

City Budget Is Studied

The tentative budget for 1972 has been submitted to City Councilmen by City Manager Frank Culross.

The Council must hold a public hearing on the budget before Dec. 15, and approve it, with any modifications the council desires, before Dec. 20.

The budget totals \$2,455,900, an increase of \$98,956 over this year's \$2,356,944 total.

If approved as recommended by the city manager, the budget would force a doubling of sewer and water rates, but would also provide for a tax rate decrease of 10 cents per thousand assessed valuation, from \$34.60 to \$34.50.

The budget is divided into three major categories: General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund.

GENERAL FUND

The city manager recommends an increase of \$43,956 in the general fund, from \$2,010,639 to \$2,054,595 in 1972.

This fund includes general government support services (mayor and council, city manager, city court, comptroller, assessor, etc.), Public Safety, Public Works, Public Health, Recreation, Publicity, Debt Service, Employee Benefit and Insurance, Contribution to other funds, and miscellaneous.

The projected general fund wage and fringe benefits increases based on existing employe contracts are estimated at \$82,700. But the total increase for all general fund expenditures shows a rise of only \$43,956. In other words, all other general fund appropriations, except the wage and fringe benefits for employes, have decreased by \$38,744.

WATER FUND

The water fund budget for 1972 would be \$232,950, an increase of \$37,950 over last year's \$195,000.

With expenditures expected to be \$232,950, revenues generated from water rates charged are expected to be \$171,000, leaving a potential budget deficit here of \$61,950.

Deficits in this fund have existed for the past two years. They have been made up from general tax revenues. The city manager plans that this fund be made self-supporting.

Therefore the deficit would have to be made up with funds generated from increased water rates, not from the general tax revenue.

The water rate for the average home would go from \$24 at present to \$48 per year, if the present plan is approved, with comparable increases for metered users.

The city manager points out that the water rates have not increased since 1958. A report by the Conference of Mayors and other Municipal Officials, the city manager notes, states the average water rate for a family home owner in the state is \$51.50 annually. The proposed city rate would be \$3.50 below the state average.

Culross said that subsidizing deficits in this fund with monies from general tax revenues, "is unfair to residential users and undeveloped land owners who are asked to subsidize large users - many of which are tax exempt."

Tax-exempt properties, which must pay sewer and water rates, would have their rates hiked. Their water and sewer use would then not, in fact, be subsidized from the general fund revenues, toward which they contribute nothing. They would be charged the total costs for their use of sewer and water services.

Programs here include Administration, Operations and Employee Benefits.

The fund includes expenditures for administration, billing and accounting for the Water and Sewer Division of the Department of Public Utilities and for managing water flows, testing, filtering and pumping of the city's water supply. It also provides for the operation and maintenance of 34 miles of water mains, 4,500 service laterals, and 320 fire hydrants. The program requires a staff of 18. Expenditures cover benefits and insurance for those employes.

SEWER FUND

The sewer fund would increase from \$151,500 to \$168,550, a rise of \$17,050.

Expenditures at \$168,550, revenues from sewer rates are expected to be only \$43,500, leaving a deficit of \$25,050 if

sewer rates are not raised.

The proposed rates would go from the average of \$24 to \$48 per year for single family home owner.

Therefore, the combined increases in both sewer and water rates would rise from \$48 per year to \$96 per year, with comparable increases for other users.

Without rate increases, the city manager said, the combined deficits of the two funds would be \$87,000, and this would have to be paid from general revenues, forcing a cut in city services or a rise in the tax rate of \$3.07 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The sewer fund provides for operation and maintenance of the water pollution control plant, employe benefits and insurance, and principal and interest payments on the 1964 water pollution control plant bonds.

TAX RATE DOWN

The City Manager notes that the 10 cent per \$1,000 tax rate decrease, combined with last year's reduction of \$1.14 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, represents a decrease of 3.5 percent over the past two years and gives the city its lowest tax rate since 1967.

Culross noted that the combined increases in the three funds totaled \$98,956. Of that, he stated, \$96,000 was due to contractual salary increases for city employes.

ACTION GROUP COMMENDS SLC VOTERS

The Political Action Committee for CSEA issued the following statement on the results of the Nov. 2 elections in St. Lawrence County.

"The Political Action Committee for CSEA would like to thank all of the voters who supported CSEA in voting for the man and not along party lines in the recent supervisor races in St. Lawrence County. This was definitely the case throughout the county as many incumbents who have been so sure of themselves in the past, this time campaigned to be re-elected, and then some were lucky to win by a very few votes.

"The Political Action Committee for CSEA which is a new-born committee in St. Lawrence County intends to be very active in the future to insure you the taxpayer of effective and efficient government. The committee intends to expose the problems and elected officials in this county when need be, and not keep this information away from the public as has been the case in the past.

"Everything that this committee has brought before the public has been facts and this is the way this committee will operate. It will not play politics as some elected officials did in keeping the bid for the Canton North Mall from being opened until after election. When people like Harold Smith, the supervisor from Canton, starts crying that various supervisors are playing politics in asking questions about the North Mall, it is him that is playing politics since the public has a right to know and the bids were much higher than Smith would admit prior to election.

"Many things have been kept from the public in the past since this would be beneficial to the majority party or a supervisor of the majority party. CSEA does not intend to sit back and let the public be damned attitude of many supervisors go on, but to expose them when this happens.

"In the future it is the committee's hope that the voters will continue to vote for the man and not the party to create better government for St. Lawrence County."

Mrs. Myrtle A. Hall, 81, Rites Slated

The funeral for Mrs. Myrtle Ames Hall, 81, of Heuvelton, widow of John Alexander Hall, and formerly of Brier Hill, will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Nichols Funeral Home here. The Rev. Roy C. Johnson, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Morrisstown, will officiate. Burial will be in Ingham Cemetery, Brier Hill.

Calling hours at the funeral home will begin at 2 p.m. today.

Mrs. Hall died at 5:40 p.m. Friday (Nov. 5, 1971) in the E.J. Noble Hospital, Gouverneur, where she had been a patient since Tuesday. She had been ill for the past two years.

Surviving are one son, Almon V. Hall of Cleveland, Ohio; six sisters, Mrs. Jessie Yerdon, Miss Ethel Ames, Mrs. Pauline Call, Mrs. Elizabeth Turnbull and Mrs. Ruth Whitton, all of Gouverneur, and Mrs. Helen Jennings of Hallsboro; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hall was born in the Town of Morrisstown, July 13, 1890, a daughter of Richard and Ann Thraves Ames. She was married to John A. Hall Feb. 14, 1912, at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conroy, in the Town of Hammond. Mr. Hall was engaged in farming in that area for many years. He died Aug. 4, 1960.

After his death, Mrs. Hall resided with her son, Almon, on Potato Street, Brier Hill, and at Cleveland. About a year and a half ago she returned to this area from Cleveland, and became a resident of Heuvelton.

Earl Jandrew Of Waddington Dies At 64

WADDINGTON — Earl William Jandrew, 64, died at Potsdam Hospital Saturday morning (Nov. 6).

Funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Fay G. Mann Funeral Home, Madrid, the Rev. Calvin Zimmer of the Madrid Protestant Churches officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home Sunday and Monday any time. Burial will be in Madrid Cemetery.

Surviving are four sisters, (Mrs. Henry (Florence) Sharlow of Waddington, Mrs. Ralph (Edna) Dykens of Stoney Point, N. Y., Mrs. Elden (Maude) Jones of Potsdam, Mrs. George (Martha) Duvall of Wingdale, N. Y.; three brothers, Francis Jandrew of Madrid, James Jandrew of Massena and John Jandrew of Malone; several nieces and nephews.

He was born at Louisville Sept. 20, 1907, son of John and Maude Brouse Jandrew.

He was educated in Waddington and had been a life-long resident here.

He was a truck driver for the Waddington Milk Company and later for the town of Waddington, retiring two years ago.

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Public Hearing 10 A.M. Monday

The St. Lawrence County Board of Supervisors are scheduled to vote to approve the proposed 1972 county budget immediately following a public hearing on the budget Monday morning.

The public hearing is scheduled for the Supervisors' Chambers in the County Office Building, Canton at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to speak for or against the budget will be able to do so at the hearing.

The Board will meet for a regular session after the public hearing.

The first resolution to be considered, according to the agenda, is one approving the proposed budget and increased tax levies needed to finance it.

Oswegatchie Supervisor Donald Livingston, Chairman of the Board's Finance Committee, will offer the resolution.

A text of the resolution appears below.

Opposition to the move is expected by Democrats, who are a minority on the Board. The Republicans have 254 votes and Democrats 108 under weighted voting.

The proposed budget was released Oct. 28 by County Budget Officer Charles D. Fox.

The budget, if approved in its present form, would raise county spending approximately \$2 million. The 1971 budget totaled \$21,078,369. The proposed 1972 budget totals \$22,972,726.

Tax Rate Will Double

The budget increase is expected to double the county tax rate.

In the City of Ogdensburg, the county tax rate is expected to jump from \$5.65 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$12.40

per \$1,000 assessed valuation, an increase of \$6.75 per thousand assessed valuation.

Tax rates in the towns will rise in the same proportion. Some towns which did not have to pay the tax last year, because of sales tax revenues, will have the tax restored, then the rate doubled.

Grammar School Not Included

The budget, as proposed, does not include costs for the planned renovation of the former Canton Grammar School into a county office building. The project is expected to be financed separately.

Low bids for the renovation project, opened Thursday afternoon at Canton, total \$1,633,883. The figure exceeds by \$400,000 the estimated \$1.2 million cost of the project. The lower estimate was made by architect Quentin L. Reuter-shan, Potsdam.

The \$1.6 million figure does not include the architect's fees, which are about 10 percent of the total costs. It also does not include an estimated \$229,000 for furnishings. The addition of those figures would bring the total project cost to about \$2.2 million.

Sales Tax Revenues

In addition to the vote on the county budget, the Board will also consider a resolution which would approve distribution of sales tax revenue to the towns and City of Ogdensburg.

Other routine resolutions will also be considered for action.

Resolution Adopting Budget and Levying County Tax

By Mr. Livingston,

Chairman, Finance Committee

Whereas the Board of Supervisors has met and considered the tentative budget and has conducted a public hearing thereon as required by Section 355 of the County Law,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the tentative budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts as set forth in the "Adopted" column of such budget be and hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the wages and salaries set forth in the Schedule of Salaries and Wages of that budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amount shown therein effective January 1, 1972, and

Be It Further Resolved, that to meet the amount of said appropriations, this Board hereby levies the following taxes pursuant to the provisions of Section 360 of the County Law and Section 900 of the Real Property Tax Law, upon the taxable property in the County upon the valuation as equalized by it as hereinafter specified to wit:

Upon all taxable property in the county, the sum of \$4,756,638.00.

State University Professors Meet At Local Campus

Potsdam - The campus of State University College at Potsdam was the meeting place for several visiting professors from other units of the State University Oct. 27 and 28.

The music sub-committee of the University-Wide Committee on the Arts convened to discuss plans for a student composers forum to be held next fall at the Crane School of Music.

Crane is well known for its performing groups which are eminently qualified to perform any compositions which talented student composers from all over the state might submit, thus making it possible for the young composers to hear live performances of their own works.

Dr. Robert Washburn hosted other members of the committee which included Patricia Kerr, associate for the arts, Dean Beal and Walter Hartley of Fredonia, Seymour Fink of Binghamton, James Hudson of Corning, David Barnable and Michael Jorba, student members from Potsdam.

Also on campus those days were members of the theory department from State University College at Redonia. They were in Potsdam to observe classes conducted by Professors Allen Richardson and Elliot Del Borgo, who are spearheading a pilot project in the teaching of theory.

Part of the nationwide "Manhattanville Project," the approach stresses much more creativity on the part of the students than the traditional theory approach, and the Potsdam project is considered outstanding in the country.

BORROWING POWER

FULTON, Ky. (AP) — Thieves took a huge farm combine from one farm, used it to harvest some soybeans on an adjacent farm, then made off with the soybeans in a pickup truck.

Sheriff Corky Hill says they left a trail of soybeans for several miles, but that is as far as he has gotten on the case.

Home, School Meeting Set On Health Course

A new health course to be offered at Bishop Conroy Memorial School will be explained in a special program sponsored by the St. Mary's Home and School Association Tuesday night.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the SMA gym.

The course will be explained, and text books displayed.

Speakers will be Dr. Joseph Brandy and Miss Joan Perkins, supervisor of health programs in the Ottawa Catholic Schools.

Archie S. Marlowe Dies At 80

Archie S. Marlowe, 80, of 205 Main St., died at 11 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 6, 1971), at A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, where he had been a patient since Oct. 19. He had been in ill health the past several months.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. at the Lalonde-Briggs Funeral Home and at 9:30 a.m. at Notre Dame Church. Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Calling hours will be today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

He is survived by his widow, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Francis (June) Trotter, city and Mrs. Ivan (Joyce) Lawrence of Canton; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Fred and Richard Fortin, both of this city and three stepdaughters, Mrs. William (Dora) Casey, this city; Mrs. Charles (Pauline) Fivier, also of this city and Mrs. Douglas (Alva) Hazelton of Hammond.

He was born in Ogdensburg, July 7, 1891, son of the late Augustus and Melinda Garno Marlowe. He married Blanche Kiah at Notre Dame Church in 1914. She died July 29, 1965. He married Mrs. Mary Fortin at Notre Dame Church Dec. 30, 1966. He was employed for 30 years at Diamond National Corporation and retired from there 15 years ago. He was an instructor for the Retarded Boys' Workshop when it was located in this city and an usher at Notre Dame Church for many years.

He was a member of the Senior Citizens' Club and the Second Ward Boosters Club.

To eliminate untidy wisps of your dog's hair around the house, hand vacuum him frequently.

Mindanao is the second largest island in the Philippines.

Board To Consider Fund Transfers For Welfare

The Board of Supervisors, at a meeting Monday morning, will vote on a resolution to increase the 1971 budget of the Social Services Department by \$470,000.

The increase would include \$336,000 in state and federal funds and \$134,000 in county funds.

Funds from the county would be obtained by transfers to the Social Services Department from other county funds.

The text of the resolution follows:

RESOLUTION
Amending County Budget
By
Mr. Livingston, Chairman,
Finance Committee

Whereas, the Department of Social Services has requested additional appropriations in Medical Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, and Whereas, the Department has given

the Committee a modified estimate of State and Federal revenues,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to amend the County Budget for 1971 as follows:

Increase appropriation 6109.4 Aid to Dependent Children by \$60,000; Increase appropriation 6104.4 Medical Assistance by \$410,000; Total, \$470,000.

Financed as follows: Increase Federal revenue 4601 Medical Assistance by \$184,500; Increase Federal revenue 4609 Aid to Dependent Children by \$25,200; Increase State revenue 3601 Medical Assistance by \$110,700; Increase State revenue 3609 Aid to Dependent Children by \$15,600; Total, \$336,000.

County share - Balance, \$134,000
Financed as follows: Transfer from appropriation 9522.900 Inter Fund, \$72,000; Transfer from appropriation 4025.100 Laboratory, Personal Service, \$62,000; Total, \$134,000.

VFW Plans Memorial Services For Thursday

The annual VFW memorial service for all deceased members of Ogdensburg Post 2936, Veterans of Foreign Wars, who died during the past year, will be held on Armistice Day, formerly Veterans Day, Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Commander J. Herbert Cline has announced.

Preceding the services a special chicken dinner has been planned for membership with all Vietnam veterans and their wives or girl friends, whether members or not, invited as guests of the post.

Also during the dinner, paid-up 1972 dues cards will be presented to all World War I veterans who have passed their 70th birthday and have been continuous for the required period of time. Those World War I veterans who are deceased will also be remembered in traditional form at 11 a.m., when post officials will assemble at the marker in Groulx Park for wreath-laying ceremonies.

Dinner tickets are available at the post for those planning to attend.

Public Skating At Prescott Rink

Ice skating for the general public is available at the Prescott ice rink every Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Prescott rink is located immediately adjacent and north of Fort Wellington.

Socially Speaking

David Lovely Sr., of the River Road, city, injured last week in an accident, is now a patient at Mercy Hospital, Watertown, where he is reported in satisfactory condition.

Mrs. Fred Boehm, Riverside Drive, is a surgical patient at the A. Barton Hepburn Hospital.

SUC Theatre Guild Production Dates Slated

Potsdam - State University College at Potsdam's College Theatre Guild is in production for its performances of Max Frisch's "Biedermann and the Firebugs" to be presented Dec. 9, 10 and 11 in the College Theater.

Prof. William Champney is directing the play and John Boyle, a drama major at the college, is technical director.

Students have completed construction of the set for this futuristic expose and students studying costuming are at work creating an unusual cubistic wardrobe, under the direction of Miss Debbie Bartlett.

Treating Both White Plagues

Today, the drug problem is the "White Plague". Yesterday, it was TB.

A recent article in Science News, "Trying to Treat the White Plague," reported predictions that at the present rate the total number of heroin addicts in two years will be more than two million. Beginning in June, too, every serviceman leaving Vietnam was tested on a \$26,000 machine to detect the presence of opiates in his system. The drug problem has reached epidemic proportions.



STUDENT COORDINATOR - The student coordinators of the Seaway Valley Right to Life Program at Avila Hall, Mater Dei College are, left to right, James Donovan, Ufica, seminarian, Wadhams Hall; Elizabeth Ann Macbeth, Plattsburgh, Mater Dei College; Elizabeth Walsh, Potsdam, Mater Dei and James O'Brien, Oswego, seminarian, Wadhams Hall.