

Letter to the Clarkston City Council:

The City of the Village of Clarkston is proposing to expand City Hall and adjoining garage. There were three proposals presented to Council, with costs ranging from \$330,000 to \$568,000, depending on the scope of the expansion. At a subsequent meeting, the first cut of the FY2016 budget assumed a cost of \$400,000. The construction will be funded with a bank loan.

We do not believe the City can afford this expense, and funds would be better used to continue to maintain the roads, sidewalks, trees, and provide other basic services.

The mandatory withdrawal from the 3 E. Church rented facility seems to have provided the impetus for the proposed expansion. We feel that there are other solutions, including collaboration with Independence Township, to store equipment in the future.

The City initiated the 3 E. Church lease in 2001, as a solution to house the police and police vehicles, as well as some DPW equipment. The police were disbanded in 2010 and the only additional DPW equipment added was the lift.

We urge Council to pursue a more cost effective solution.