## NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Street, State Highway, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Budget Meeting Mon., Nov. 27, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, presented his 2018 budgets for the Street, State Highway, Sanitation and Storm Sewer accounts. Village Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, was absent due to an illness. He went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

Fire Chief, John Chapin, started off the meeting. He wanted to talk to council about increasing fire contracts with the three townships by slightly above 3%. He rounded the numbers up to make them even. Council had no problem with the increase. John stated he would get the new contracts to the townships so they could approve them at their December meetings. The Ordinance's approving the new contracts would be on for a first reading at the December 11 council meeting.

Don Patton then took over the meeting. He started by going over the budget for the Street fund. Don noted that salt prices have gone down so not as much money needed to be budgeted for salt expenses. The Capital Outlay line item was increased to allow for a portion of a new dump truck to be paid out of this account. There was a discussion on the need to start budgeting money to repave streets. The cost to repave each street was estimated at \$80-\$100 thousand dollars. The village cannot afford this expense. The street fund receives very little money in it throughout the year. They talked about using some money out of the Permissive account to help pay for this expense. Council also talked about a possible street levy.

The next fund discussed was the State Highway fund. This fund has specific rules for its use. All expenses must be for things that butt up to a state route. It was determined that some of the snowplowing expenses would be able to come out of this fund.

The Sanitation Fund was discussed next. The main topic discussed with this fund was the need to increase the budget for landfill fees. The landfill has been increasing their prices so therefore, the village needs to increase that line item in the Sanitation budget.

The last fund discussed was Storm Sewer. It was noted that a lot of things had been done out of the Storm Sewer account to help with flooding issues throughout the village. Many improvements have already been made and flooding has been greatly reduced. There still are a lot of catch basins that need replaced. The village plans on totally replacing the catch basins rather than just repairing them. There are also some storm lines that need replaced.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

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John Martin