

The Seneca Village Council budget meeting was called to order on Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 6:45pm.

Roll Call: Present: Comm. Barla, Comm. Applebee, Comm. Timmons, Comm. Olson and Mayor Spicer.
Absent: none

A motion was made by Commissioner Barla and seconded by Commissioner Applebee to appoint Nancy Gross as recording secretary.

Ayes: Comm. Barla, Comm Applebee, Comm. Timmons, Comm. Olson, Mayor Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer then turned the meeting over to Comm. Barla.

Comm. Barla noted that estimated revenues were up last year by 21%, however some of these are allocated funds.

Overall every department came in under budget or close to budget. Everyone did a good job staying on track. The Village came out on the plus side with an increase in the Village's cash position.

Mayor asked if there were any questions. Comm. Olson asked Comm. Barla to explain why in past years the Street Department has had roughly \$230,000 to work with yearly for their budget aside from Road & Bridge and Motor Fuel Tax Funds and this coming year only has \$170,000 to work with. Comm. Olson brought to attention the Public Health and Safety Department for example was \$39,000 over budget last year and is being given \$160,000 more to work with this year than last year. Olson said that he realizes the police department is a larger department but he would like an explanation as to why it seems his department is being penalized for staying under budget \$115,000 in the last year. Comm. Barla explained that there is a formula used based on percentages per department. Barla stated that if it was the consensus of the council to go back to how it used to be done, that could be a possibility. Olson stated he thought something needed to be done and that the PHS department is also running off of \$760,000 this year which is over \$260,000 what the department started with when we took office in 2015. Comm. Applebee added that the police department also has dispatch fees to pay that are not included in the previous budgets. Olson said that he realized that and that the 911 fund had been emptied this year. Comm. Applebee agreed. Olson said if the PHS department needed squad cars, safety equipment or etcetera he understood but if the money was just going to sit in a department and not be used then the taxpayers' money should be put in the department in which it is needed. Comm. Barla said he would look further into this and get back to Olson. Olson said that wasn't the answer he was looking for out of his Finance Commissioner, that this year budget was done and he looked forward to a great street program this year.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson to adjourn the January 16, 2018 Budget meeting at 6:53pm.

Ayes: Comm. Barla, Comm. Applebee, Comm. Timmons, Comm. Olson, Mayor Spicer
Nays: none

Nancy Gross, Village Treasurer