

## Budget Hearing for the 2025 Village Tax Budget

July 8, 2024

The hearing was called to order by Mayor Steve McFarland. The following Council members were present:

Paula Lazorski	present	Kim Lewis	present
Jack Moore	absent	Robbie Tate	absent
A. Satariano, Jr	present		

The proposed Tax Budget for 2025 was presented and explained by Clerk-Treasurer Chasnov. As the Budget is little different from the 2024 Budget, there were few questions.

### Village of Clifton Council Meeting

July 8, 2024

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve McFarland. Roll call was as follows:

Paula Lazorski	present	Kim Lewis	present for beginning
A. Satariano, Jr	present	Robbie Tate	late / left early
Jack Moore	late		

Also present was Michael Murry from Governor DeWine's office.

It was hoped Stephanie Smith would be present to discuss the situation with her desire to remove Judy Warner from her property. She did not attend, but believes Ms Warner plans to find other living arrangements soon. Council will continue to look into options to speed this along, including dealing with the inoperable vehicle and the collection of cats.

Michael Murry discussed with Council the grants that have been awarded to the village thanks to efforts by Governor DeWine to make improvements to the School building (\$3.9 million) and Opera House (\$1.9 million) through the one time Strategic Community Investments Program. The grants will be administered by outside agencies. The first step will be to bring in architects to plan the work according to the priorities set by Council and others. Actual work probably will not begin on the buildings for at least a year.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved following a motion from Lazorski, second from Satariano, and they and Lewis voted aye. The June Financial report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Lewis and second from Lazorski. Payment of the bills for June, including \$237.87 (website hosting), \$62.98 (Opera House concessions), \$100 (mowing Laybourne property), and passing through the village account the \$49,480 playground grant funds, was approved unanimously following a motion by Lewis and second by Lazorski.

#### In Old Business:

##### In Village Repairs:

Council will look into what to do about the conditions in the unused **fire department space**.

Lazorski moved to appropriate \$2,000 for a new **sound system in the Opera House** since the grant improvements will not take place for a while. We will look into whether this expense can be reimbursed eventually from the grant. Satariano seconded the motion and they and Moore voted aye (the other Council members had left).

The **grant** funded improvements to the **playground** will begin soon.

The **midtown speakers** have been made usable for the Festival.

The **street light** on the pole at the corner of Clay St. and SR 343 still needs to be replaced.

The area behind the **firehouse** and along that property line needs to be **mowed**.

#### In Other Old Business:

Mayor McFarland reported on the **Planning and Zoning Commission** meeting. Council again discussed several issues including the grass at several properties, vacant properties, and the issues at the Smith property. The Commission will meet next on August 5.

Council hopes the **wifi** will be installed before the Festival. Mike Murry was asked to pass along to Gov. DeWine the need in the village for improved cell and internet service.

#### In New Business:

Lazorski moved to approve the **2025 Tax Budget**. Satariano seconded the motion and they and Moore voted aye. Lazorski also moved to amend the Annual Appropriations Ordinance (**Resolution #24-7-1**) to account for the playground grant. Satariano seconded the motion and they and Moore voted aye.

Lazorski moved to appropriate \$1,800 for double chip **sealing of the downtown parking** area by the Gazebo by Miami Township. Satariano seconded the motion and they and Moore voted aye.

#### In Special Project Business:

A financial report for the **Opera House** for the month of June was presented. More volunteers are needed at the upcoming performances.

Lazorski moved to **appropriate** \$200 for "No Parking" signs for the **Festival**: Satariano seconded the motion and they and Moore voted aye

The **Community Picnic** was very successful. Council appreciates the gazebo decorations donated by Tony Gillaugh as well as his provision of music and entertainment for the event.

The **Special Projects Committee** will meet on July 22 to prepare the signs and banners to go out and discuss upcoming events.

As there was no further business, Satariano moved to close the meeting. Lazorski seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.