

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS PUBLIC HEARING
TENTATIVE BUDGET
April 18, 2018**

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PRESENT: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Shannon Spinner and Trustee Stephan Bradicich

ABSENT: Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Marla Butler

The Mayor opened the Meeting by having the Clerk-Treasurer read the notice for the public hearing that was published in the newspaper.

The Mayor noted the last page of the budget 'sums' up the Appropriations and Revenues for all of the Funds and what the proposed levy would be for the village. The proposed increase is an 8% increase in the levy, leaving a 2.8% increase in the tax rate per thousand of assessed valuation.

He emphasized that this is purely tentative and the VB will be working to reduce this increase.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted some of the items that would be discussed in order to reduce this rate.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to questions and comments by the public.

Resident Robert Brunner Jr. asked whether the Village had taken into account that the Town would be starting renovation on the Community Center building?

The Mayor answered that it did not take that into account because renovations would not begin until probably after January of 2019. The next budget cycle will probably be affected by this project.

Resident Robert Brunner Jr. also asked about the DPW items. Has any decisions been made regarding the position of Superintendent?

The Mayor stated that this was still under discussion. No decisions have been made.

MOTION made to Close Public Hearing made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Bradicich. Mayor votes aye.

PUBLIC HEARING adjourns at 6:11PM

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk-Treasurer
Mary Jo Wynne

