

**PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 2020 BUDGET  
TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD  
Thursday, April 11, 2019  
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: 2**

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive feedback/comments from Town residents on the FY 2020 Budget. The budget ordinance 04-01-19 was introduced. The budget ordinance will be adopted at the May 6, 2019 Town meeting. The Town Manager gave the presentation of the FY 2019 Budget with his message and introduction of the numbers. The General Fund revenue is \$1,523,797, 53% local taxes and 36% in State revenues. The General Fund expenditure is \$1,523,797. Town Manager Hicks reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Trash Fund, Water/Wastewater, Parks Fund and Pavilion.

Objectives include repairing and replacing aging infrastructure. Setting fees for water, sewer and trash at levels needed to sustain and improve the level of services provided. Look into the future and prepare for major capital projects. Increase police presence in Town. Continue to expand on the Town's community and children's activities. Provide the citizens of the Town with well trained and well-educated employees. Upgrade aging equipment. Build the Town's own salt storage facility. Address stormwater issues throughout Town. Find was to expand on the online bill pay system.

To summarize the budget, the property tax rate remains the same at \$0.30 per \$100 assessed value. Water, Wastewater and trash rates remain the same. Capital contribution fees remain the same at \$9,685. Continue work on the Boardwalk, restrooms on the Village Green and blower replacement projects. The Town has been implementing grant funded projects through MDE, MEA, SHA, MHAA, EPA, DHCD, DNR and MDOT. The Town has also received State Bond Bills for the purchase and improvement of the old PNC building for a family enrichment center. The Town has been upgrading public facilities as well as infrastructure improvements, as part of a movement to encourage private development.

Town Manager Hicks opened the floor for any questions or comments. A resident in attendance asked what the renovations to the old PNC building were for and if the ATM will remain on site, if there were plans for the old CVS/Superfresh buildings and if there is a way for the Town to receive more grant funding or if they are requesting funds for specific projects. Town Manager Hicks explained that the building will be used for a Family Enrichment Center for residents on the western side of the county, and the ATM will remain onsite but will be moved into the parking lot and the Town will receive a monthly rental fee for the ATM remaining on site. Mayor Paulin shared that Mid Atlantic Development recently signed a partnership with the owner of the old CVS/Superfresh buildings. This is the same developer who is working on the Velocity Park project, and they will be working to develop this side of the highway as well.

Currently the Town does not have specific information on the exact plans for the property, but the developer is hoping to do a mixed-use project with a commercial element in front with residential behind it. Councilman Smith spoke about the Town looking into a more comprehensive approach to grant writing due to the burden it already puts on staff, possibly by seeking outside assistance.

Councilman Smith if there were ideas on how to recuse the service cost with water and waste water and hot to maintain it. Town Manager Hicks explained that the Town receives an excellent level of service at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and often receives grant funds for the Town's excellent numbers, but the Town could potentially work towards going solar to help cut down on the cost of electricity. Town Manager Hicks spoke about how the plant currently will work off generators during the summer months as part of energy conservation efforts. The last upgrade to the Waste Water Treatment Plant was done 8 or 9 years ago and with the age of the systems the Town will need to do upgrades and repairs.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Paulin closed the Public Hearing at 7:14pm.



Andrea Brady  
Town Clerk

5/6/19  
Date