

November 3,

2020

The Council of the Municipality of New Lebanon, Ohio, held a public hearing regarding the proposed 2021 Appropriations on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 following all proper notices and postings. The hearing began at 7:15 p.m. with Mayor Raymond Arriola presiding. Present were Municipal Manager Glenna Madden, Police Chief Rick Daulton, Chief Financial Officer Brenda Etter, Clerk of Council Sandy Wright and several visitors. Code Enforcement Administrator Melody Davis, Law Director Ronald D. Keener, Fire Chief J.C. Keyser, and Service Department Superintendent Scott Brock were absent.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Raymond Arriola, Gale Joy Carol Macmann, Susan Nickerson, Lyndon Perkins, Christopher Sands, and Douglas Thompson.

I. OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Arriola opened the budget hearing.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REMARKS

Municipal Manager Madden stated in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, our community saw a pandemic. Moving into fiscal year 2021, we will continue to monitor our revenue and adjusted expenses as needed. The hope is that things become more normal in FY 2021. The municipality continues to accomplish our annual work plan with a 1% local Income Tax, first enacted on July 1, 1973, and has remained unchanged for the last forty-seven years.

In 2021, we will continue to focus on multiple areas of community development with local businesses, both current and new to the Village. Although, we were unable to have community events in FY2020, we are hopeful for FY2021 and the return of festivals and camps, as we continue the development of our Parks and Recreation Program. Additionally, for Fiscal Year 2021, the courts remain under a lease agreement, which is signed until June of 2022 with a possible one year extension. The extension option will be discussed with Montgomery County Courts before the end of the lease.

In 2021, we will be painting the water tower, both interior and exterior.

We are establishing a budgeting rotation for police vehicles by replacing the oldest vehicle each year. This will allow no car to be older than five years.

Don Rusk Park will continue to be a priority in 2021, as we continue to fix drainage issues. During the budget workshop, a minor adjustment to Parks was made by council; the \$25,000 on the line for playground equipment has been moved to Don Rusk Park drainage and track for 2021.

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Streets remain a fore front concern for the Village in FY 2021. Even with the pandemic in FY2020, Church Street Phase II continued, and we were able to complete two small street levy projects, Yale Avenue off of Church Street and Capri Place. FY2021, will see the final Phase III of Church Street's OPWC project.

We will continue capital improvements in 2021 through the use of the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant & Loan Program. We are planning a street levy project to be funded by our local New Lebanon Street Levy in the next fiscal year. Currently, we are working with a new engineer to predict and plan which street(s) for project funding.

As requested by council at Budget Workshop, I am looking into solar and have received some information from New Lebanon School Superintendent Greg Williams.

Due to the pandemic, 2020 has been a challenging year to get things done, so some things are now in the 2021 budget that had been earmarked for 2020. \$265,000 from the 2020 budget has been placed into the 2021 budget because of COVID making projects unable to be completed. This is not new expense for 2021, but unspent budget from last year being appropriated into the 2021 budget. Overall, the 2021 budget is nearly the same amount as last year even with the 2020 unspent money being added.

We have been weathering the pandemic and will continue in FY2021 to weather any budget storm by being cautious and conservative with our budgeting practices. These efforts allow us to maintain our strong General Fund.

III. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Arriola then asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Council Member Sands asked have you talked with the school to see what they are going to do with the tennis courts yet?

Municipal Manager Madden replied I have not.

Council Member Sands stated I know we had that money set aside. I think we need to put a deadline on them so we can move that money and use it before the end of next year if we want to.

Municipal Manager Madden stated you all said at the budget workshop, the tennis courts are not to be touched until the track is completed. That tells me that the tennis court money is going to sit there whether they say they want to do something with it until the track is done.

Council Member Sands stated we could move that money to use it on the track.

Municipal Manager Madden stated that is another option. I just have not had a chance to reach out to them yet.

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Municipal Manager Madden asked are there any other questions? Nothing was heard.

Mayor Arriola stated at this time we will have public comments or questions. If you have a comment or question please step to the podium and state your full name and address for the record.

IV. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

V. CLOSING OF HEARING

Mayor Arriola stated the public hearing is closed.

Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Approved:

Mayor Date

Clerk of Council Date