

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of New Russia Township Trustee 2024 Budget Public Hearing

HELD

June 20, 2023

Chairman Scott Justin called the June 20, 2023 Public Hearing to order at 5:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees: Patricia Brubaker, Andrew Gulish and Scott Justin were present, as well as Fiscal Officer, Lisa Akers. Staff and Public: John Honoshofsky

Lisa Akers, Fiscal Officer presented and reviewed 2024 Budget for New Russia Township. Fiscal Officer anticipates a slight decrease in General Fund Revenue due to continued decline in Republic Services royalty revenue. Rental revenue continues to grow post pandemic and a slight increase in interest due to maturing Certificate of Deposits being placed in Star Ohio which interest rates are currently higher than bank offerings. Since the majority of revenue is funded with Republic Service royalty it is best to stay conservative when budgeting for future needs. Anticipated 2024 expenditures may include sealing/stripping of Administrative Complex Parking Lot as well as sealing/stripping of Cemetery roadway/parking lot. East Hamilton Street road repair will be needed near area where standing water continues to be an issue. Service Supervisor would like to pave entire road from city limits to Parsons Road once road repair is complete. Fiscal Officer stated we could possibly seek funding from OPWC 0% Loan Program and use Restricted Funds if needed. Service Supervisor would like to replace one of the trailers at a possible cost estimated at \$30,000.00. Also, the installation of a cantilever umbrella near the newest playground in the Park would be a welcomed addition. Trustee Justin also requested the possibility of restrooms to be added at the Cemetery. Revenue collected from the Cemetery is still not comparable with cost of maintaining. Therefore, General Fund will cover majority of maintenance in order for revenue budget to grow. Cemetery Fund will continue to cover salary of service employee and Cemetery Sexton. Restricted Funds (Gasoline, MVR, Road and Bridge) expenditures indicate majority for road repairs and/or supplies. Overall, New Russia Township will remain financially stable into the 2024 calendar year, but the Fiscal Officer stated this year (2023) expenditures are increased due to several pieces of costly new equipment that has been purchased. Although optimistic about future we must air on the side of caution when moving forward in order to maintain longevity.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Andrew Gulish to adjourn meeting at 5:41 pm, seconded by Patricia Brubaker. RCV: Andrew Gulish—aye; Patricia Brubaker—aye; Scott Justin—aye.

MOTION CARRIED

2023-06-13

AFFIRMED by Scott Justin at July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

ATTESTED by Lisa Akers at July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

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