

June 5, 2017

A Public Hearing was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied.

Present were: Patrick M. O'Neil, Mayor
Chauncey Clark, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mark Howard, Councilmember
Rita Langley, Councilmember
Susan Middaugh, Councilmember
Bachman Smith, IV, Councilmember

Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated the press and public had been notified in accordance with State Law. There were approximately ten members in the audience, with no members of the media. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the FY18 Water and Sewer Utility Budget and also the FY18 General Budget for the Town.

Mayor O'Neil turned the meeting over to the Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress. Mr. Gress gave a brief overview of the FY18 Water and Sewer budget. The rates were changed to reflect a 2% increase for salaries. The cost of living increase was not calculated in the rates at the time of First Reading. There were no public comments.

Mayor O'Neil turned the meeting over to Comptroller Jason Blanton. Mr. Blanton gave a brief overview of the FY18 budget for the Town. Currently, the Town's budget is balanced at \$5,696,397 which includes property taxes of approximately \$2,360,000, a projected increase revenue of 2.56 % or \$70k from FY17.

Public Comments:

Tim Reese, 305 Station 20- asked if the Town collects more money through Ad Valorem Tax on a second home. Town Administrator Andy Benke answered yes roughly 2%.

Cheryl Clark, 2119 Pettigrew Street- asked for the definition of items on the provided handout.

Denise McTighe, 1301 Thompson Avenue- inquired if the maintenance of the accreted land included funding of the pending lawsuit, which Mayor O'Neil addressed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Howard, to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Liles