**PUBLIC HEARING**

**April 10, 2017**

**Proposed fiscal year 2017/2018 Budget**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Review of Preliminary Budget**

Mayor Robert T. Tackman called the hearing to order at 7PM.

Present: Deputy Mayor James E. Carr, Jr., Trustee Janet L. Mattox, Trustee Carol Para, and Mayor Robert T. Tackman.

Also attended: Village Clerk/Treasurer Patricia J. Derby

Excused: Trustee Daniel J. Wagner

One guest attended.

Mayor Tackman presented the details of the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Provided the attached handouts, containing preliminary budget and tax rate summaries.

**Review of Preliminary Budget(s):**

**Overview**

Comparison to last year, this proposed budget is **$4,656,568**  increased ($544,248) from the current year $4,112,320.

### Revenue

Revenues are $4,656,568, proposed for 2017/2018 year. $2,031,346 from non-property tax and $2,625,222 to be raised through property taxes. Nothing ($0) will be taken from fund balance.

Revenues from non-property tax sources include: payments in lieu of taxes, interest earnings, fees, court fines, franchise fees, fire protection contract, CHIPS, County payment to support Village infrastructure, state aid and grants.

### General Fund

The General Fund contains main activities of the Village for fiscal year 2017/2018 expenditures are $4,505,867 (2016/2017 is $3,954,945). ($505,922 more than last year).

Wages are $963,641 (21% of general fund) with benefits at $760,500 (17%). Wages & Benefits combined are **$1,724,141** comprise **38%** (down from last year 41%) of the budget. Budget proposes 2% increase for most full-time employees.

Debt is **$828,121** 18%. Debt is primarily from the two construction projects for the Municipal Building and Hanlon Pool Bathhouse, as well as the First Street Road Reconstruction and several installment purchases for equipment including Heavy Rescue.

Mayor Tackman reviewed individual Department budgets:

**Court** – is at $75,895 ($11,938 more than last year’s $63,957).

**Village Office -** is $173,524 ($6,452. more than last year’s $167,072) This does not include separate operating expenses for Auditors, Attorneys, Engineers, or the Intermunicipal Contract with Town of DeWitt for Police services.

**Building Maintenance** at $133,600 ($900 *less* than last year’s $134,500).

**Fire** – Fire Department budget is $583,657 ($55,568 more from last year’s $528,089). This does not include debt, employee benefits or Fire Service Awards.

**Codes** – is $61,450 ($875 more from last year’s $60,575).

**DPW** – $577,961 ($48,862 *less* than last year’s $626,823) budget includes street maintenance, and snow plowing. Some operations will be reimbursed with CHIPS funding ($80,862). Does not include garbage contract $165,725.

**Parks & Recreation** - $237,749 ($71,175 more than last year’s $166,574), plus an additional $21,600 for senior programs.

These are General Fund department budget and not actual operating costs (does not include insurance, benefits, or debt).

The tax rate will decrease to **$13.00** for the General Fund**.** Taxable assessed values increased $5,984,103 at $190,384,108 (last year’s rate was $184,400,005).

### G Fund/Sewer Budget

Expenditures in the sewer fund are budgeted at $150,701 ($6674 *less* than last year $157,375). Rate is **$.69** per 1000 assessed valuation.

**F Fund/Water Budget**

System leased to OCWA since July 2008. No longer have operating budget for water fund.

**COMPARISON**

Total budget is **$4,656,568**, with a total tax rate of **$13.69**, and overall tax decrease of .01%.

***Five-Year Comparison***

***Appropriated Amount raised***

***2017/2018 Appropriations Revenue Fund Balance by Taxes Tax Rate***

General Fund 4,505,867 2,031,346 0 2,474,521 13.00 (-.01%)

Sewer 150,701 150,701 .69 (-.04%)

TOTAL 4,656,568 2,031,346 0 2,625,222 13.69 (-.01%)

***Appropriated Amount raised***

***2016/2017 Appropriations Revenue Fund Balance by Taxes Tax Rate***

General Fund 3,954,945 1,482,505 55,000 2,417,440 13.12 (-.001)

Sewer 157,375 157,375 .72 (+28%)

TOTAL 4,112,320 1,482,505 55,000 2,574,815 13.84 (+ .01%)

***Appropriated Amount raised***

***2015/2016 Appropriations Revenue Fund Balance by Taxes Tax Rate***

General Fund 4,268,963 1,557,229 305,000 2,406,734 13.13 (-17%)

Sewer 123,550 123,550 .56 (-25%)

TOTAL 4,392,513 1,557,229 305,000 2,530,284 13.69 (-18%)

***Appropriated Amount raised***

***2014/2015 Appropriations Revenue Fund Balance by Taxes Tax Rate***

General Fund 4,568,418 1,583,977 166,000 2,818,441 15.50 (-5.5%)

Sewer 150,364 150,364 .70 (-42%)

TOTAL 4,718,782 1,583,977 166,000 2,968,805 16.20 (-8%)

***Appropriated Amount raised Tax Rate 2013/2014 Appropriations Revenue Fund Balance by Taxes***

General Fund 4,795,177 1,708,197 3,086,980 16.41 (+22%)

Sewer Fund 261,744 ( 1,503) 263,248 1.20 ( 0%)

TOTAL 5,056,921 1,708,197 3,350,228 17.61

**COMMENTS:**

**Deputy Mayor James Carr** ask about the Village’s financial position and spending for this fiscal year and available fund balance.

Discussed the increases in Department appropriations as well as changes to wages and debt.

Reviewed the five year comparison and the trend for smaller budgets, except for this year with increased debt from last year’s installment purchases and plans for projects to change street lighting to LED and build a pavilion at the Park. Grant funding is anticipated for some items – if we do not receive the grant we will not expend the money.

Steady progress has been made in reducing the tax rate with further reductions coming in the next couple of years with the retirement of the Municipal Building bond and completion of extended services agreement in 2018.

**Mayor Tackman** provided a brief summary of changes made following discussions with Department Heads. Submitted requests would have resulted in a 24% tax increase.

**Mayor Tackman** proposed adjourning the Public Hearing to continue working on the tentative budget.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Tackman adjourned the public hearing at 7:25PM to reconvene **Monday, April 17th** at **7PM.**