

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council
Budget Hearing
Saturday, May 15, 2021
10:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Treasurer Laurie McCarthy called the hearing to order at 10:01 am. In attendance were council members Marlene Bellini, Anita Langer, Christopher Mannix, Carol O'Donnell and Council Chair Janice McClanaghan. Council member Michael Vendetti was absent.

Review of Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget

L. McCarthy reviewed the budget for the council and the members of the community. She stated that the budget required a small tax increase if the council approved it in its current version. Total expenses came to \$432,320.

Period of Comment on the Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget

The following individuals commented on the budget:

- Paula Childs stated that she wanted to find other sources to raise revenue besides taxes and that the Harbor Fund also should produce revenue
- Carolyn DiLeo stated that it was good to see a minimal tax increase and that the budget needed to be watched closely
- Mark Michelson stated that the line items regarding revenue should be presented differently
- Joe Thomas stated that the money devoted to the Little Beach clean-up ignores the history of the seaweed problem at Little Beach and that Little Beach clean-up could and should be performed more cost effectively
- Paul Luba stated he would like to see last year's surplus used to decrease taxes and criticized the \$40,000 devoted to the Little Beach clean-up
- Faith LaSalle stated that the council should think of the impact of any Little Beach clean-up on neighboring properties before going forward with it

Council Vote on Budget

The council discussed the budget and made the following changes to the following six line items in the proposed budget:

- (1) Increase in the Electricity line item from \$2,000 to \$2,500
- (2) Increase in the Natural Gas line item from \$3,000 to \$3,500
- (3) Increase in the Total Camp (Income) Expense line item from \$0 to \$1,000
- (4) Decrease in Office Cell Phone line item from \$1,920 to \$920
- (5) Increase in Dock Repairs line item in **capital** budget from \$0 to \$3,000

(6) Increase in Storage Shed line item in **capital** budget from \$0 to \$4,000

C. O'Donnell **moved**, seconded by A. Langer, to approve the budget with the changes to the six line items listed above. The motion was approved, 4-1, with C. Mannix abstaining. Taken together, the changes made to the budget resulted in Total Expenses increasing to \$433,320.

Adjournment

Anita Langer **moved**, seconded by C. O'Donnell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Matthew M. Mannix
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk

Ratified on May 25, 2021