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**FROM:** John J. Aber, City Comptroller

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Below are the highlights of the City of Newburgh Revenue and Expenses through April 30, 2015 (FY2015).

### **General Fund Revenue**

Year to date the City of Newburgh collected \$14.4 million which is 33.3% of the revenue budget. Revenue collected includes:

\$9.6m - Real Property Taxes  
\$2.8m - Sales and Use of Tax  
\$778k - Enterprise Fund  
\$736k - Fund Balance  
\$241k - Miscellaneous Income (Mortgage Tax, Employee Contributions)  
\$239k - Departmental Income  
\$42k - License and Permits

## **General Fund Expense**

Through April the City of Newburgh expended \$13.1 million including \$105k in FY2014 encumbrances that rolled into FY2015. In addition to the rollovers, the expense budget was also increased to reflect CHIPS funding in the amount \$136,695. The additional CHIPS funding was approved by the Council at the May 4, 2015 Council Meeting. Overall the City has expended 30.5% of the 2015 Budget.

Departmental expenses continue to remain in-line with the approved budgets with the exception of the Police and Fire Overtime budgets.

My office is still projecting that if Police Overtime continues at this rate, they will exceed their FY2015 overtime budget by \$375k. As previously reported, the Police Department has new recruits in the Police Academy, once they graduate, and the Police are at full patrol strength, overtime should be reduced.

In regards to the Fire Department, we are projecting an overtime deficit of \$100k. Council approved the temporary promotion of two firemen to Lieutenant at the last council meeting. The promotions will help alleviate overtime during the summer months when many staff take vacation.

## **Enterprise Fund Revenue**

Through April 2015, the Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer and Sanitation) generated \$4.3m in revenue.

The Water Department has billed \$1.6 million through April which represents 28.42% of the FY2015 Revenue Budget.

The Sewer Fund has billed \$1.1 million through April which represents 24.18% of the FY2015 Revenue Budget

The Sanitation Fund collected \$1.5 million through April this represents 47% percent of the total budgeted for FY2015.

## **Enterprise Fund Expense**

Through April 2015, Enterprise Funds expended \$3.8 million plus \$24k in FY2014 rollovers. All three Enterprise funds are projected to spend within their FY2015 Adopted Budget.

## Capital

There have been no changes in capital expenses since my last report.

### Trust and Agency Accounts

- **Misc Donations**
  - CAC (former Shade Tree) - \$845
  - National Night Out - \$0
  - Gun Buyback - \$1,535
  - Misc Fire Dept - \$1,847
  
- **Police**
  - Police Evidence - \$97,038
  - Federal Seizure - \$5,905
  - State Seizure - \$9,866
  - Police Bicycle - \$552
  - Police Donations - \$187
  
- **Codes**
  - Rental Registry - \$13,050 through April plus an additional \$12k was collected on 5/22.
  
- **Celebrations**
  - Puerto Rican Day - \$80
  - International Festival -\$8,102
  - Quadricentennial - \$2,000
  - Fireworks - \$2,634
  - Memorial Day - \$91
  - Trunk or Treat - \$0

### Other Highlights

2014 Audit – On May 18, 2015 my office received a draft copy of the Audit performed by O’Conner Davies. I am happy to report that the City’s Fund Balance once again has increased from the prior year. This is now the second year in a row where the City’s Fund Balance has shown positive growth. The final audit will be delivered to the Council and the City Manager in June.

Tax Freeze Govt. Efficiency Plan – On May 18, 2015, I submitted the City’s proposed efficiency plan to the State as part of the Tax Cap Savings Program. The City’s plan is in compliance with the State requirements and once approved, will produce two years of rebates to the residents of Newburgh. The rebates are determined by the State and will be issued in FY2016 and FY2017.