

**TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING ON FY 2020 DRAFT BUDGET
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Saxton called the March 8, 2019, Town Council Public Meeting on FY 2020 Draft Budget to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Councilmembers Don Boteler, Sue Callaway, Jerry Masiello, Frank Weisgerber, and Mayor Tim Saxton; Town Manager Maureen Hartman; Finance Director Renee McDorman; and Administrative Assistant Pam Smith

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Jimmy Oliver and Carol Stevenson

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF FY 2020 DRAFT BUDGET (DON BOTELER AND RENEE MCDORMAN)

Finance Director Renee McDorman projected the Town of South Bethany Budget for FY 2020 PowerPoint Presentation on the overhead projector screen. The PowerPoint Presentation was prepared by Councilmember Boteler and Finance Director McDorman. Councilmember Boteler (Treasurer and Budget and Finance Committee Chairperson) reviewed the attached PowerPoint Presentation and took comments from the Town Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR FY 2020 DRAFT BUDGET

Dan Cowell, 110 Henlopen Dr. – 1) Inquired what the FY 2020 Salary and Benefit Allocation for the Police Department includes. Council responded that it includes salaries and benefits for a Chief of Police, five officers, part-time administrative assistant(year-round), and seasonal employees. 2) Asked how much money the town spent for legal fees in FY 2019. Councilmember Boteler replied that the Town budgeted about \$25,000 and the actual is at about \$50,000 for FY 2019. Dr. Cowell inquired where the money for the excess legal fees comes from. Council responded that the money comes from reserves or from savings in other budgeted items.

Larry Budd, 4 S. 3rd St. – Thanked the Council for their work on the budget and stated he appreciated the presentation. Inquired where the surplus came from for this year (FY 2019). Councilmember Boteler noted that a \$24,000 surplus was budgeted, but the actual surplus is higher mostly due to transfer tax and rental tax revenue coming in higher than budgeted.

ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING ON FY 2020 DRAFT BUDGET

A motion was made by Councilmember Callaway, seconded by Councilmember Boteler, to adjourn the Town Council Public Meeting on FY 2020 Draft Budget at 5:45 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

PHS:Meeting for Public Input Regarding FY 2020 Budget 3 8 19 Approved 3 28 19

Attached: PowerPoint Presentation