

Budget 2022 - Prestigious projects and exorbitant expenses

Dépenses extraordinaires	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Budget	7.310.489	7.693.410	12.435.298	19.705.117	27.064.560

Compared to last year's budget, the municipal budget has increased by 21%. With 27 million Euros, massive expenses are at a level that has never been reached before.

84% of the municipal revenues come from the State (The Global Endowment Fund of Municipalities). These revenues vary according to the growth of the population.

Our municipal officials rely on this constant increase in the local population to finance their exponentially growing budget.

But as a result of this growing population, the commune's infrastructures, such as the water and sewer network, the school, the road network and other things, need to also be adapted and expanded.

Yet, somehow the municipal officials do not seem to grasp this process and lack the foresight needed to plan ahead.

For example, only four years after its completion, the school in Schouweiler is already too small to welcome all of its students. It now needs to be expanded with an additional budget of 7.5 millions Euros.

The same goes for the "Maison Relais". Moreover, the municipal authorities are now also building a «Naturcrèche» (nature crib) in Schouweiler for an amount of 4,48 million euros. Instead of integrating this crib into the existing school site, the place chosen by the communal council is located at the exit of the village on a busy road, the "Rue de Dahlem".

And yet, this financial burden doesn't seem to be of any concern to our municipal officials. Quite the contrary, in fact.

The park in Schouweiler :a financial chasm

Just one year before the next elections, the municipal park is not only being enlarged for millions of Euros, but there are also plans to build a cultural center for the amount of 8 million Euros, as well as a restaurant-pavilion for 2,65 million Euros.

The communal council's investments are almost all focused on Schouweiler, while the other neighboring villages of the commune are unfortunately forgotten or neglected.

Thus, it is unacceptable that the current cultural center in Dippach is to be demolished instead of being replaced.

This park is supposed to become the flagship project of Schouweiler's current political majority.

But in reality, it is a financial chasm that will keep growing over the years.

Instead of investing, for example, in affordable housing and solving the problems related to road traffic in our municipality, the alderman college prefers to invest in prestigious projects whose usefulness has to be questioned.

Priorities are somehow poorly defined and the budget is just a minor nuisance to the current political majority.