



**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 8, 2020**

I. Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance remotely were: Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Derek J. Favret, L. Charles Fink, Lawrence P. Jaworski, Gregory J. Morris, and Keith L. Pardieck, Council Members, Holly K. Wahl, Town Administrator, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, Dale Clark, Town Treasurer, James Berry, Public Works Manager, Connie O'Dell, Utility Billing Administrator, Marilyn VanWagner, Water Park General Manager, and Jon Castro, WRTP Manager.

II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. **Informational Discussion on the following items:**

1. **FY20 and FY21 COVID Fiscal Impacts** – The Mayor started the meeting off by first applauding the great job done by Mrs. Wahl and Mr. Clark on this presentation. He also thanked the Council for their three years of prudent planning as it comes in handy when situations, such as this crisis, unsuspectingly comes about. The Mayor shared a message, the guiding principles, with the Town; no increase in taxes, no decrease in resident services, minimize health impacts for citizens through public amenities, no staff furloughs or lay-offs, minimal impacts to reserves, maintain debt reduction plans, prepare for 18-24 months of revenue impacts, along with providing a proposed plan as we move forward.

Mrs. Wahl reviewed for the Council the Town's Sources of Revenue in the General Fund along with FY20 & FY21 projected impacts to the General Fund, Utility Fund, Water Park and the WRTP Fund, noting zero impacts to the Mitigation Fund and the Rainy Day Fund.

The Council was provided with a detailed line item budget for each Fund for review and discussion. Mrs. Wahl and Mr. Clark addressed all questions and concerns from the Council.

IV. **Council Lightning Round –**

1. Mr. Favret wanted to thank Mrs. Wahl and Mr. Clark for the time and preparation that went into this work and would like to see updates as they become available. Great work.

2. Mr. Pardieck commented, it had come to his attention by some residents, a concern that Round Up was being sprayed on the weeds around the Bayfront Park Boardwalk. He thanked the Mayor for looking into that and suggested a heads up to the public when the Town performs things with dangerous chemicals. On another note, we are all aware of the protests going on for Black Lives Matter, George Floyd, and justice for all,

and suggested organizing something with the Sheriff's Department to inform the public of their policies such as the use of body cameras, policing practices in situations such as these. Thanks for a great job on the budgets.

3. Mr. Morris suggested, that with the issue the Treatment Plant is facing in regards to residents flushing clogging material down there commodes, that we post on the website, e-blast, and utility bills, some language discouraging flushing of certain items that clog the system. On another note, he has concerns about the median at the Octagon on Rt 260. There have been a number of accidents over the past few years and feels we should have State Highway look at this concern.

4. Mr. Jaworski echoed Mr. Morris's suggestion on informing the public on flushable/non-flushable items stating that Mrs. Wahl has been posting that information on the website and a huge thank you to the Mayor, Mrs. Wahl, Mr. Clark, and the staff for an incredible job on updating the budgets.

5. Mr. Fink also thanked staff for the great efforts put forth in this budget presentation and mentioned he had received emails from "next-door" regarding Bayfront Park. If possible, perhaps the Town could reach out to that group suggesting members sign up for town e-blast which would provide more accurate information concerning the Town.

6. Dr. Beaudin stated a lot of work went into this presentation and a great job at identifying potential impacts. She is happy to see the Town did not have to dip into the rainy day fund and that we are still able to pay off our debt early. She looks forward to a safe water park opening and meeting everyone again in person!

V. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Jaworski. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

Submitted by,



Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk