

The Village tax bills for 2017-2018 have been mailed. Initially, through careful budgeting by the Village Board, the tax rate for the upcoming year would be slightly more than 2% over previous years. However, after the budget's public hearing and presentation, the village was informed that there will be larger than normal increase in the tax levy for Town of Ridgeway/Village of Medina properties versus Town of Shelby/Village of Medina properties. New York State reviewed the assessments of Ridgeway and determined an equalization rate of 94% for the Town. It is estimated that the 2018-2019 rate will be 90%. There will be a complete reassessment next year for Ridgeway but those figures will not bring the values up until 2019-2020 and will cause a higher rate for the Town/Village properties.. The Town of Shelby town wide assessment is at 100%. Both the towns share a tax assessor and the village uses the town's assessment for our tax levies.

With less income to work with in the Town of Ridgeway there must be a higher tax levy . It's a fact that the state has told us and a matter that is completely out of our hands. What we do have is the ability to control responsible budgeting on the village's part by the village board and department managers, a pledge to steward the funds we are entrusted with and to ensure proper spending practices in every department.