

**Town of Seven Devils  
Town Council Budget Workshop FY19  
April 18, 2018**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in special session on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Tina Bailey, Kay Ehlinger and David Ehmig via telephone call. Also present were Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting from recess at 10:00am.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Mayor Fontaine asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Closed Session between Item 5) New Business and Item 6) Council Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made the motion to amend the agenda; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS- NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Manager Powers explained how she puts together the Budget FY19 packet provided to the Town Council that includes: Personnel, CIP, Expenditures, Revenues, Executive Summary. The Preliminary Budget FY19 was initially provided to the Town Council at the Regular Council meeting on April 10, 2018.

Manager Powers states the Revenue and Expenditures FY19 include all grants that have been applied for or will be applied for, therefore these figures are increased from FY18. Manager Powers reviewed the budget highlights and discussion among the Town Council occurred regarding the following:

**Personnel** – Confidential - Budget Items acceptable – No action taken.

**CIP** – Budget Items acceptable – No action taken.

**Expenditures** –Estimated payoff of current loans – BAB 2 ½ years; Snowcloud -6 years -No action taken.


**Revenues** – To date, 99.6% tax collection rate - No action taken.

**Executive Summary** – To be provided to the Public via Public Hearing & Regular Council meeting in June 2018.

FY19 Budget Presentation Highlights:

- Revenues:

 Property Taxes – remains steady - **NO TAX INCREASE!**

 Sales tax – remains steady

 ABC Revenues increase

 Utility/Franchise Tax – remains steady

 Grant Revenues increase

 Water Sales – remains steady

 Powell Bill Allocation - remains steady

- Expenditures:

 Paving/gravel/hot patch from Blind Road Analysis - \$60,000

 Replace #2 of 7 Water PRV Valves @ \$36,500

 PW truck @ \$33,200

 Water Meter Readers @ \$12,000

 \$50,000 towards new Town Hall facility

 Personnel – 2% COLA and 2% merit

 \$20,000 towards “Connect 7D”

 Reduce Debt Load: \$100,667.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to enter Closed session, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss a Personnel item. Member Bailey seconded the motion; the members agreed unanimously.

The Town Council entered Closed Session at 11:00 am to discuss a Personnel item.

Member Ehlinger made a motion to come out of Closed Session at 11:10am; Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion; the members agreed unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Fontaine commented on the positive work environment that exists with Town Staff and he complimented Manager Powers for her efforts.

Mayor Fontaine mentioned past/current items of business for the Town or Town Boards/Committees including: Re-Zoning Application, Replacement of Town Hall, Additional Parking for Otter Falls, Support of the Peak Mountain Hiking Trail.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert requests that money is set aside for the expansion of the Otter Falls parking lot. Dialogue to occur with TDA for funds on this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert asked for confirmation of the fund balance. Current fund balance is 68%, however the requirement is 50%, per Seven Devils ordinance.


Mayor Pro Tem Lambert asks that money continued to be allocated toward Town Hall replacement.

Member Ehlinger provided positive feedback on the past year and the ease of working with each other.


A Public Hearing for the Budget is set for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 5:00pm. The Town Council Budget Workshops that have been previously scheduled for Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> are cancelled.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Fontaine made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

  
Larry Fontaine, Mayor



  
Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk