

**Village of St. Paris
June 17, 2019
Tax Budget Hearing**

The Tax Budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Brenda Cook. Kathy DeWeese, Niven Jester, Steve Lett and Susan Prince were present. Terry Ervin II and Ben Hackley were absent. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were also present.

Fiscal Officer McGuire reviewed the 2020 proposed Tax (Revenue) Budget for Village of St. Paris. The proposed revenue for 2020 is estimated at \$2,760,593.39.

Public Comments: none

Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Brenda Cook. Kathy DeWeese, Niven Jester, Steve Lett and Susan Prince were present. Terry Ervin II and Ben Hackley were absent. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell and Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire were also present.

Motion was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Jester to approve the Council agenda. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Prince to approve the Council meeting minutes dated June 3, 2019. Motion passed.

The presentation of financials dated May 31, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the financial reports as presented. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Bank Reconciliation dated May 31, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Jester and seconded by Councilor Prince to approve the Bank Reconciliation. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of Water/Sewer Account Adjustments dated May 31, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor DeWeese and seconded by Councilor Jester to approve the Water/Sewer Account Adjustments. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

The presentation of the Appropriation Supplemental dated May 31, 2019 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Lett to approve the Appropriation Supplemental. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting in favor 4-0. Motion passed.

Mayor's Notes:

- Our Town sponsored the Village's garage sale day on June 15, 2019. On that day, the gift basket silent auction raised over \$500. The annual meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2019 at Harmon Park beginning at 7:00 p.m. Ethan Snyder, from Old Soul's Farm, will be the speaker.
- The food cooperative group met on June 11, 2019. Mayor Cook stated that investors are needed in order for the food cooperative to move into the closed IGA store in the Village.
- Mayor Cook attended the Mayor's Association Conference held in Columbus on June 13, 2019. A variety of topics were discussed at the conference with Lt. Governor Jon Husted as the guest speaker.

Police Department:

- Officer Hammond spoke about the new Senior Watch Program to be conducted by the Police Department. Senior citizens, shut-ins, disabled persons as well as those with special needs can apply for the program with applications available at the Police Department.

Administrator:

- Village Administrator Mitchell noted that there has been 3.5" of rain in the last 4 days causing various issues around the Village.
- Also reported, within the last few weeks, 2 water service lines have been repaired. One located on West Troy Street and the other on South High Street. The leaks were a significant find due to the loss of approximately 100,000 gallons of water per day.

Committee Discussion:

- **Employee Needs:** A few of the employee handbook revisions are being reviewed by the Village Solicitor.
- **Buildings and Facilities:** No update.
- **JSP Fire Board:** A bid was accepted for the new EMS unit. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the fire house. Also of note, the fireworks festivities are being held on June 29, 2019 at the Graham Middle School. Activities begin at 4:00 p.m. and continue until the fireworks end later that evening.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Councilor Lett is waiting on an updated from Jared Shank regarding the canon restoration. Also, the Graham Youth Athletic Association lease is still a work in progress. The current lease expires in August of 2019.
- **Planning Commission:** At the June 7, 2019 meeting, the commission reviewed zoning regulations for solar panels from Bedford and Clayton, Ohio and began compiling information that would be appropriate for the Village of St. Paris. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar Street, asked Administrator Mitchell about the weeds and tall grass around the open ditch running thru her property. Administrator Mitchell noted that the weeds and grass will be taken care of, weather permitting.

Old Business:

- The Tax Budget Hearing was conducted prior to tonight’s Council meeting. The proposed revenue for 2020 is estimated at \$2,760,593.39. **Motion** was made by Councilor Lett and seconded by Councilor Prince to approve the 2020 Tax Budget. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting in favor 4-0. Motion passed.
- The second reading of Ordinance # 904 prohibiting disposal of leaves, grass and other waste matter into the Village streets was read. The third reading of this Ordinance will be held on July 1, 2019 at the Council meeting.

New Business:

- Mayor Cook reviewed 2 letters submitted by the Pony Wagon Days Committee regarding the parade route (the parade is on Thursday, September 5, 2019) and the use of the grounds at the old Junior High building for their festival site. The Pony Wagon Days Festival is September 5, 6, and 7th of 2019. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor DeWeese to accept the proposed parade route and the use of the grounds located at the old Junior High building for the Pony Wagon Days Festival. Motion passed.
- Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) is requiring the Village to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate for the Regional Council of Governments. Mayor Cook attended the RITA meeting on June 17, 2019 and noted RITA represents 77 of the 88 Ohio counties. **Motion** was made by Councilor Jester and seconded by Councilor DeWeese to appoint Mayor Brenda Cook as the delegate and Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell as the alternate delegate for the Regional Council of Governments. Motion passed.
- The next Council meeting will remain as scheduled for July 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The next meeting will be a work session to discuss the 5-year plan as proposed by the Buildings and Facilities Committee.

Public Comments: Charlene Hess, 240 W. Troy Street, expressed concern over the fact that some Village residents are not receiving emergency alerts. Champaign County Emergency Management Office utilizes Code Red Emergency Alerts in the event of severe weather. To enroll, visit www.champaignema.org.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor DeWeese to adjourn at 8:21 P.M. Motion passed.