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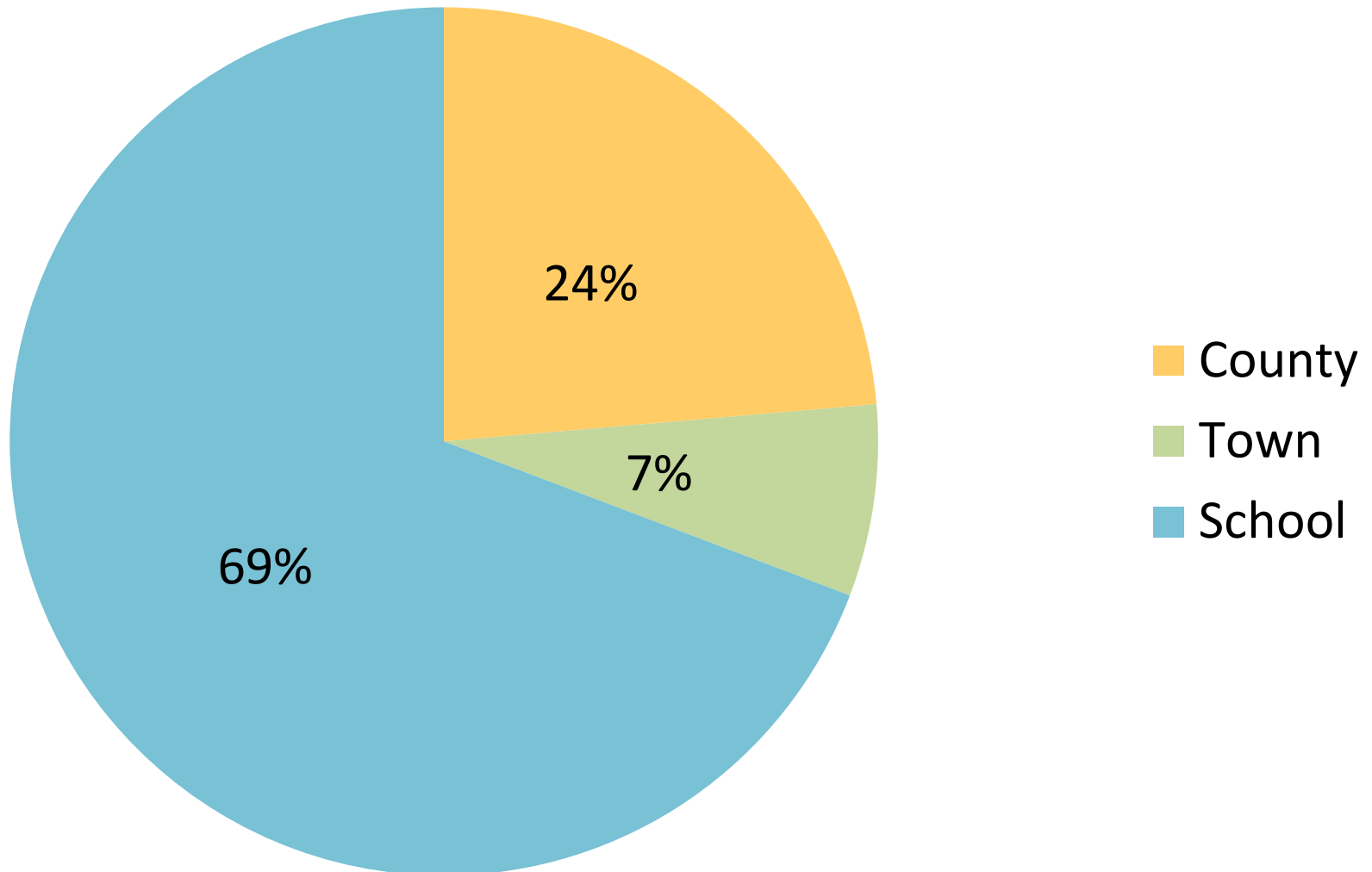
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2019 Financial Status

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Town of Boston, NY – 2019 Budget

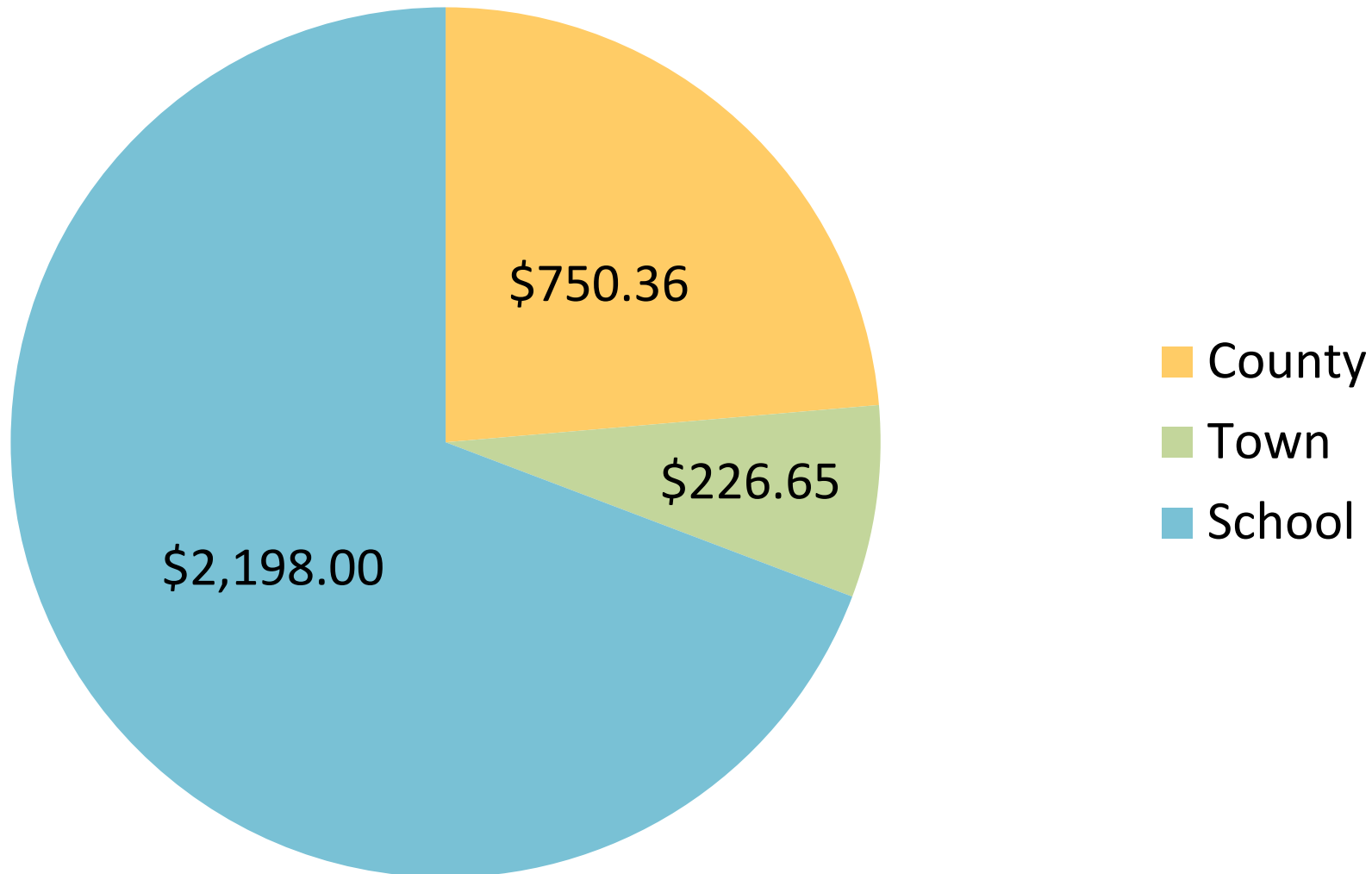
Allocation of 2019 Tax Levy (as percentage)



Source: 2019 Annual Report of the Department of Real Property Tax Services, County of Erie, NY

Town of Boston, NY – 2019 Budget

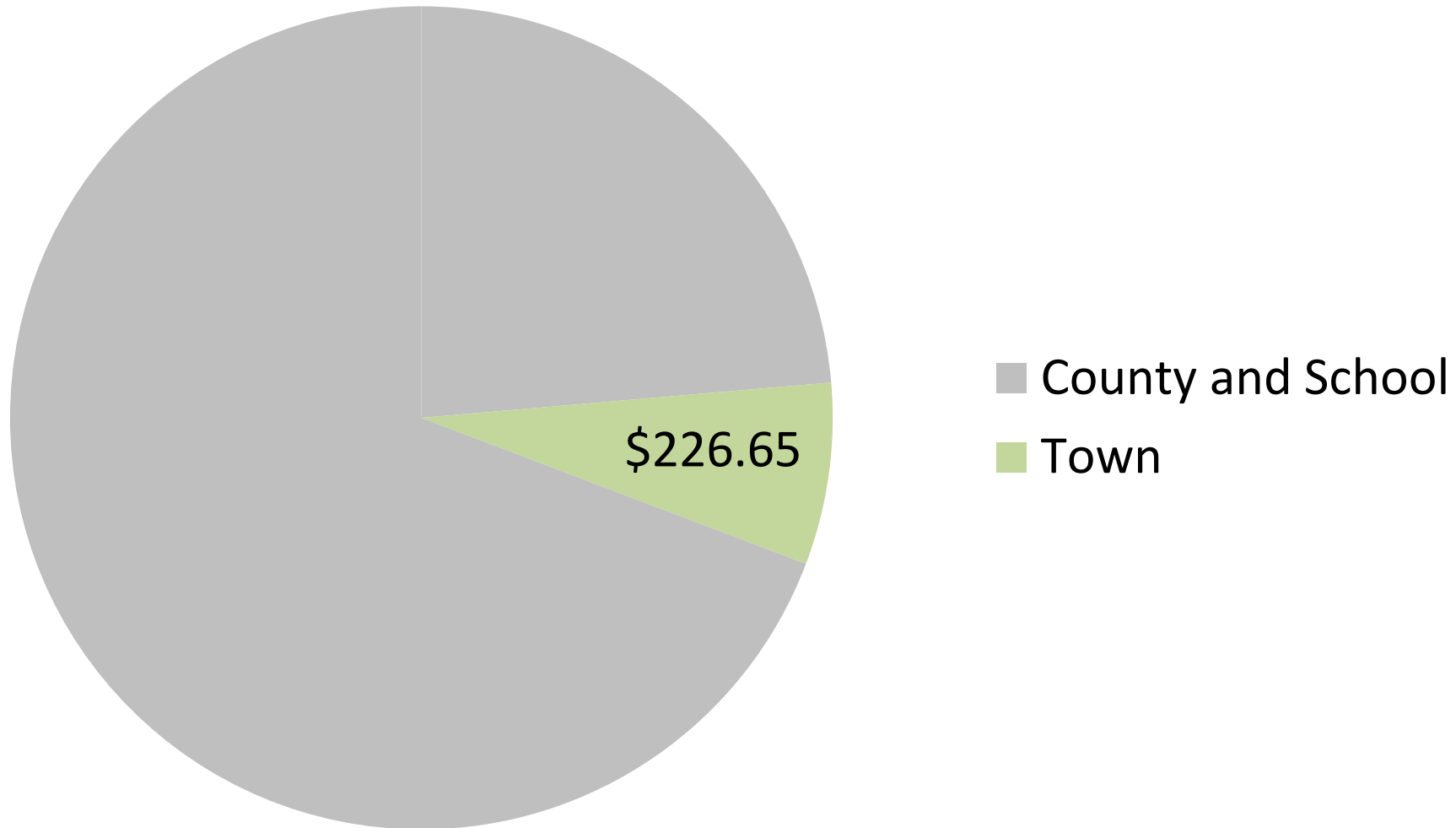
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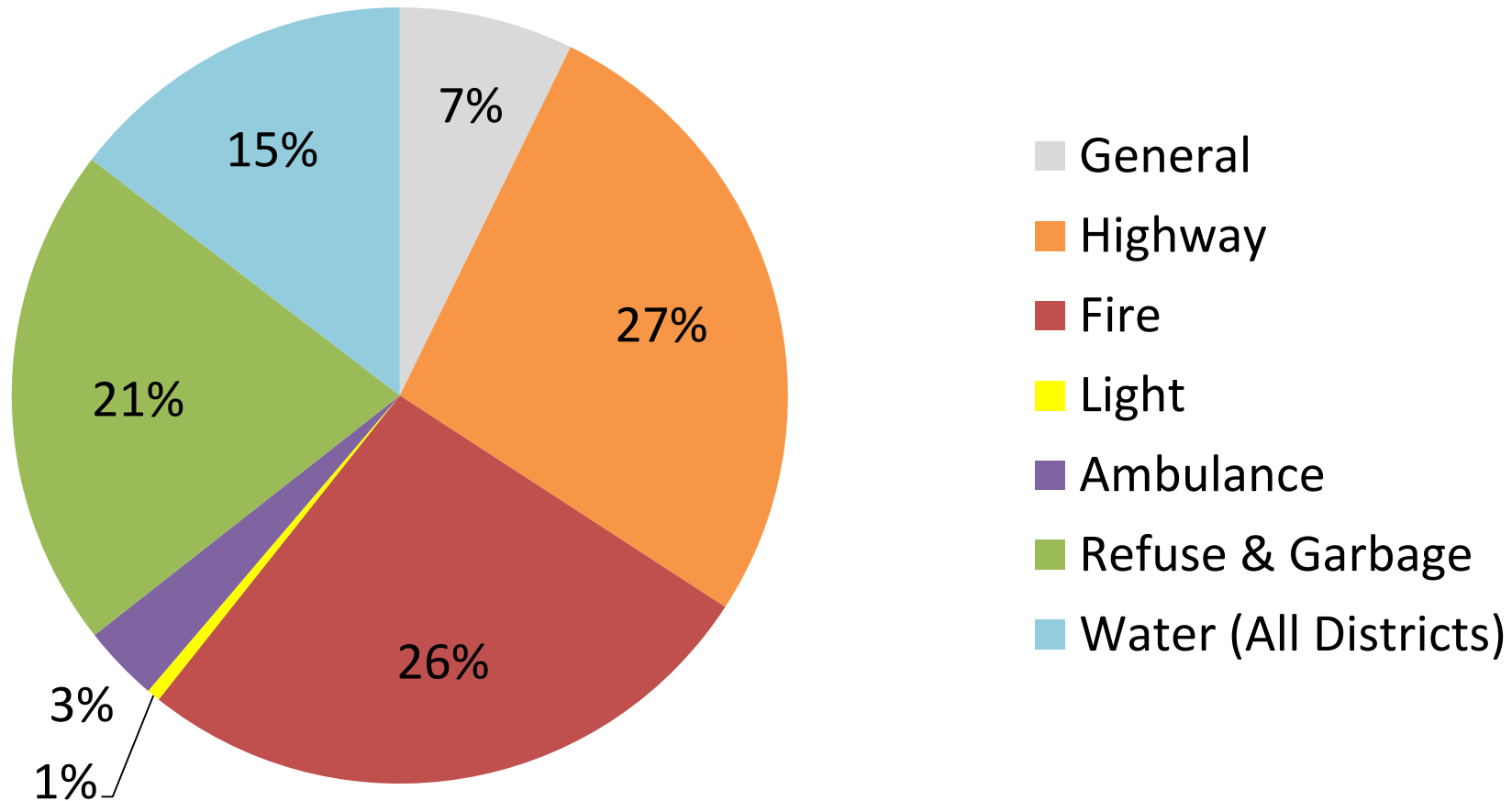
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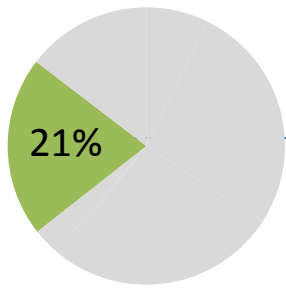
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2019 Taxes - Breakout by Fund (as percentage)



Town of Boston, NY – Garbage & Refuse



2019 Tax

\$198 per parcel

Weekly trash & recycling

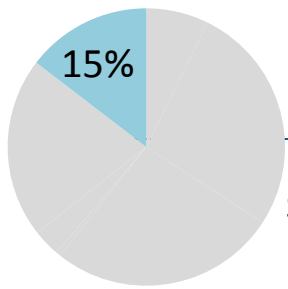
Weekly bulk collection

New Contract

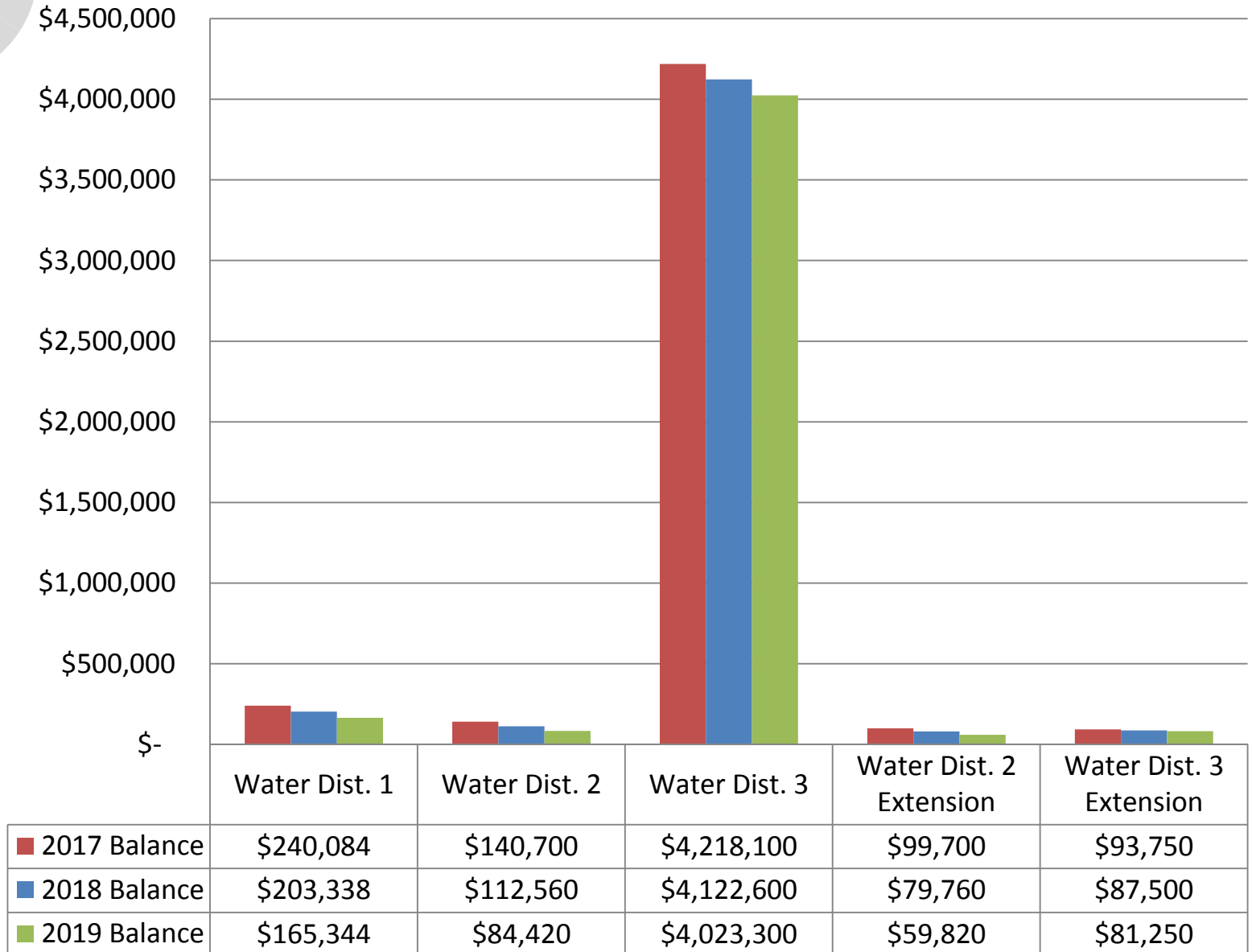
\$228 per parcel

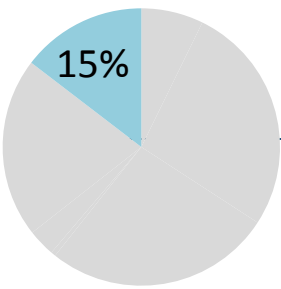
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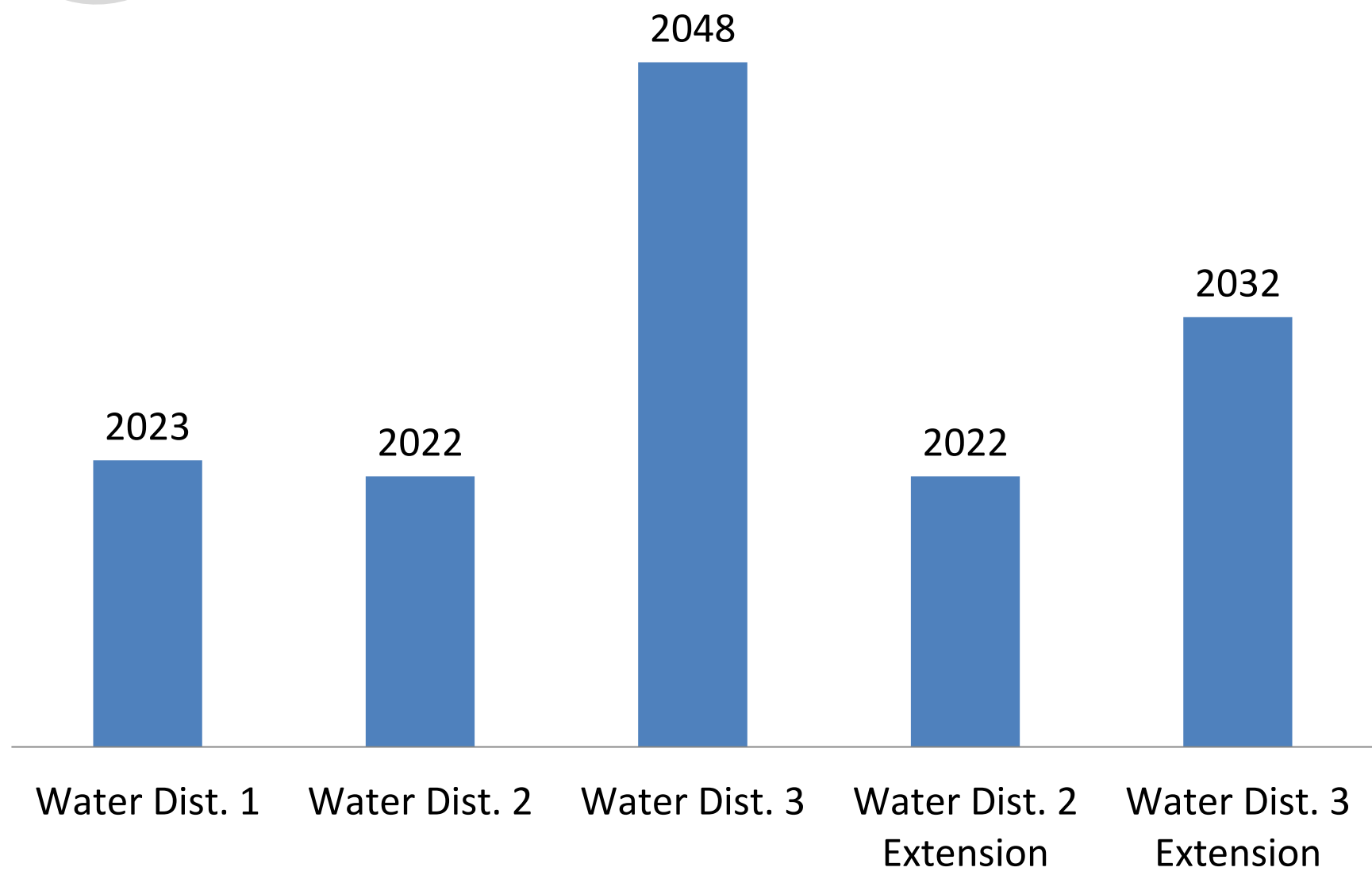
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Year Paid Off





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Department Accomplishments

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Finance



- Filed Annual Update Document (“AUD”) and tax cap before their respective deadlines
- Switched payroll companies and minimized payroll errors
- Implemented monthly Budget to Actual reports provided to the Town Board
- Worked with Drescher & Malecki to correct 2017 financials and get bank reconciliations up to date
- Working on compiling a complete capital asset inventory
- Appointed a new Bookkeeper and decreased use of outside accounting services
- Interest for 2019 totaling \$19,532 through May
- Looking into investment (and purchasing) options to help keep taxes low



Grants



\$111,499 Received from FEMA relating to the 2018 appeal on the 2014 parking lot damage



\$37,166 Received from NYS Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Services relating to the 2018 appeal on the 2014 parking lot damage



\$1,000 Received for the Summer Concert Series from the Arts Services Initiative of WNY

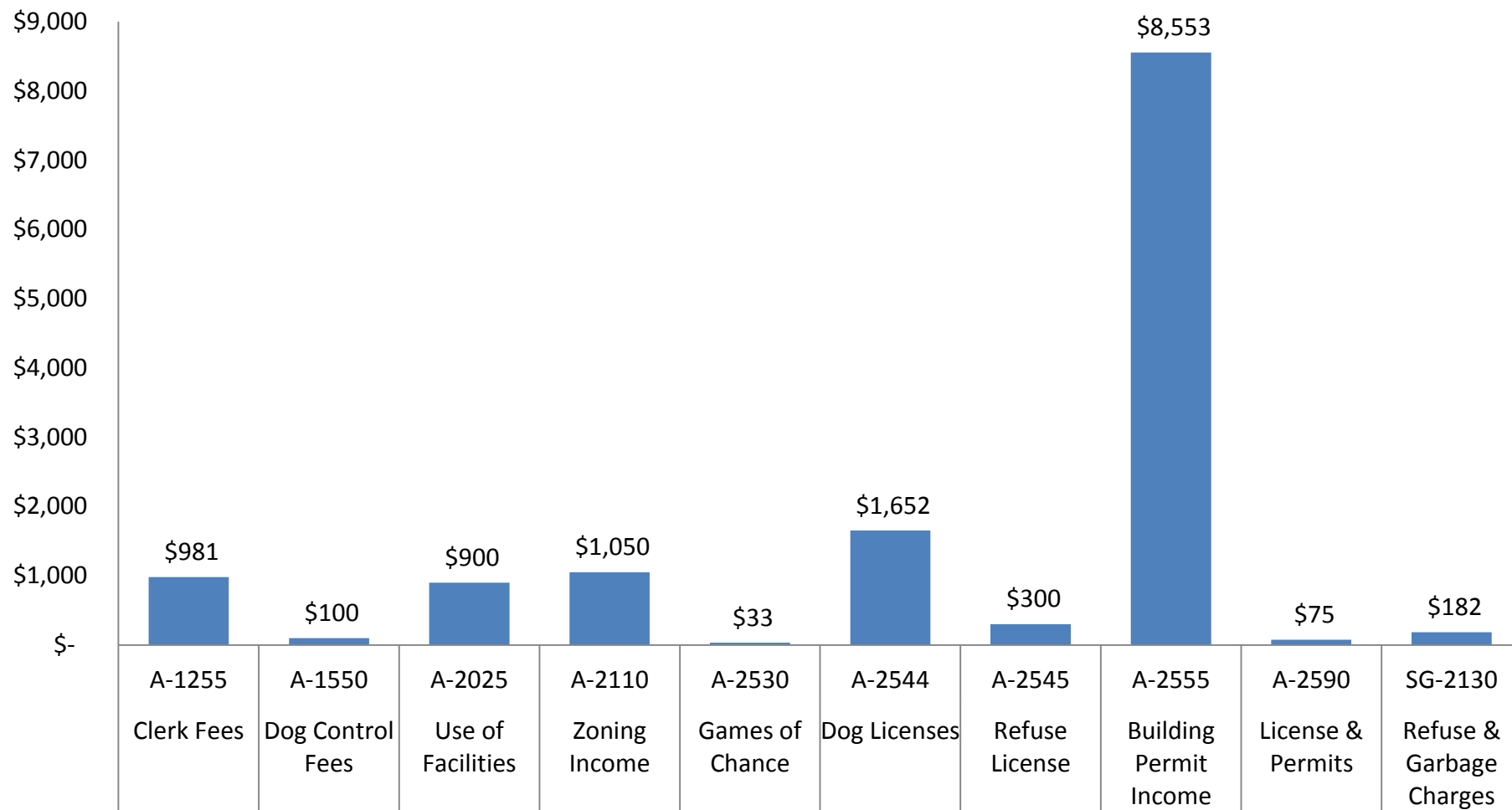
Pending Grants

- \$75,000 DASNY grant – Potential Town Hall boiler, generator, & South Boston playground equipment
- \$100,000 Erie County Community Development Block Grant for municipal ADA modifications





Town Clerk



January – May 2019

Courts



Fines Collected	Town Portion
January	\$13,425
February	\$12,235
March	\$14,672
April	\$11,845
Total	\$52,177

\$14,189 Grant received from:
Justice Court Assistance Program

- New Courtroom Seating
- New Cashbox



Assessor



- Met all NYS Real Property Tax Requirements and deadlines
- Finalizing the 2019 Assessment Roll
- Responsible for property tax exemptions and the STAR program, including processing any renewal applications
- Maintains all the escrow accounts and bank codes for property owners
- Daily updates of inventory of the properties within the town
- Continued education of taxpayers to enhance their understanding of the Assessment Office, changing equalization rates, and the changing STAR exemptions
- Continued professional education on:
 - Appraisal principals
 - Changing legislation with regard to STAR program
 - Commercial valuation



Code Enforcement

- Maintained inspections of new construction throughout Town
- Inspected commercial and residential permits
- Working with Erie County Clerk and Western NY Law Center on zombie properties

	# of Permits Issued	Fees Collected
2018 Total	109	\$23,398
January 2019	2	\$171
February 2019	2	\$1,317
March 2019	5	\$1,413
April 2019	15	\$4,714



Recreation



New contract with Boys & Girls Club of Orchard Park to form a Boston chapter

- Kickoff event on June 18, 2019 was well attended
- Summer program started June 24, 2019
- 2019 Enrollment:
 - 95 members
 - 4 Jr. Staff
 - 8 Regular Staff
 - Director



Highway

- Received their new dump/plow truck at a cost of \$256,109 funded by 2018 & 2019 CHIPs and Equipment Reserves
- Cleared brush throughout the town in April & May
- Brush & leaf pickup will resume in September
- Currently placing oil & stone



Parks



- New John Deere Zero Turn Mower at a cost of \$14,899 after trade in of an old mower
- New signs relating to dog walking
- Parks ready by April 1st
- Little library established at South Boston park thanks to Tara Lowrey & Larry Murtha
- Memorial Swing coming soon thanks to Mary Beth Rosiek
- Memorial Brick project is being reinvigorated. Information coming soon!



Celebrations

- Memorial Day was well attended
- Upcoming 4th of July celebration

8 pm

- Boston Town Band

9 pm

- Dennis George Quizmaster

10 pm

- Fireworks by Skylighters Fireworks



Thank you to those who
have donated towards
the Fireworks!





Summer Concert Series

7 pm – 9 pm

Sponsored by:



♪ July 9, 2019 ♪

Special Start Time: 5 PM

6th Annual Memorial Car Cruise in Memory of Bob McDonnell
Music from **WHOLLATTA BAND** (R&B and Blues)

♪ July 16, 2019 ♪

Country Music from WNY's Favorite Country Band **WEST OF THE MARK!**

♪ July 23, 2019 ♪

Ice Cream Social Night Sponsored by **Jennifer Warren, State Farm**
Music from the **BOSTON TOWN BAND**.

Rain Date will be July 24, 2019

♪ July 30, 2019 ♪

Music by **JACK CIVILETTO** with songs from Frank Sinatra.

♪ August 6, 2019 ♪

Disco music by **Disco Duck!**

♪ August 13, 2019 ♪

Classic Pop music from **Flipside!**

♪ August 20, 2019 ♪

Bluegrass from **Creek Bend** Bluegrass Band!

♪ August 27, 2019 ♪

Black Widow returns to the Town of Boston with hits from the 70's to today!



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Upcoming Projects

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LED Street Lighting



The Town of Boston has partnered with NYSEG to replace existing street lighting with energy efficient LED Lighting.

This program will save tax payers money while saving energy and reducing greenhouse gases.

“These are real cost savings and tangible results to protect our environment”.

Water

- Line repairs
- Crestwood Tank repairs \$423,000 (early estimate)
- Rice Hill Tank \$751,000 (early estimate)
- Wohlheuter tank \$880,000 (early estimate)
- Water mains, valves and other water infrastructure repair/replacement
- Pump house roof



Water District Repair List

TOWN OF BOSTON

ECWA PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR TOWN WATER DISTRICTS FOR 2018/2019

PRIORITY	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	Initial Year of Recommendation
1.	<u>Route 391 and Meadow Drive</u>	Replace valve 1G	2012
2.	<u>Zimmerman Rd.</u> Heinrich Road to Back Creek Road	Replace 600 LF of 12" main	2012
3.	<u>Eighteen Mile Creek Crossing</u> From Boston State Road & Aspen Drive to Back Creek Road at Rice Road	Abandon 8" watermain under creek	2008
4.	<u>Herman Hill Road</u> From Boston State Road to South Abbott Road	Replace 2200 LF of 8" Main	2008
5.	<u>Liebler Road</u> From Boston State Road to House #6698	Replace 1270 LF of 8" Main	2009
6.	<u>South Abbott Road</u> From Meadow Drive North	Replace 1800 LF of 8" Main	2013
7.	<u>Boston State Road</u> #7083 to #7107	Replace 900 LF of 12" main	2016
8.	<u>Boston State Road</u> #7895 to #8081	Replace 2,400 LF of 12" main	2016
9.	<u>Boston Colvin Road</u> Boston State to Powerline	Replace 1,900 LF of 8" main	2016
10.	<u>Eckhardt Road</u> #4844 to #4864	Replace 500 LF of 6" main	2016
11.	<u>Feddick Road</u> #7956 to #8030	Replace 1,250 LF of 6" main	2016

Water District 1 – Crestwood Tank



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33. Spalling and cracking in roof.



58. Corrosion on piping in sump.

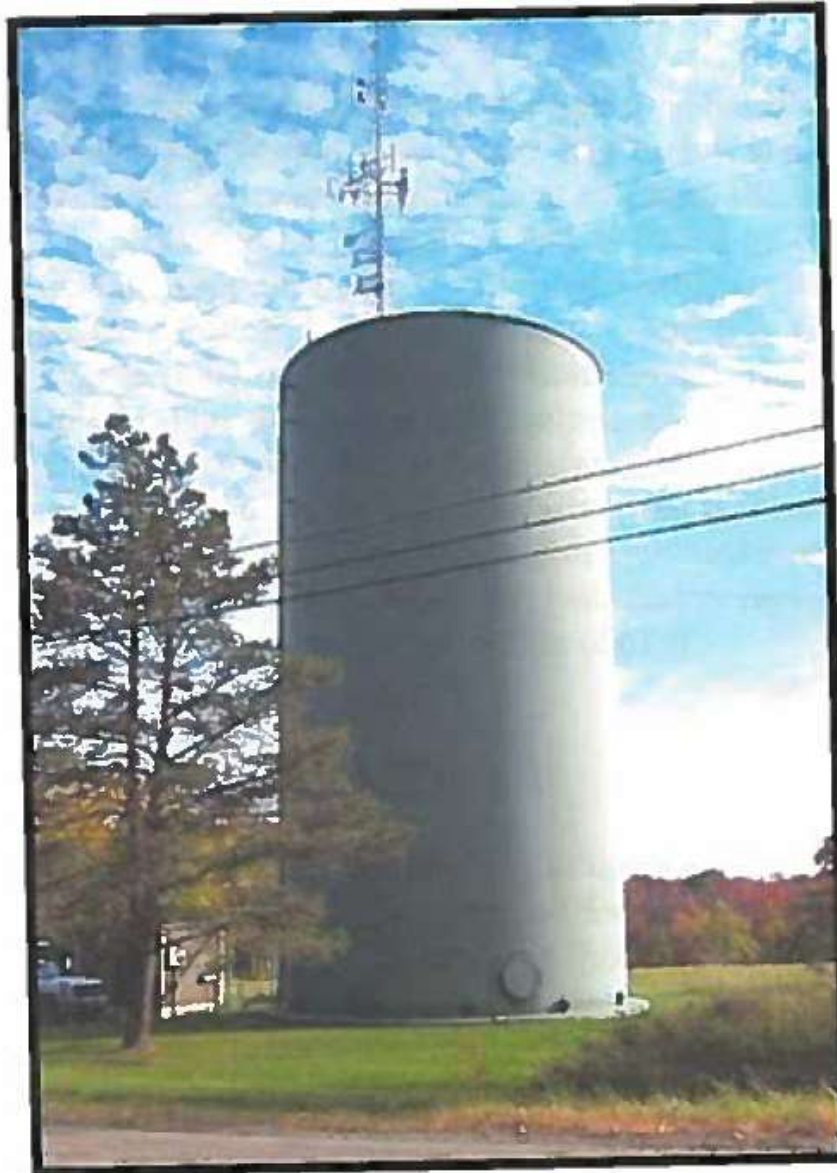


54. Voids in material along shell-to-floor connection.



43. Concrete encasing overflow inlet.

Water District 2 – Rice Hill Tank



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15. Corrosion and metal loss in shell manhole neck.



23. Misaligned notched-tubular rail sections.



26. Roof access.



21. Flexible conduit, cable, and coaxial cable on safety cage.



22. PVC pipe bolted to ladder safety cage.

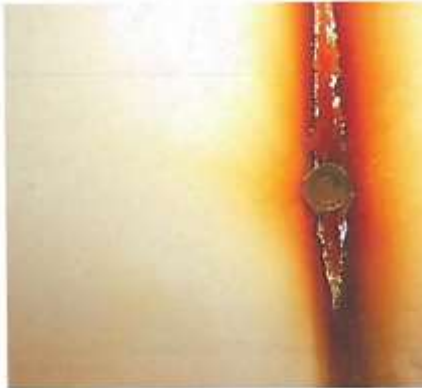


29. Piping extending into roof manhole.



28. Corrosion on roof manhole.

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48. Corrosion and metal loss in shell.



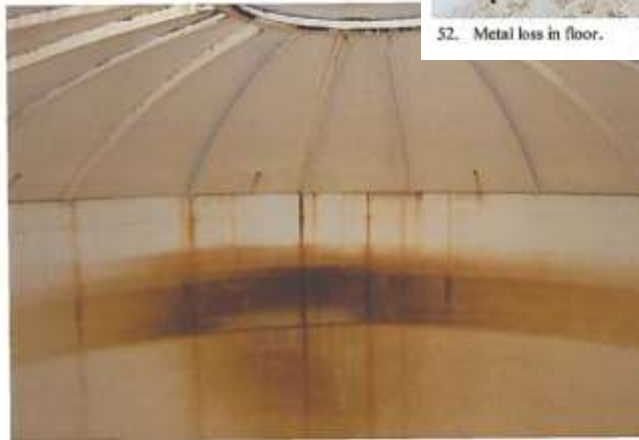
52. Metal loss in floor.



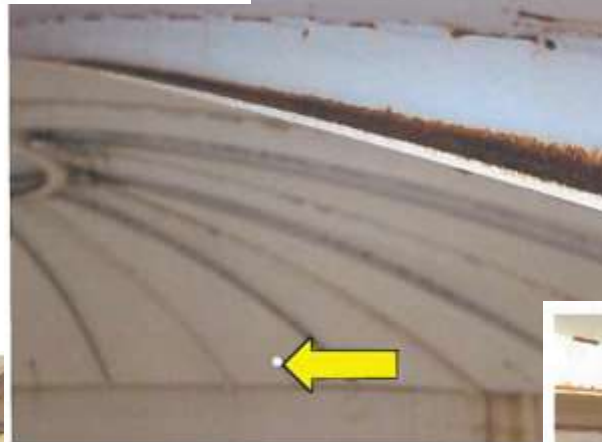
Hole in floor.



44. Overflow pipe no longer attached to shell.



42. Roof and rust staining on upper shell.



40. Corrosion along roof stiffener. Note daylight at coupling opening.



39. Corrosion and metal loss along roof stiffeners and around roof vent opening.



38. Corrosion on roof stiffeners.

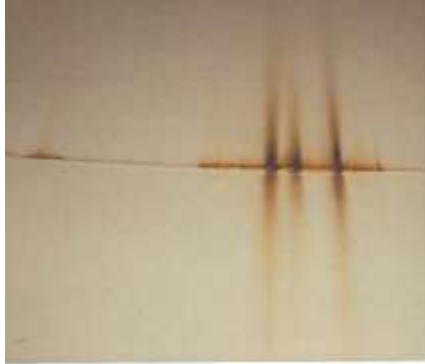
Water District 3 – Wohlhueter Tank



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Corrosion on interior shell.



Corrosion along interior shell weld seam.



Corrosion on interior shell.



56. Corrosion on interior shell.



13. Tank foundation.



14. Peeled sealant along grout and bottom plate.



21. Shell manhole.



1. Pipe attached to hinged roof manhole cover.



Roof safety railing, platform, stairs, and pipe attached to hinged roof manhole cover.

Big Projects & Big Repairs Needed

- Drainage Improvement Area (Town wide)
- Town Hall – boiler
- Town Hall – elevator
- North Boston Park – building
- Highway Roof
- Salt Barn Roof
- Multiple highway vehicles reaching the end of their life



Cable TV



- Build out plans
- Service Level/Quality



- Build Out (none)
- Service Level/Quality

Fiber ruled as taxable: <https://www.hodgsonruss.com/newsroom-publications-10856.html>

- New York Court of Appeals Declares Telecommunications Infrastructure and Fiber Optic Cables are Taxable Real Property. Michael B. Risman & Henry A. Zomerfeld February 4, 2019

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



- ✓ Planning Board
- ✓ Conservation Advisory Council
- ✓ Zoning Board of Appeals
- ✓ Meals On Wheels
- ✓ Rural Transit

Questions ?