

November 10, 2022

Tax Cap Override and Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting

Present: Supervisor Marty Mason, Councilman Dan Wiley, Councilman Paul Aubertine and 5 visitors.

Absent: Councilman Alan Wood, Excused, Councilman Tim Maloney, Excused.

Supervisor Mason opened the meeting at 6pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Mason asked if anyone wanted to speak to the board. Bob Ewing said that he wanted to thank the board for supporting the Chamber of Commerce. He said the Chamber had a good year, and are looking forward to 2023. Mr. Ewing said that the financial support the town gives to them is a great help to their budget and he said that he hopes that some year they will be asking for less in funding, but they may ask for an increase too.

Supervisor Mason said that he feels 2023 will be a better year as the Wolfe Island ferry will be back to normal.

Councilman Wiley asked if the Chamber has plans for revenue fund raisers. He said that would help them with their budget.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to open the Tax Cap Override public hearing at 6:02pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members present voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason called for Privilege of the Floor, on the tax cap override, no one wished to speak.

Supervisor Mason explained that the town needs to override the tax cap because of the ambulance budget which is \$250,000.00. He said this puts the town's budget over the 2% limit.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to close the tax cap override at 6:03pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to open the 2023 Budget public hearing at 6:03pm, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. All members present voted AYE.

Supervisor Mason called for Privilege of the Floor on the 2023 budget.

Bob Ewing – Mr. Ewing asked if the sales tax collected goes to the County. Supervisor Mason said it does, and the towns receive a percentage.

Mary Farrell – Mrs. Farrell said that she is seeing more RV's around the town, and she asked if they pay property taxes.

Supervisor Mason said that they pay for the property only.

Mrs. Farrell said that she feels this is a trend, and she wonders if the people want the RV's on the sites forever. She said that the town should create a category in the zoning law to address this, she added that this would be more revenue for the town.

Councilman Aubertine made a motion to close the 2023 budget public hearing and open the special meeting at 6:14pm, seconded by Councilman Wiley. All members present voted AYE.

#### Resolutions

Resolution #63

Resolution #63 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #63 is to adopt local law #1 of 2022, the Tax Cap Override pursuant to the authority granted under subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #64

Resolution #64 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #64 is the adoption of the 2023 preliminary budget and salaries.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #65

Resolution #65 was moved by Councilman Wiley, seconded by Councilman Aubertine. Resolution #65 is to authorize the Supervisor to pay Jefferson County tax mapping the amount of \$16,928.81 for the chargebacks, if not paid, it would increase the town's tax rate.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Resolution #66

Resolution #66 was moved by Councilman Aubertine, seconded by Councilman Wiley. Resolution #66 is to set the water rate, beginning January 1, 2023, to \$5.60 per 1000 gallons and a rate of \$3.50 per 1000 gallons for 6B users, and set a water connection fee of \$2,500.00.

There was no discussion. All members present voted AYE.

Councilman Wiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm.

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Michelle Bouchard, RMC – Town Clerk