

Town of Perryville
FY 23 Budget Intro and Public Hearing Minutes
April 19, 2022 6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: Mayor: Matthew Roath, Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Commissioner: Christina Aldridge, Timothy Snelling, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Finance Director: Debra Sharpe, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample.

Remote Participation: Commissioner Robert Taylor

Remote Public Participation: Tara Blevins, Tammy Raines, Carolyn Brown

Public Attendance: Charles Thomas, Karen Burkhardt, Alex Browne, Doug Hornberger, Jane Bellmyer, Kelly Benson, Merian Harmon

The April 19, 2022 Work Session was called to order by Mayor Roath at 6:30 p.m.

Remote Participation Request

Mayor Roath announced that Commissioner Taylor would be attending remotely and verified that Commissioner Taylor could hear him and that the those present could hear Commissioner Taylor. All votes taken will be by roll call vote, the presiding officer shall ask the remote participant for any comments after each motion or agenda item and the remote participant may also verbally request to be recognized as a person present would.

Remote Participation Request Approval

Motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the Remote Participation. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Mayor Roath: Aye **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Approval of the April 19, 2022 FY 23 Budget Intro and Public Hearing Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the April 19, 2022 FY 23 Budget Intro and Public Hearing Agenda as written. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Mayor Roath: Aye **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

FY23 Budget Summary - Debra Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe stated that we have a very large bottom-line budget in the amount of \$26,252,000, the majority of the revenue and expenditures are carry overs from this current year for projects that we had not finished so the revenues and expenditures are being brought forward. When you look at the breakdown the majority of the funding is for two different departments, the Police Department and Public Works utilizing about 50% of the General funds. We presented a salary adjustment for the employees which the board approved, COLA, (cost of living adjustment), in the amount of 6%, which is lower than the actual inflation rate right now, but is based on what Medicare and Social Security raised their rates for. We are also having to raise our trash removal service, although his service is much lower than the closest bidding company. We have found some properties in Town that were unaccounted for in the recent bid that they are charging us for it, there is \$363,500 budgeted for that. There will be several large

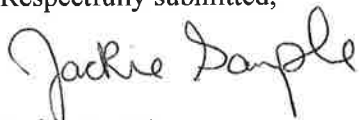
items out of general funds, two new officers will be coming on at the end of the year and will need to be equipped with portable radios in the amount of \$15,000. We are continuing our leasing of 7 police vehicles at \$75,000 a year and the DPW Department is leasing 5 vehicles at around \$42,000. We get revenue from the State for Highway users funds used to improve our roads, and sidewalks and our estimate this year is around \$200,000. DPW also wanted a new mower for them and for the parks and spreaders for salt. We will be demolishing the old Outreach building and doing some minimal grading for now and another fence will be going around the back of the ball court. In addition, we are doing a dog park out at the Community Park which will cost around \$75,000. It was agreed that we would keep our tax rate at \$0.3597 per \$100 of assessed real property value and a homestead property tax credit of 110% which is the standard in Maryland, and we cannot raise your assessments for tax purposes more than 110% in any one year, and for personal property we charge \$.94 per \$100.00 of assessed property value. Our main source of revenue in the General Fund is real estate, personal property taxes and followed by the local impact funds. The biggest thing in the Water Fund is a new project that we are doing to expand the water plant with two new membrane filters, that project will be a little over 4 million dollars. Because we were in a deficit situation with our budget overall, having to pull from reserves, there is no contingency funds in the general water and sewer. Projects for the water departments reserves are put aside every year to paint the two water towers and reserves aside to replace the water membranes already in place at the water plant, between this year and 2024 we will be putting in stirrers in the two tanks that will prevent TTHM from getting into the tanks and keep us within our guidelines. We have two very large projects going on for the sewer plant, one is the sewer expansion to expand our servicing area from Chesapeake Outlook down to the Waste Pump Station. We are also doing a denitrification filter process to help purify the water before it is released into Mill Creek to improve our ratings with the State on what we are putting into the environment. Ms. Sharpe read the introductory paragraph of the FY 23 Budget, Tax Rates, and Fiscal Plan Ordinance 2022-05 on behalf of the mayor. Ms. Sharpe explained that because there was a deficit in two of our funds and one had a positive, the easiest way to reallocate the funds was to reallocate through the Local Impact Funds. This is a 3-year budget that gets presented to the Local Development Council, and we are in our last year of this cycle. She took items from the sewer which is what we had the surplus for and reallocated that money to pay for things in the general in the water department and there is a Resolution for that. She read the introductory paragraph for Local Impact Budget Amendment Resolution 2022-07.

Commissioner Linkey wanted it to be known that they have worked very hard on our budget and that our Town has the 3rd lowest taxes in the County and your taxes do pay for your trash service and there is no extra fee, and we have a 24/7 Police Department.

Ms. Sharpe confirmed that these will be voted on at the May Town Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to adjourn the April 19, 2022 FY23 Budget Intro and Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and to go into the Work Session after brief break. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Mayor Roath: Aye, **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk