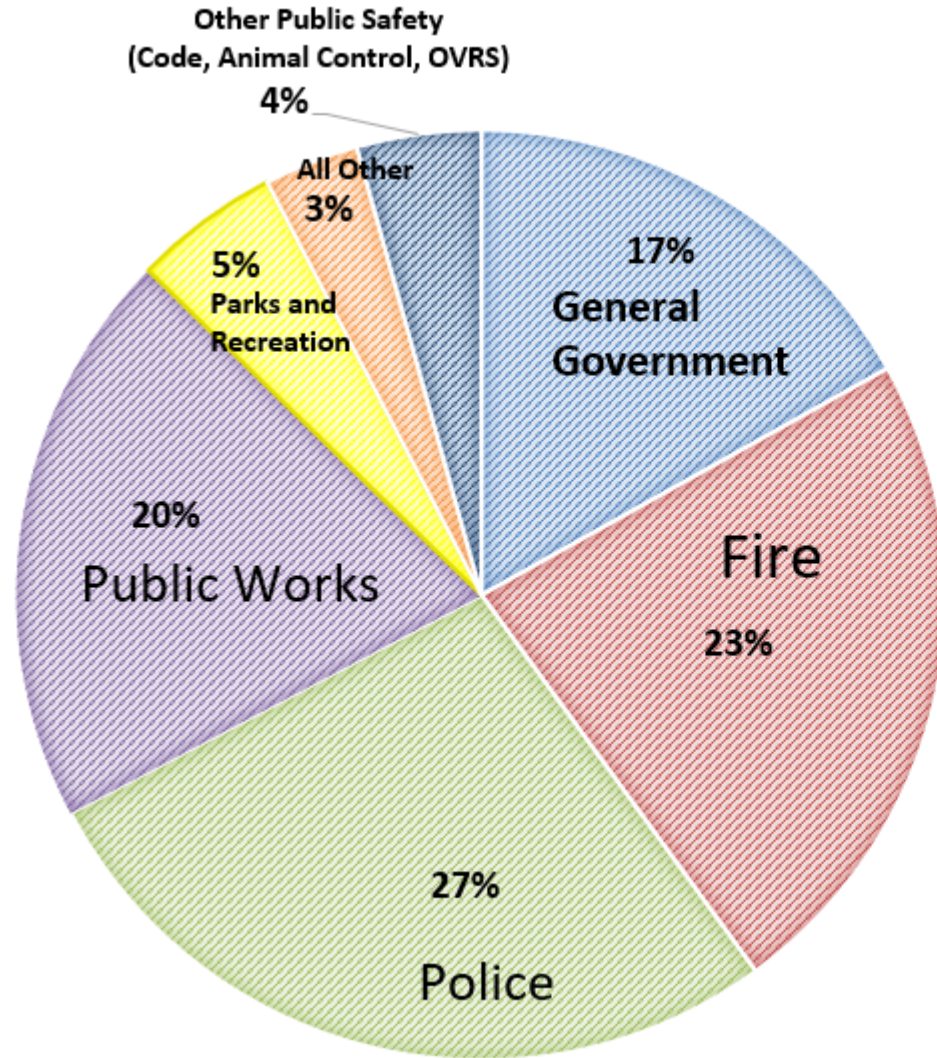
# Constitutional Tax Limit Comparisons



**2022 CTL – 69.44%**

CITY	POPULATION	2021 CTL	TAX RATE
City of Ogdensburg, NY	10,064	81%	\$17.87
City of Canandaigua, NY	10,287	39%	\$7.86
City of Corning, NY	10,538	61%	\$12.30
City of Oneida, NY	10,329	53%	\$10.95
Village of Massena, NY	10,091	83%	\$16.43
Watertown, NY	25,622	22%	8.95

# Where Property Tax Dollars Go



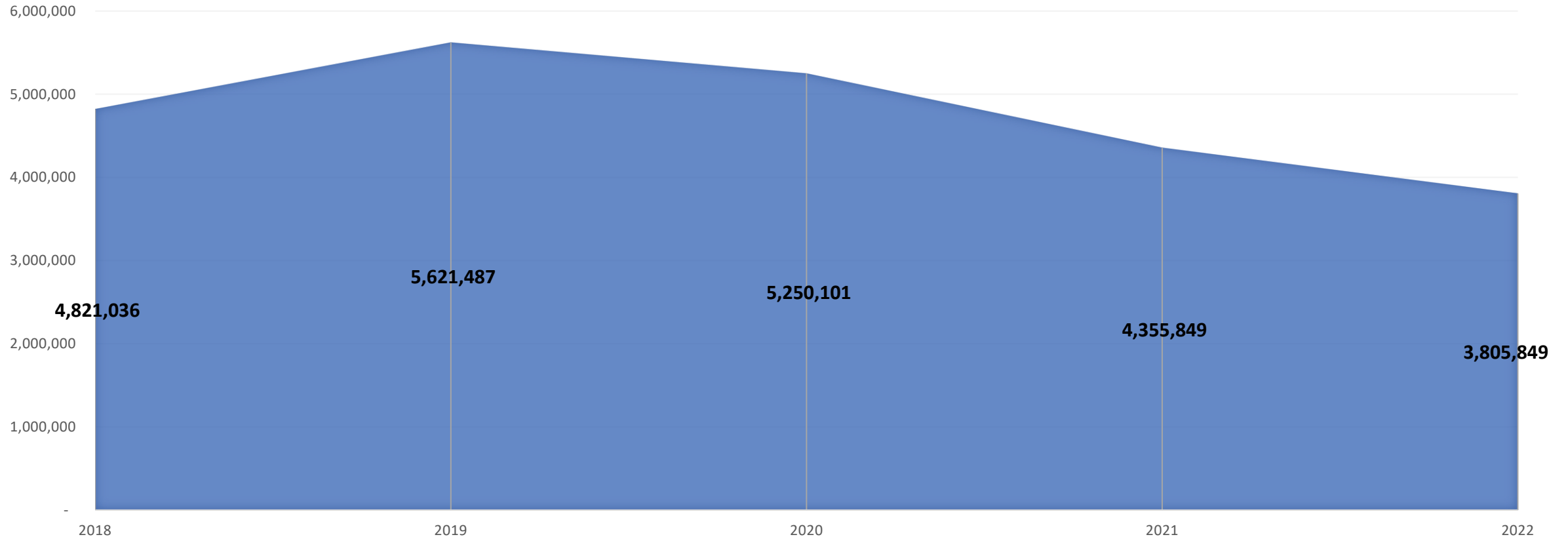
- General Government
- Fire
- Police
- Public Works
- Parks & Recreation
- All Other
- Other Public Safety



# Bonds, BANs, and Leases Payable



## OUTSTANDING DEBT

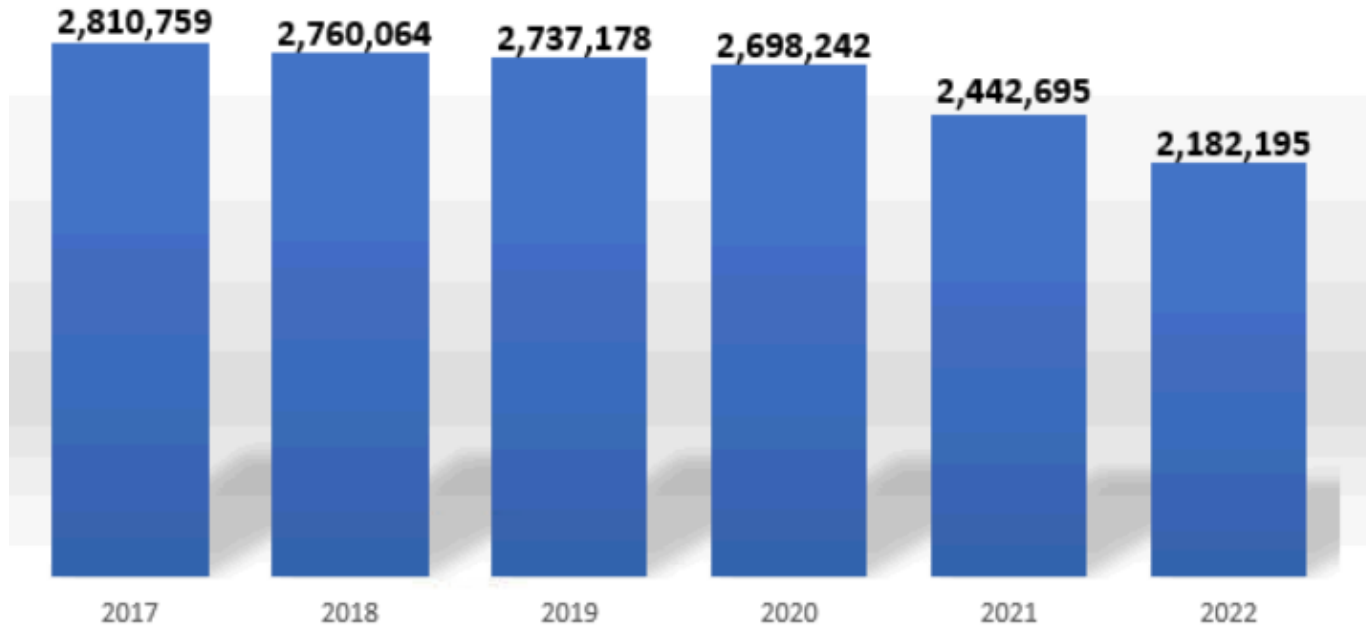


# Work Force Strength

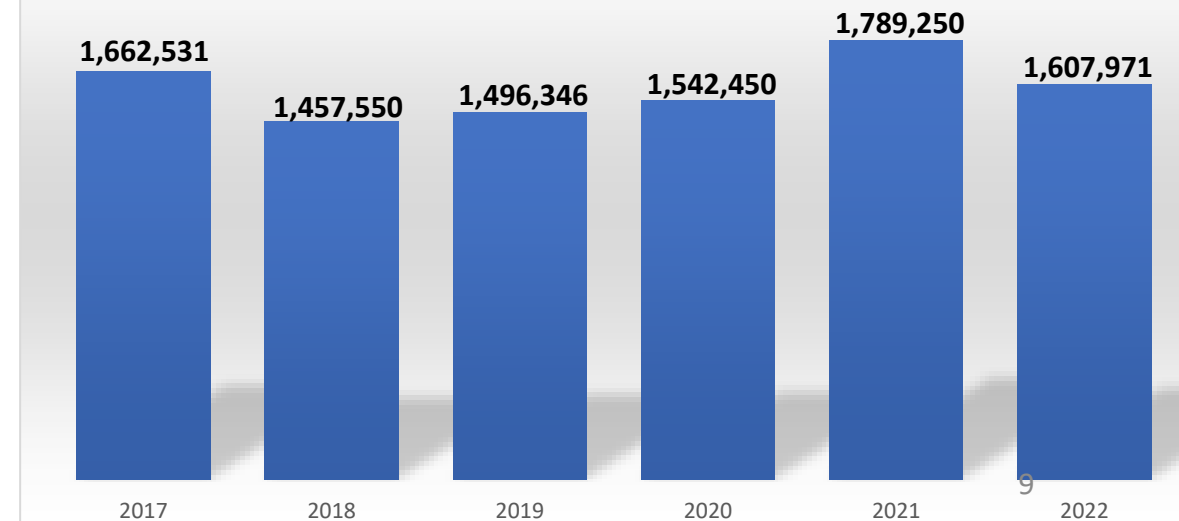


	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Gov't	24	24	23	21	20
Police	33.5	33.5	33.5	28.5	21
Fire	29	29	28	21	18
Public Works	36	39	36	36	35
Recreation	4	4	4	1.75	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>108.25</b>	<b>95</b>

## Health Insurance Costs



## Retirement Costs





# Police Department Staffing

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## Enhanced

- 1 Chief
- 1 Lieutenant
- 2 Administrative Staff
- 0 Dispatchers
- 3 Detectives
- 4 Sergeants
- 15 Officers

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## Optimal

- 1 Chief
- 1 Lieutenant
- 2 Administrative Staff
- 0 Dispatchers
- 2 Detectives
- 4 Sergeants
- 12 Officers

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## Essential

- 1 Chief
- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Administrative Staff
- 0 Dispatchers
- 1 Detectives
- 3 Sergeants
- 9 Officers

**2022** - Above staffing **does not include five positions** funded by other entities:

- 1 School Resources Officer
- 2 Airport Security Officers
- 2 Dispatchers



# Fire Department Staffing

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## Enhanced

- 1 Chief
- 1 Ass't Chief
- 4 Captains
- 20 Firefighters

22

## Optimal

- 1 Chief
- 1 Ass't Chief
- 4 Captains
- 16 Firefighters

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## Essential

- 1 Chief
- No Ass't Chief
- 4 Captains
- 12 Firefighters

# Economic Development Priorities



**WATERFRONT  
REDEVELOPMENT**



**MODERNIZATION OF ZONING  
ORDINANCE & CODE  
ENFORCEMENT POLICIES**



**GRANT AGENCY PARTNERSHIP**

# Recreation Priorities



ESTABLISH A  
RECREATION COMMISSION



SKATE PARK



REDI PROJECT TO INCLUDE  
NEW FACILITIES AND  
UPGRADES TO EXISTING



# Governmental Priority Initiatives

Sales Tax Home Rule Legislation

St. Lawrence County Shared/Consolidated Services  
(Law Enforcement & Healthcare Consortium)

St. Lawrence County Psychiatric Center Properties

Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority Properties

Combination Career and Volunteer Fire Department





## Final Thoughts FOR A BETTER OGDENSBURG

- Analyze the Past Practice
- Accept the Present Reality
- Accelerate the Future Revival