

Town Council

Minutes -Public Hearing

June 2, 2005

At Approximately 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 2005, Mayor Frank Lewis called to order the Public Hearing of the Town Council to hear public comments on the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget. In addition to Mayor Lewis, Council members Sullivan, Brown, Davis, Elliott, Veber and Evans were in attendance. Town Manager Tim Krawczel, several staff members and approximately 8 members of the Public were also present.

Mayor Lewis asked Town Manager Tim Krawczel to give a quick run down of the budget. The priorities as outlined were:

- Capital facilities
 - Downtown parking facility
 - Beach breakwaters
 - Addition to Library
 - Renovations to the Municipal Building
 - Storm water management repairs
- New equipment – all equipment in Public Works Department has been stretched beyond its useful life.
- Strategy for personnel – decision made that it is better to develop a policy to retain the existing staff rather than react to the increased work load by adding employees for what may be a short term.
 - Addition to Town staff limited to Public Works Director, Assistant Harbor Master and Part-time assistant to the Town Clerk.
 - 3% cost of living increase
 - Fund the employee portion of contribution tours

Mr. Krawczel stressed the Town will not necessarily do all the projects next year, but the funds are reserved and allocated. Any projects will be completed in a priority established by Town Council. He stated the Budget sets aside reserve funds and contingency funds. At the end of each year we hope to have a surplus in each account to be used to establish a reserve account of discretionary funds that the Town Council can use for future years.

Public Comments

Celia Sheppard – Spoke requesting funding for Arts Enter Cape Charles. In previous years the County of Northampton had been providing some funding. The funds from the County are no longer available; therefore some of the proposed activities may not occur due to lack of funding.

Ralph Giannini – Expressed wishes that the Town Council take care of the tax payers of the Town of Cape Charles. Pointed out tree branches were hanging over the sidewalks – the library

air-conditioner was sitting directly on the ground rather than on a platform. He complimented the proposal in the Budget for work on the Harbor, Central Park, and breakwaters to protect the beach, and addition of Public Works Director.

Don Clarke – Complimented the Town Manager for putting together a strong proposed Budget without raising taxes. He also indicated he represented Arts Enter Cape Charles. As the treasurer of the organization he strongly recommended the Town Council give thought to providing a larger contribution of funding towards this non-profit group.

Letter from Joan Natali – letter read into record.

Motion made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Evans and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Town Clerk