

**PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 2017 BUDGET  
TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD  
Thursday, April 13, 2017  
Village Green Pavilion**

The Public Hearing commenced at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Brandon Paulin, Mayor  
Ron Sitoula, Vice Mayor  
Curtis Smith, Councilman  
Ryan Hicks, Town Manager  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk  
Ginger Foster, Finance Director

**NUMBER OF CITIZENS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: 9**

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive feedback/comments from Town residents on the FY 2018 Budget. The budget ordinance 04-01-17 was introduced. The budget ordinance will be adopted at the May 1, 2017 Town meeting. The Town Manager gave the presentation of the FY 2018 Budget with his message and introduction of the numbers. The General Fund Revenue is \$1,360,609; the General Fund Expenditure is \$1,360,609. Property tax rate will remain the same at \$.30 per \$100 of assessed value as well as the Capital contribution fee. The trash rate will increase by \$5 per quarter; all other rates/fees remain the same.

Town Manager Hicks opened the floor for any questions or comments. Residents in attendance asked questions about the budget for the Senior Center, an update on the Boardwalk project, a comparison of trash rates to other towns, the 61% transfers to fund the pavilion, funding for children's classes/activities and if the Council has considered raising taxes. The Town Manager and Council recently held a meeting with the Senior Center staff and the County to discuss projects coming up to include, the roof, the kitchen equipment and the flooring and the Town Manager made a request for a quarterly date for heavy cleaning in the facility. The Town is still waiting to hear back from the State in regards to the 80/20 funding for the Boardwalk project. The Town's trash rate will be \$85 per quarter for twice a week pickup starting July 1 in comparison to La Plata who charges \$75 per quarter for once a week pickup. The Council will be discussing ways to increase Pavilion rental to make up for that 61% at an upcoming work session. The Town has allocated \$15,000 for children's classes/activities. The Council stated that they do not raise taxes because residents tend to get upset when taxes are raised and instead they are working on other ways to increase revenues. A final question was asked in reference to how much tax money the Town is losing from the high number of churches in town. Town Manager Hicks did not have an exact figure but he said it is not significant.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Paulin closed the Public Hearing at 7:20pm.

  
Andrea Brady  
Town Clerk

5/1/17  
Date