

## Clifton approves additional and renewal levies

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CLIFTON — The village of Clifton voted approved both a renewal and an additional current operating expense levy in Tuesday’s election. Both levies fund the village’s general expenses.

“The village has a very tight budget,” said Village Clerk Treasurer Sue Chasnov. “We’d be in a grave state if neither one of them passed.”

Issue 6, an additional 2 mill levy that will go into effect for the 2015 tax year, passed with an unofficial vote of 21 to 13, according to Greene County Board of Elections. This means that 61.76 percent of registered voters chose to approve the additional levy.

Chasnov said the levy will generate an additional \$5,000 each year for its five-year term. The levy will cost a homeowner approximately \$70 more per year for each \$100,000 of appraised home value.

With the funds generated by the additional levy, Chasnov said the village can now address deteriorating infrastructure, such as roads, and afford to repair old buildings, in addition to covering general expense costs.

But if the additional levy had not passed, the village’s projects that are already in progress, such as repairing roads, would have to have been halted.

Issue 7, a renewal of a 6.5 mill levy, also passed with an unofficial vote of 27 to 8 at the time polls closed. According to Greene County Board of Elections, 77.14 percent of registered voters approved the renewal.

Chasnov said the levy has been in place for about 20 years, but rather than continuing to post the levy on the ballot for renewal, this year the levy has been renewed indefinitely.

The owner of a \$100,000 home pays \$99.82 per year under this levy. The levy provides \$7,000 each year to cover the cost of the village’s general expenses.

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