

The Villager

The Newsletter for the Village of Pinckney
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From the desk of
Rebecca Foster, Village President

Village Council approved the 2011-2012 budget at the June 13, 2011 meeting. As anticipated, tax revenues went down by 7.5% - a reduction of about \$65,000. In an already-lean budget, this was a difficult hit, but we managed to produce a general fund budget that would balance by transferring a little less than \$37,000 from fund balance.

General Fund	Transfer from Fund Balance	\$36,647
Revenues		\$988,587
Village Council Expenditures		\$8,341
Village President Expenditures		\$22,444
Elections Expenditures		\$0
Auditors Expenditures		\$6,000
Legal Fees		\$12,000
Village Clerk Department Expenditures		\$64,171
Secretary Expenditures		\$15,160
Office Overhead Expenditures		\$37,550
Village Treasurer Expenditures		\$8,125
Building & Grounds Expenditures		\$8,738
Parks & Recreation Expenditures		\$6,413
Police Department Expenditures		\$352,346
Zoning Administrator Expenditures		\$15,288
DPW Department Expenditures		\$189,853
Refuse Expenditures		\$164,436
Planning Commission Expenditures		\$10,369
Streetlight Expenditures		\$24,000
Transfers		\$80,000

Net Income/(Loss)		\$0

What is that in plain English? We predict we'll need to dip into the savings account for about \$37,000 to keep everything going for 2011-2012. The good news is that we have rarely, in reality, transferred funds from the "savings account" to balance the budget. The bad news is that for this fiscal year and the next, we will more than likely have to raid the savings, despite efforts on the part of staff and Council to reduce costs without cutting any personnel and services.

Our budget resolution is available online at www.villageofpinckney.org under "Taxes and the Treasurer." You will note that the general fund is not the only area showing a transfer from fund balance (and there are quite a few that show transfers TO fund balance, and that is a good thing!). Many of these funds require a build-up of funds before any expenditures can occur - a good example are street funds, where we never have enough revenue in one year to fund much more than regular maintenance. A street re-paving project could require transferring revenue to fund balance (kind of like transferring funds from checking to savings) for a few years before there is enough saved to pay for a \$200,000 street re-paving.

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Did you know that if you let your utilities roll to taxes to be paid out of your escrow account you are charging yourself, on average, \$35 a year in fees?

Have you heard that the Pinckney Cemetery has applied for State Historic status?

The paperwork and all the supporting research have been submitted and we hope to hear about a successful placement on the Historic Record by June 2012.

Special points of interest:

- Village of Pinckney Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8AM-4PM
- Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in recognition of Independence Day and Monday, September 5th in recognition of Labor Day.
- **Village Taxes are due on Wednesday, September 14. Remember offices close at 4 PM.**
- Check the Village website frequently for updates on activities, recycling schedules, tax information and more.
www.villageofpinckney.org

BRUSH REMOVAL REMINDER

The Village provides brush removal on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Please place brush and branches at the curb, cut ends facing the street. Trees and branches can be no larger than 10" in diameter and no longer than 8 feet. No stumps.

A calendar of pick-up dates is available on the village website under *Garbage & Recycling*. Contact our DPW if you still have questions regarding this service. They can be reached at (734)878-9368.

The Correct way to place brush for pick-up.



The incorrect way to place brush for pick-up.



With twigs, please put in yard waste bag or paper grocery bag and put out for trash.



24-hour a day Village Operations on the Web

Have you visited the village website recently? Or joined us on Facebook?

The Village is constantly updating these sites with information on what is going on in the village or what you can expect to see around town.

On the website you can find everything from Permit Applications to how to report dark street lights. Meeting agendas and minutes are updated regularly along with important breaking news.

Check out the website for the answers to all your pertinent questions at www.villageofpinckney.org.

Join our group, or become a friend of "Clerk Pinckney" on Facebook to get up-to-the-minute information at your finger tips.

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More detailed, line item information on the budget is also available on our website. As usual, please call if you have questions!

Refuse Expense Increase

On the recommendation of the Budget Committee, Village Council approved an increase to the current quarterly refuse charges. In addition to accommodating a contractual increase in charges and the recent addition of a fuel surcharge from Mid-Michigan Rubbish, the rate increase will help defray some of the cost of brush and leaf collection. Expenses for these two popular services have steadily increased over the years, and can no longer be totally supported by the general fund. Starting with the billing you will be receiving July 1, the quarterly refuse charge will be \$37.50, plus the \$5 leaf/brush charge for a total of \$42.50 quarterly. Still a bargain!

Library Asset Sale—Coming Soon!

On **Saturday, July 23rd, from 10A—3P** the library will hold an asset sale at the former Village Education Center, located at the corner of N. Mill and Putnam Streets, the location of the *NEW* and *IMPROVED* Pinckney Library.

Items for sale include children's chairs, folding tables, desks from the former Hicks School, toys, games, shelving and many other items left behind by the Pinckney Public schools.

If you have any questions, please contact the Library at (734)878-3888.