

MINUTES



**Commissioners of
St Michaels
Meeting Minutes - Budget Session 3 and Closed Session
Monday, April 10, 2023, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
St. Michaels Branch of the Talbot Co. Library
106 S. Fremont Street
St. Michaels, MD 21663**

1. Call to Order for Budget Session 3 - Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Breimhurst, President, called to order a live and remote Budget Session 3 of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 2:30 pm in St. Michaels, Maryland and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also present at the meeting were Commissioners Joyce Harrod, Tad duPont, Katrina Whittington, and Al Mercier. Other representatives include Town Administrator Rob Straebel, Finance Clerk Kathy Eglseder, Town Clerk Vickie Sharp, Public Works Operation Manager Brian Thompson and Captain Oswald. Approximately 5 members of the public were present as well as remote attendees on Zoom.

2. Announcement of Closed Session

The Commissioners will meet in a closed session after adjournment of Open Session pursuant to Maryland Code, under the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Article Section §3-305(b) to discuss the following: (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over who this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

3. Public Budget Session 3

Revised Budget dated March 28, 2023 was presented

It was stated that the Park Enhancement Fund was increased from \$7,000 to \$10,000. The Police Departments Uniform Maintenance was increased from \$4,000 to \$8,000. Was recommended that repairs on the Police cars need to have at least 3 bids on the repairs. Change the gas pump and have everyone keep a fuel log. Was suggested to increase the Police Vehicle Maintenance back to \$40,000 this would allow for \$25,000 for repairs and \$15,000 for fuel. Police uniforms increased this is in effort to purchase Class A uniforms for the officers. Was discussed that the Town should get bids for the Tourism & Communications and Website Development as a combined bid. Combine the two budget items in hopes for cost savings with the bids. Speed camera funds will now pay for the Body Camera Maintenance and Tasers, these items will be taken out of the budget.

4. Comments from the Public

Public commented on the public relations and how Fovndry is promoting the Town of St. Michaels.

5. Comments from the Commissioners

Commissioner Breimhurst commented on how the Town residences pay double the tax. Would like to see the residences get a break in their taxes by lowering them. Increase the equity for the town by a possible business personal property tax. The State would come in and do the

assessment of the businesses. The Town then has the option to assess the tax. Another option would be to impose a food and beverage tax. Talk with some law makers about charging a special tourism tax.

6. Announcement of Future Budget Meetings

April 17, 2023 - Budget 4 - St. Michaels Library 5:00pm to 7:00pm

7. Adjournment of Open Session

At close of Open Session, COSM will convene into Closed Session

8. Call to Order for Closed Executive Session

The Commissioners went into a closed session after adjournment of Open Session today pursuant to Maryland Code, under the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Article Section §3-305(b) to discuss the following: (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over who this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

9. Adjournment of Open and Closed Session

Submitted by
Vickie Sharp

Public Participation: All comments from the public will be taken during the period set aside for "Comments from the Public." The "Comments from the Public" portion of the Commission agenda shall have a limited time period as determined by the Commissioners, and shall be at the beginning and at the end of each agenda. To be recognized, a member of the public should raise his or her hand and wait to be recognized by the President. Comments and questions should be kept brief and to the point, and be directed to the President.