

Having been born and grown up in East Rochester, as well as a current active member of the Senior Citizens Center, even though I now live in a neighboring Village. I have two concerns that I would like to submit for Budget Considerations:

1. The large block long building located in the central portion of the Village, known as the Eyer Building, has been vacant for some time now. One of the best uses of this large building would be to centralize the many Village Departments, provide a convenient access for all Village residents, allow for further expansion needs, eliminate some of the current sub-standard facilities. Monetarily this would be almost impossible for the Village to fund on the current tax rate. Therefore, I would ask that State Funding be considered for this most important project.

2. Secondly, in the Village there was at one time an pedestrian access tunnel off the north end of Main Street that went under the now, CSX Railroad tracks. In past years this tunnel has been filled in and access to the central portion of the Village from the north side is by way of Washington Street on the west end or by Lincoln Road on the east side. Both of these routes require long walking distances. Basically what this has done is to isolate the residents on the north side. This would also provide a much safer walking route for school children, as it is central to the Village and a more direct to the school, where almost all students walk, very limited bussing. This proposal also has several safety benefits that would be realized as well. Again, the Village taxpayers, as well as CSX, probably would not be able to fund this project as well, so external sources would be required.

I believe both of these projects merit your serious budget considerations as they have substantial benefits to the resident population, and would serve as a revitalization initiative that would certainly benefit an excellent Village in need of some assistance.

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