

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Street, State Highway, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Budget Meeting

Mon., Nov. 12, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, and Shawn Pickworth, Village Administrator, presented the 2019 budgets for the Street, State Highway, Sanitation and Storm Sewer accounts. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

Don Patton started by going over the budget for the Street fund. Don brought up the need to generate more revenue in the Street Fund. Shawn Pickworth discussed the possibility of a Tax Levy or a higher license tax to increase the revenue in the Street Fund. There are many streets in need of paving but there is no money to pave them. Shawn Pickworth determined that if they took it to the voters, they would see how important nice streets are to the village residents. He also noted that they would not ask for an exorbitant amount. Shawn asked for council to consider a street levy for next May. Another suggestion was to add a \$5 street charge to each water bill, similar to the \$5 storm sewer charge. Village solicitor, Steve Bond, said he would check into that possibility but he was not sure it would be allowed.

Don Patton took over talking about the anticipated expenses out of the Street Fund. He noted that there were no major increases. Personal Services was increased slightly but everything else was pretty much the same. Don did want to point out that the budget out of Capital Outlay was \$27,000.00. This is where paving expenses would be taken out of. He said to put things in perspective, the cost to pave a street like High Street would be about \$100,000.00. Some of the shorter streets may be able to be paved for \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00. This proves the Street Fund is in great need of additional revenue.

The next fund discussed was the State Highway fund. Don Patton noted that the village needed to be careful what was spent out of this fund. All expenses are required to be connected to the state highways. This fund does not have a lot of revenue going into it. Some blacktop and some salt expenses can be paid out of this fund, but Don stressed again that they had to be very careful how the money was spent.

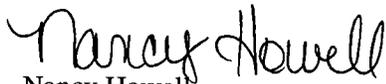
The Storm Sewer Fund was discussed next. Shawn Pickworth discussed the fact that the village had been replacing several catch basins. He continued by saying the \$5 Storm Sewer charge on the utility bill allows the village to do a lot of little projects throughout the year such as catch basins. Shawn stressed to council how fortunate the village is to have a Storm Sewer Fund. Some communities do not have one available to them. There were no major changes to the Storm Sewer budget from the previous year.

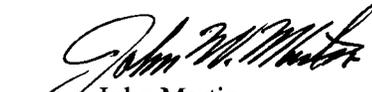
The last fund discussed was Sanitation. Other than an increase in personal services and landfill fees, there were no other significant changes. It was noted that there were two new line items for principal and interest for the new garbage truck. Shawn Pickworth discussed the fact that the village was not out to make money, they are just concerned about breaking even. Shawn and Don wanted to emphasize the awesome service the sanitation department provides to the community. As a testament to their service, council was notified that Fitchville Township had requested the Village provide them with garbage service as well. One concern that council had was that the life of the new garbage truck would decrease. Some research would need to be done before an answer can be given to Fitchville. Don Patton ended the discussion by saying the Sanitation Department was very self-sufficient. They do many things themselves. He believes they have a good staff. He believes they have the right staff.

Curtis then made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a Village Employee or Official. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Myers, Yes; Paramore, Yes; Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent.

Myers made a motion to go back into regular session. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Myers, Yes; Paramore, Yes; Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.


Nancy Howell
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Mayor