



February 18, 2020

Our first Hopewell On Up was a big hit with the participants and the #TEAMWE. The purpose is to provide community chats about TAXATION AND REPRESENTATION while connecting citizens to the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (CRA).

Special Thanks to City Councilman Brenda S. Pelham and Ward 6 for kicking off our FIRST in a series of ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT chats. Shout out to members of FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH who were the FIRST to arrive to the event.

Special thanks to Constitutional Officers Steve Kephart and Debbie Reason who came out to support!

Everyone seemed to have a great time learning about financial literacy and economic empowerment for Hopewell citizens. The feedback below was provided by survey so that we CAN work together to continually move HOPEWELL ON UP by our next gathering on June 24, 2020! Hope to see you!

FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

RESPONSE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double check information before it is sent out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check, in some matter to assure ALL property owners have received their bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopewell On Up! • OC3 • Young Entrepreneurs at Gun Cotton • Office on Youth • Friendship Baptist Church • Retired Educators Forum at Shoneys (October) • Carter G. Woodson Middle School Education Form (November)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to educate citizens (26 years in Hopewell, this is a FIRST) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopewell On Up! • OC3 • Young Entrepreneurs at Gun Cotton • Office on Youth • Friendship Baptist Church • Retired Educators Forum at Shoneys (October) • Carter G. Woodson Middle School Education Form (November)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the debit cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping the community with solutions (Crusading) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopewell On Up!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate its citizens (especially teens & young adults) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopewell On Up!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote paying in advance for taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide financial literacy to all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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HOT TAXATION AND REPRESENTATION TOPIC:

VEHICLE LICENSE FEES

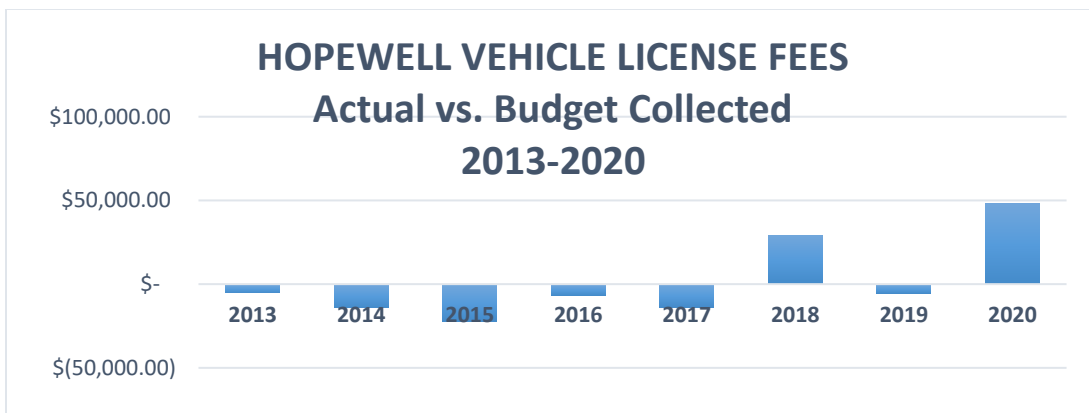
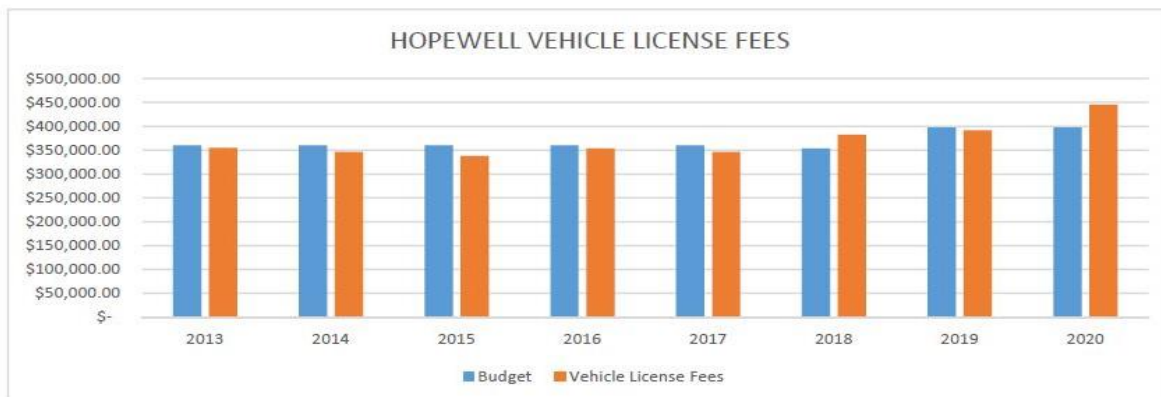
A citizen in the room asked about “why do we still have VEHICLE LICENSE FEES?”

One answer is to keep our taxes from increasing to achieve the same level of city services.

46.2-752. section B says that “The revenue derived from all county, city, or town taxes and license fees imposed on motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers shall be applied to general county, city, or town purposes.”

**CITY OF HOPEWELL
TREASURER'S UPDATE
HOPEWELL ON UP
VEHICLE LICENSE FEES UPDATE**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Budget	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 353,481.52	\$ 397,000.00	\$ 397,000.00
Vehicle License Fees	\$ 354,764.12	\$ 345,786.00	\$ 337,964.16	\$ 353,481.52	\$ 346,266.20	\$ 382,702.04	\$ 391,609.94	\$ 444,896.43
# Vehicles: Budget	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	17,674	19,850	19,850
# Vehicles: Actual	17,738	17,289	16,898	17,674	17,313	19,135	19,580	22,245
DIFFERENCE:	(262)	(711)	(1,102)	(326)	(687)	1,461	(270)	2,395



Based upon unaudited records, as shown above the city has increased in its revenue received from Vehicle License Fees which helps keep overall taxes down for the citizens. We have had an increased number of vehicle owners pay their fee which has helped us all enjoy a better city at the same tax rate! Great job **Hopewell On Up!**

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