

MINUTES
May 25, 2017

Attending the meeting were Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle, Council President Julia Sines, council members Sheryl MacLane, Fred Fox, Jerry Fike, Pam Humberson and Clerk/Treasurer Karen Benedict. Council member Bob Sines was unable to attend the meeting. There were no persons in the audience.

All to Order: Council President Julia Sines called the May 25, 2017 Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to order and then turned the meeting over to Mayor Schlosnagle. This meeting is required by our charter 32 days before the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Highlights of the Budget (some of which were approved at the 4/17/17 meeting):

- Real Estate taxes has raised by 2 cents to .36 per hundred dollars assessed value.
- Personal Property taxes has increased by 5 cents to .55 per hundred dollars assessed value.
- Utility taxes has been increased by 8 cents to 1.44 per hundred dollars assessed value. This is paid by Verizon, Potomac Edison and Level 3 Communications.
- We have \$25,000 budgeted for street and sidewalk related repairs.
- We have \$32,000 budgeted for roof and window repairs to the museum and a new heating system in the utility building as well as other smaller things that may come up.
- We have \$5,600 budgeted for snow plowing and materials.
- We have applied for an extension of the Community Development Block Grant sewer hookup grant per Garrett Public Utilities request. They are working with several land owners hoping to help them financially with the hookup.
- The state minimum wage is increasing which accounts for some of the increase in wages.
- Since changing to LED lights it is reducing the electric bills considerably.

Pam moved to approve the new 2017-18 Fiscal Year budget. Sheryl seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Benedict
Clerk/Treasurer