

**Hiram Village Council Public Hearing
Minutes on the Proposed 2025 Budget**

June 25, 2024

The following Members of Council were present: Mr. Szell, Mr. Ed Frato-Sweeney, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. McCreight, Mr. Smith and Mr. Bisutti. The following were also present: Mayor Anne Haynam, Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan-DeYoung, Village Administrator Steven Schuller, Police Chief Brian Gregory and Asst. Fire Chief Jason Groselle.

Others: None

Mayor Haynam called the public hearing to order at 6:01 pm. Discussion on the proposed 2025 Budget.

Chairman Szell asked members of Council if they had a chance to review the budget; there are 28 pages. The number at the top of the column is the January 1st carryover from this year. You would then add the column of anticipated revenue to the 1/1 carryover and that is the figure at the bottom of the column which is our total estimated revenue. Chris Szell noted in the general fund the new line item for speed cameras set at \$100,000. Chris knows that is an estimate; should we be estimating that high. Fiscal Officer, Susan Skrovan-DeYoung, said she discussed this with the Police Chief Brian Gregory and felt this was a conservative figure. This could certainly be adjusted. The Mayor felt if we had been doing the speed cameras for a couple of months, we would know better what to anticipate. Council discussed the speed cameras with Brian in more detail and felt it might be a little high. Council decided they would be more comfortable with a figure of \$75,000. Justin Bisutti and Beth Greenwood both agreed they trust the Chief's figures; they want to start out more conservatively. This is still only an estimate of the anticipated revenue. Susan did say that she created a new line item in the General Fund just for revenue coming from speed cameras. The Police chief will be able to track exactly what comes into that revenue line. Susan noted the only other larger item to note in the budget will be the shift in payment from Clearwater in the water operating fund to our Director of Utilities who now carries our water license.


Chris Szell asked what is the State Highway fund 2021 used for. Steve said state highway stuff like curbs, road salt, crosswalks, painting, storm drains. As long as it is on the state highway.

Chris Szell asked about all of the special revenue funds from 2271 through 2277; Susan said they are all under our police department and for various grants. Chris asked if they could all be combined? No.

Chris Szell discussed the Street Infrastructure fund 2012; Steve explained his spending in that fund some of which has been to relieve costs originally out of the General Fund like park operations.

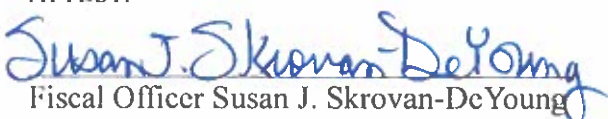
A motion to close the public hearing on the 2025 Budget was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Bisutti. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.



Mayor Anne Haynam

ATTEST:


Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung