NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Street, State Highway, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Budget Meeting
Mon., Nov. 11, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, and Shawn Pickworth, Village Administrator, presented the 2020 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 Storm Sewer fund. He began by saying the revenue budget was not much different than it had been for 2019. The main difference was the $5 surcharge on utility bills had been increased with rate increases. The surcharge allows the village to complete needed projects involving the storm sewers.

On the expense side, everything was similar to the 2019 budget as well. Don explained that they figure out the budget for all line items and Capital Outlay gets what is left. He noted that the village had been able to do creek repairs and catch basins out of the Storm Sewer Fund. The fund allows for many worthwhile projects throughout the year.

The next fund discussed was the State Highway fund. Don Patton noted that the State of Ohio now included the Cents per Gallon tax in the deposit with the Gasoline Tax. He also noted that there is not a great deal of money that goes into the State Highway fund.

The State Highway fund is sometimes used for salt and cold mix. There are certain limitations on what the fund can be used for but when they can, they use the State Highway fund to help protect some of the other funds. In 2019, the fund had been used to complete the sidewalk leading to the new University Hospital Urgent Care building. That project had used most of the funds in State Highway so there was not much to spend in 2020.

The Street fund was discussed next. Don Patton discussed the fact that the Cents per Gallon tax and Gasoline Tax had been combined for the Street Fund as well as the State Highway fund. On the expense side, it was noted that Personal Services had been increased slightly for 2020. Currently, it looked like there would only be about $6,000 available to spend out of Capital Outlay. The failed Street Levy was discussed and Don Patton and Shawn Pickworth discussed ways to try to generate money to put into the village streets.

One possibility discussed was a surcharge for streets added to the monthly utility bills. This surcharge would allow the village to put extra money into the Street Fund. Shawn Pickworth noted that the Street fund did not even have enough of a balance for a match for a grant. This makes it very limited as to what type of grant the village would be able to apply for.
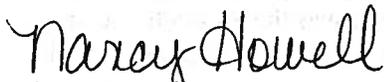
Janice Myers asked how they would go about adding a street surcharge to the utility bills.

Steven Bond answered that they would need to have Poggemeyer write something up. He also noted that statistics in support of a street surcharge would also be a good idea.
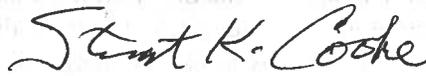
Don Patton stated that they would need to be creative with their ideas. He was afraid it would get to the point that they would have no choice but to repair a road and then assess the home owners the fees. This would be the case if the streets get to the point where they are unsafe. Don Patton concluded that the village would need to do what they can. Even though the Street Levy was voted down, it is still important to have safe streets for the residents.

The last fund discussed was Sanitation. Don Patton began by stating he thought the Sanitation fund was in pretty good shape. The Consumer Rent was able to be increased due to a rate increase. Shawn Pickworth discussed recycling. Right now the village receives payment for recycling cardboard but Shawn is fearful that they are going to start charging the village to dispose of the cardboard. Currently, the village recycles only cardboard and metal due to the cost of recycling other items. On the expense side, there were no notable increases.

The workshop was adjourned for a Zoning Appeal meeting.

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