

TOWN OF SNOW HILL, MARYLAND
Life on the River

BUDGET SESSION

March 19, 2019

A Budget Session of the Mayor and Town Council of Snow Hill, Maryland was held at the Train Station on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 with Mayor Steve Mathews presiding and called to order at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Steve Mathews; Councilwoman Alison Gadoua, Councilwoman LaToya Purnell; and Councilwoman Jenny Hall

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Pruitt, Town Manager; Trish Goodsell, Assistant Town Manager; and Lounell Hamstead, Finance Manager

BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor Mathews advised that draft copies of the budget, salary sheet and pay scale were provided for review to the Council. He highlighted the following areas:

- The budget is showing a 2.8% COLA increase for all employees.
- Public Works staff, excluding the Director and Supervisor will be receiving a 5% salary increase instead of the 2.8% COLA.
- Revenue - Line Item 4181 Highway User Revenue increased to \$127,300
- Revenue - Line Items 5000 Metered Water Receipts and 5002 Metered Sewer Charges increased due to the gradual increase of user rates
- Expenditure – Line Item 1815-6012 Museum Director, shows a salary increase of \$5000
- Expenditure – Line Item 1121-7000 Fire Department grant of \$110,000
Mayor Mathews advised that he has spoken to the OC Mayor and they plan to have surrounding area mayor's send a letter to the Commissioners to champion for more funding for the fire department
- Expenditure – Line Item 1525-7212 Street Maintenance – this shows the \$127,000 from highway user revenue to be used toward paving projects

Councilwoman Gadoua questioned if there was money budgeted toward blighted homes. There is \$10,000 budgeted in Expenditures, Line Item 1081-7404 Condemnation Expenses.

Councilwoman Gadoua questioned if more money had been budgeted for marketing, which the same amount has been budgeted as last year.

Mayor Mathews pointed out that monies have been budgeted for purchases that the Town is also applying for grant funding. A new lawn mower for Public Works; a new trash truck for Public Works; and a new Tahoe for Police.

The amount left was \$18,748 which has been placed in Expenditures – Line Item 1039-7908 Capital Improvements.

A copy of the training incentives for Public Works staff was given to the Council. Councilwoman Gadoua supports the salary increase for staff but questioned what would incentivize them to do the training. Councilwoman Purnell stated she met with staff and challenged them to each do at least one training.

Mayor Mathews asked the Council to take time independently to review the budget. The next work session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 4:30pm. The budget will be discussed then.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mathews adjourned the work session at 4:51pm.

Respectfully submitted: Trish Goodsell, Asst. to Town Manager