

Appropriation Workshop
November 2, 2022

Call to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Linda Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Scott Weaver, Marty Hura, Steve Thorn, Nina Schroeder, Heather Paisley, Tammy Meyer

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator Greg Thomas, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Solicitor Michele Stuck

Mayor Clark started the meeting by reading the following letter:

“2023 Budget/appropriations

I want to explain about government budgeting. It’s not like your home budget where you know for sure what your income will be. Say you earn \$100.00 a week so you know for sure what you can spend and what your other expenses are.

Government budgeting is ALL based on anticipated revenues. Our revenues come from:

Property taxes, income taxes, local government taxes, license fee tax, gas tax, trust funds, parking and citation tickets and donations.

In 2019 we saw a decrease in license fee taxes due to the state BMV doing their geocoding update. Starting in 2019 when the Village had been receiving approximately \$90K from license fee taxes and with the exemption in place due to Covid, where people didn’t have to renew their plates until July of 2020. We were only receiving about \$30 to \$35,000 annually. ALSO, at the end of 2021 Garrettsville stopped using our dispatch services which was about \$90,000.00.

Budget/appropriations- Police

2019 actual \$497,830.00

2020 actual \$542,214.00

2021 actual \$518,449.00 appropriated \$585,918.00 (\$67,469.00 difference) under

2022 budgeted \$606,150.00 actual as of 10.25.22, \$630,594.00 The approved amount by Council came about by taking \$35,000 from streets, taking \$7500.00 from parks, taking \$11,000.00 from tree care, taking \$3000.00 from cemetery totaling \$56500.00 to keep the PD whole and not have to lay anyone off (this overage is due to the AT&T bill which so far we have gotten a partial credit. Plus, before we knew about the AT&T snafu and the ½ percent income passed and council advised for the chief to give raises to the PD employees, which he and I did.

Maryann has made many corrections to our accounts with the help of UAN, Portage Auditors office, RITA and Harrison auditors. RITA has helped us by creating a separation of the ½ percent from the 1 ½ percent, so as to track them separately. So RITA’s estimate for 2023 is \$183,000.00, you have already given the PD \$120,000. Of the ½ percent. I think you should look at adjusting the line items reduced in 2022.

The biggest reason we didn’t have roll over in 2021 was at the end of the year, was because we had to pay out to the county the funds that were in the water and sewer enterprise fund. \$328,079.56. At the end of 2020 we showed \$249,518.00 roll over.”

The following changes, from the Budget passed in July 2022, were discussed:

GENERAL FUND

Security of Persons and Property

Police Chief wages from \$55,000 to \$60,000
Officers wages from \$171,875 to \$206,175
Wages – School Resource Officer from \$28,000 to \$30,000
Medicare from \$5850 to \$6700
OP&OPF from \$24,000 to \$31,500
Workers Comp from \$6800 to \$7150
Workers Comp – Resource officer from \$350 to \$300
Contractual Services – Cleaning from \$2300 to \$2600

Cemetery

Added the Dodge payment of \$3700

Parks

Operating Supplies and Materials from \$10,000 to \$15,000
Added Gasoline of \$3500

Street Maintenance and Repair

Medical Benefits from \$18,378 to \$46,800

Fiscal Officer

Personal Services from \$37,000 to \$54,080
PERS from \$5125 to \$7571
Added medical benefits of \$14,400

Village Hall, General Fund

Contractual Services – Cleaning from \$2210 to \$2600

Miscellaneous

Added Auditor and Treasurer Fees of \$13,000

SPECIAL FUNDS

Streets

Operating Supplies and Materials from \$27,000 to \$25,000
Equipment Maintenance and Repair from \$3000 to \$6000
Added Gasoline of \$6500

Cemetery

Remove water for \$580
Trust Request from \$15,000 to \$22,000

Police Training Grant

Bullets, etc. from \$2500 to \$3500

Police Capital Improvement

Add Motor vehicles \$25,000

Adjournment

❖ Nina made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Scott second. All ayes.