

Budget Hearing for the 2018 Village Tax Budget

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The proposed Tax Budget for 2018 was presented and explained by Clerk-Treasurer Chasnov. As the Budget is little different from the 2017 Budget, there were few questions. Council was curious why the estimated tax value of the village has decreased significantly. There also is concern that the balance in the Street Fund is diminishing. This will impact the village's ability to deal with street repairs in the future without grants. After additional discussion Moses moved to close the hearing. Lazorski seconded the motion and all present voted aye.

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Also present was Beth Freeman, Director of the New Carlisle Public Library.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved unanimously following a motion from Lazorski and second from Moses. The June Financial Report was accepted following a motion by Rohrbacher and second from Lazorski, and all members present voting aye. Payment of the bills, including additional appropriations for the village solicitor, Chautauqua expenses, the village website, and the community garden, was approved unanimously following a motion by Moses, and second by Hensley.

Beth Freeman, Director of the **New Carlisle Public Library** discussed the request to the State of Ohio to adjust the split of the public library funding to increase the funding for the New Carlisle Library to 13% of the Clark County Public Library Funds (from the current 10.7%) with the remainder going to the Clark County Public Libraries. The NCPL is independent of the Clark Co. Library system and serves about twice as many cardholders as the population of New Carlisle. Without the additional funds they will need to continue with limited hours and staff, and not increase their outreach in western Clark County. In contrast, Clark County Library has a significant surplus each year. Lazorski moved to support the proposed new split of the Library Funds. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

Hensley will arrange for the **fire extinguishers** to be inspected. Lazorski moved to appropriate \$100 for the cost. Hensley seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

We are still trying to get estimates for the **school roof** repairs and Opera House **gutter** alignment. Council will ask **Tad Petrosky**, a village resident who contributed the labor to replace the roof on the gazebo, for which the Council is very grateful.

Mayor Bieri is seeking an estimate to repair the entire **cement** pad in front of the **Fire Station**. Lazorski moved to appropriate an additional \$500 for this project in the event that this would cover the village's portion of the additional work. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Council is looking into erecting a **Little Free Library** near the Community Garden. This may be included in the new **bulleting board** at the Firehouse.

In Other Old Business:

Some **trees and bushes** need to be trimmed for traffic line-of-sight issues. Mayor Bieri will address this.

The village solicitor is asking the court to reschedule the Scheduling Conference with the Old Timers' lawyer since he was unable to participate when this was to take place earlier this week.

Bieri reported on the **Planning Commission** meeting. The owner of the property at **88 High Street** sent an appeal to the **Notice of Violation**. However, work is progressing on the property. Bieri suggested waiting another month to see the progress. In the meantime, he will obtain an estimate for tearing down the structure in the future should this become necessary. Rohrbacher is looking into drafting ordinances to deal with grass/weeds, debris accumulation, and chickens. The next Planning Commission meeting is Monday, August 7th.

Ordinance # 17-04-01 concerning the **use of alcohol at private parties on village property** received the 3rd reading. Rohrbacher then moved to approve the ordinance. Lazorski seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

In New Business:

Lazorski moved to approve the **2018 Village Tax Budget**. Moses seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

Moses moved to pass **Resolution #17-07-1** to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance to increase the appropriation for the **village solicitor**. Lazorski seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

In Special Projects Business:

Signs will be made by Dan Sayers for the **Community Yard Sale Day** on July 29th.

There are two **weddings** at the Opera House (and shelter) this month. Council discussed issues related to this and expressed the desire to make this a more frequent event.

The **Chautauqua** event left the village with a profit of just over \$300. The **Hog Roast** donations totaled \$350.

Festival Signs have been ordered. They will need to be put up around July 25th, along with the banner and the wooden signs. **Booklets** need to be distributed now. **Security** for the Beer Tent needs to be arranged. Volunteers will provide **overnight security**. Lazorski moved to appropriate the following for the Festival: Signs - \$250, Trash/Toilets - \$700, Tent - \$400, Beer - \$2,000, Electrician - \$400, Food - \$200, Security - \$400. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

The next Special Projects Committee meeting will be July 27th.

As there was no further business, Lazorski moved to close the meeting. Rohrbacher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.