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Plain Dealer, Tues.,
Bay to Push
Aug. 31, 1954
Levy to Pay
Murder Bill

Confronted with a bill for \$12,-200.36 for Cleveland's investigation of the Marilyn Sheppard murder, Bay Village officials last night said that passage of a 2-mill operating levy in November was "an absolute must."

The bill for Cleveland's services and expenses was on its way to Bay Auditor Glen L. Ganyard.

Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze, who earlier had indicated Cleveland would not assess the suburb for all of the investigation costs, said nothing could be eliminated from the bill.

Mayor Celebrezze said he could not eliminate the charge for regular man-hours worked by Cleveland detectives as he had hoped. To do so would leave Cleveland open to a state examiner's finding against the city, he added.

Dale A. Smith, chairman of the Bay Council's finance committee, said an alternative to obtaining the funds from the operating levy on the ballot would be to issue councilmanic bonds.

The 2-mill levy will bring an estimated \$45,000 if passed by the voters, Smith and Ganyard said.

Ganyard said the suburb had
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Billed \$12,200, Bay Urges Passage of Operating Levy

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about \$5,400 in its contingency fund. Of this, \$5,000 was allotted by the Council for the Sheppard investigation. Cleveland has received \$1,000 already.

Cleveland's total bill was \$13,200.36, Mayor Celebrezze said. Deducting the \$1,000 already received left a balance due of \$12,200.36.

Major item of expense was compensation for regular and overtime man-hours of Cleveland investigators. For 5,493 hours Bay Village was billed \$11,487.16.

Travel, hotel, telephone and incidental expenses totaled \$947.40. Automobile mileage of 9,200 miles at 8 cents a mile cost Bay \$736.

308 Hours for Chief

The bill covered the period from 9 a. m. of July 4, the date Marilyn Sheppard was found hacked to death, to midnight Aug. 18, inclusive.

Deputy Inspector James E. McArthur worked a total of 308 hours and Homicide Chief David E. Kerr 261 hours on the case in that period, the report on which the bill was based said. McArthur prepared the report.

Detective sergeants worked a total of 535 hours and detectives a total of 2,687 hours seeking a solution to the crime.

Scientific laboratory detectives worked 526 hours and photographic laboratory detectives 78 hours. Policewomen worked 144 hours, mostly as escorts for Susan Hayes, medical technician who was housed at Hotel Carter after returning here from Los Angeles.

It cost Bay Village \$143.19 to put Miss Hayes up at the hotel, McArthur's report revealed. A

total of \$602.21 covered expenses of Detective Robert E. Schotke's trip to California and return and expenses of Miss Hayes' flight back here.

Quiz 566 Persons

Cost of opening and closing the sewer lines at the Sheppard home, 28924 West Lake Road, Bay Village, in the hunt for clues and the missing T-shirt of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, was \$45.

Five hundred sixty-six persons were interviewed and interrogated and statements were taken from 33, McArthur added. Reports, most of which were from two of 10 pages in length, numbered 339.

Detectives checked contents of 756 letters received in connection with the case, and 72 communications were sent out of town by investigators. Thirty-eight long-distance telephone calls were made and received.

In the effort to match the partial palm print found on a desk in the Sheppard home, palm prints were taken from 87 persons before it was discovered the print belonged to the Sheppards' son, Chip, 6½.

Remove 83 Items

Detectives removed 83 items from the Sheppard home to the police laboratory for examination.

Of the \$11,487.16 charged for man-hours of work, \$1,730.48 was for 14 men working on regular vacation days to replace other detectives.

Mayor J. Spencer Houk said Bay Village would meet its obligation.

Council President Gershom M. M. Barber said Bay was already "scraping the bottom of the barrel" to meet its expenses. He added that the suburb would pay its obligation even if it had to be worked out on a time basis.

Weapon Still Unknown

Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon and Police Chief Frank W. Story said authorities had "several" objects in their possession which were being held as possible weapons in the murder.

They said investigators had not settled on any one item as the possible weapon. They added that none could be shown conclusively as the weapon used to kill Marilyn.

Among possible weapons are two orthopedic wrenches—flat stainless steel instruments used to adjust braces and stretch casts—which were in the trunk of Dr. Sheppard's Jaguar sports car, Mahon said. The key to the trunk was found in the lock by detectives.