

TOWN OF FRANKFORD

FIRST BUDGET HEARING

MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2016

TOWN COUNCIL: JOANNE BACON PRESIDENT
GREG WELCH VICE PRESIDENT
MARTY PRESLEY SECRETARY/TREASURER
PAM DAVIS COUNCILMAN
EDWARD ASH COUNCILMAN

TOWN EMPLOYEES: CHERYL LYNCH TOWN CLERK

OTHER: KATHY MURRAY JASON TAYLOR
JERRY SMITH TONI PRESLEY
ROBBIE MURRAY MARIA COUNTS

CALL TO ORDER : MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY JOANNE BACON AT 7:05pm

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:
MOTION WAS MADE BY PAM AND SECONDED BY SKIP

THE PURPOSE OF THE BUDGET MEETING WILL BE TO PREPARE A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

KATHY MURRAY NOTED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MET ABOUT NINE TIMES

MARTY NOTED A LOT OF WORK HAS GONE INTO THE BUDGET WITH LONG MEETINGS THE BUDGET WAS LOOKING GOOD UNTIL MOUNTAIRE DECIDED DRIL SINK A WELL AND NOT USE THE TOWNS WATER SUPPLY. THERE WILL BE TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE THE BUDGET WORK.

MARTY NOTED WAGE MERITS AND CHRISTMAS BONUSES WERE NOT FIGURED IN THE BUDGET. THE JP COURT RENTAL INCOME WILL TAKE US UP TO JANUARY 2017.

SKIP NOTED WE NEED AN ORDINANCE SO NO ONE CAN SINK A WELL

MARTY NOTED THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- POSTPONE RENOVATIONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$15,000.00
- DELAY HIRING ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER \$39,600.00
(WAGES \$33,000, Pension \$1650, FICA UNEMPLOYMENT, ETC \$4950)
- INCREASE WATER RATES
- ALLOCATE EXPENSES TO RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS WHERE POSSIBLE (10k - \$20k)
- HEALTH INSURANCE- PUT INTO PLACE PREVIOUS PLAN THAT COUNCIL AGREED AND VOTED ON

- IDENTIFY AND APPLY FOR ALL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
- CONTINUE CURRENT COLLECTION OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS
- PURCHASE PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 WILL COME FROM THE TRANSFER TAX ACCOUNT

LONG TERM:

- ASSIGN EACH COUNCIL MEMBER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
- BENCHMARK AND COMPARE CONSULTANT FEES
- RESOLVE MOUNTAIRE
- ANNEXATION AND DEVELOPMENT WHERE POSSIBLE
- EXPLORE WATER CONNECTIONS TO NON RESIDENTS
- JP COURT RENTAL OR CONSOLIDATION OF TOWN OFFICES
- POSSIBLE RENT/SALE OF EXISTING POLICE DEPARTMENT/STORAGE BUILDING

MARTY NOTED HE WILL HAVE CHERYL CONTACT DANNY SHORT THE HEALTH INSURANCE AGENT ABOUT OTHER HIGHMARK PLANS WITH A LOWER PREMIUMS FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS.

MARTY NOTED HOW ARE WE GOING TO COME UP WITH \$55,000 FOR NEXT BUDGET MEETING ALSO WHAT DO OTHER TOWNS DO FOR BUSINESSES BESIDES THE GROSS RECEIPT TAX.

JOANNE NOTED THE SECOND BUDGET HEARING WILL BE JUNE 23, 2016 AT 7:00PM

MARTY NOTED COUNCIL NEEDS TO LOOK AT THE RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND UTILIZE AS NECESSARY USCH AS THE WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSE UTILIZE THE WATER CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

JOANNE NOTED ABOUT FIBERTECH AND DELMARVA POWER. FIBERTECH WILL BE RUNNING FIBEROPTICS THEIR LINES THROUGH MAINSTREET AND THATCHER ST. WE NEED AN ELECTRICIAN TO CLEAN UP THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECEPTICLES. THE COST FOR THIS IS \$6,500.00

JOANNE NOTED SHE WOULD RESEARCH THE PROPERTY TAX.

GREG NOTED HE WOULD WORK ON THE WATER RATES.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

SKIP MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND WAS SECONDED BY PAM AT 8:48PM. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS.

RESPECTFULLY

**CHERYL A LYNCH
TOWN CLERK**