

**Hiram Village Council Meeting Minutes
of the Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget**

June 14, 2016

The following Members of Council were present: Mr. Cobb, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Smith and Mr. Spencer. The following were also present: Mayor Lou Bertrand, Solicitor Tom Reitz, Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Ed Samec, Sergeant Brian Gregory and Village Administrator James McGee.

Mayor Bertrand called the hearing to order at 6:37 pm. Please refer to Resolution 2016-18. The exhibit that came in your packets is no good. The 2nd draft of the budget was placed before Council tonight.

The Fiscal Officer explained the 2017 Budget will need to be approved and turned into the County by July 20, 2016. The Fiscal Officer gave the following assumptions were made on the 2017 Budget:

- 1) Zero increase in revenues
- 2) Only minimal increases in expenditures. Any increase to our health insurance renewal premiums, I am unaware of at this time.
- 3) The Police & Fire Department budgets were increased only by the amount of the dispatch contract with Mantua Village as it stand now, (\$640.00 each department). This is the annual amount difference.
- 4) The Street Maintenance Department was increased to cover estimated current health insurance costs.
- 5) The General Fund operating expenses were reduced due to no audit costs in 2017; about \$13,000.
- 6) There are no personal services calculated in the Police budget for a 2017 Drug Task Force Agent at this time.
- 7) Grant funds were adjusted to the best of my abilities. Fund numbers are 2910, 2911, 4202 & 4203.
- 8) Capital Improvement Funds have been reduced to cover the remainder due on the Police Cruiser.
- 9) Water Debt Services have been reduced by \$17,714.25 due to (2) loans being paid off in 2017.
- 10) Valuations and anticipated receipts from property tax and levies remain the same as last year until re-certification from the County on the Village's 4.4 mil renewal levy for current expenses can be verified.

Council reviewed the four-page budget draft and the items modified in italics. Discussion followed.

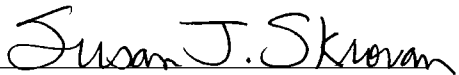
A motion to close the public hearing on the 2017 Budget was made by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 4-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.



Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan