

VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
April 28, 2014

Members present: Patton, Evans, Lutz, Subel, Muscenti, Herdman, Newell
Also present: Mayor Brick, Bloom, Himes, Zupan, Brosius, Byron

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Steven Patton.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Patton said the most recent effort to raise additional revenue was in 2012 when they had attempted an income tax increase to generate funds for the road program. We need approximately \$475,000 to maintain our roads and that number does not include capital improvement. We currently have \$155,000 earmarked and that is money that has been transferred primarily from the general fund and through the Mayor. We previously discussed creating a committee to explore these issues and that committee will be the Committee of the Whole Council so Council will be responsible for reviewing these issues instead of creating a separate committee. We have two primary consideration and one would be expenditures and the other is revenues. He said he is proposing that they have another Committee of the Whole Council meeting prior to the next Council meeting. He further suggests that at that meeting they concentrate on review of their operating expenditures. We did review the operating expenditures back in March and we did adopt the budget for 2014 but that doesn't preclude us from taking a further look at it and deciding what, if any, cuts we can make in the future and moving on to 2015. Any funds that they can save in the general fund can always be transferred over to the capital improvement fund.

Mayor Brick said they have other substantial capital expenditures that are not listed, principally it is working equipment. They have already authorized \$490,000 this year for working equipment. Those are in a sense capital expenditures. That money pretty much all comes out of the general fund. The Safety Committee looked at the \$700,000 purchase of a new fire truck and that would end up in the working equipment budget but they are all capital expenditures. All the working equipment is funded out of the general fund. Other long-range studies in more detail for the various costs are being reviewed: roads, utilities, vehicles, and buildings. He said he would assume that they would have something next month to help them.

The 2015-2019 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed and discussed in detail, including the authorized or recommended projects, the proposed projects, the Water Reserve Capital Improvement, and the Sewer Reserve Capital Improvement. Comments were heard and questions were answered.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Steven Patton, Chairman
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