

March 28, 2017

Present

Commissioners Roy Myers, Michael Bibb, William Boos, and Jaime Windon, Town Manager Jean Weisman, Finance Clerk Katherine Eagleseder, Administrative Clerk Suzanna Warnick, and no members of the public. Commissioner Harrod was absent.

Call to Order

President Myers called to order the special public working session on the FY 18 budget at 1:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Edgar M. Bosley, Jr. Municipal Building, 300 Mill Street, St. Michaels, Maryland, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Special Working Session on the Budget

- Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

President Myers called upon Town Manager Jean Weisman, who provided an update on the draft budget, noting that she had included the police budget items as requested, and offset the cost of the police vehicle by adding a 2 percent cut in each of the departments. Mrs. Weisman said that cuts balanced out increases and the tax rate could be set at 52.4 cents, an increase of 6.24 cents. If the Commissioner agree, Mrs. Weisman said she could advertise the public hearing on the tax rate. After some brief discussion, the Commissioners were comfortable with the budget. Commissioner Bose said he felt the budget process had been very diligent and thorough, and he felt comfortable defending it, and Commissioner Myers agreed. President Myers asked if all the Commissioners were comfortable and they agreed unanimously.

Items for Discussion

- New Buildings - police dept. and town office

The Commissioners then discussed the two potential building projects for the town office and the police station at great length. Following the discussion, Commissioner Boos wanted to move forward with the possible acquisition of the Boundary Lane property, and develop a “Plan B” should that property not be available. The Commissioners directed staff to set up another meeting on the reserve study and obtain additional information from Mr. Crosby, including possible add-ins for wiring and solar.

Adjournment

Commissioner Boos made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Bibb, and the motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanna Warnick
Administrative Clerk

Public Handouts:
Agenda
Draft Budget 3/27/17