

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on March 19, 2018 at 6:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Peggy Doran
Commissioner Owen Martin

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner

Mayor Connors opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to the Town Manager.

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that as he moves forward in the budget he will work toward the previous priorities set by the Board. Manager Summerlin then went into a review and projection of what the current year budget is looking like. Manager Summerlin advised that currently all departments are operating within budget.

Manager Summerlin advised that he had been in contact with the County in reference to tax collections and they appeared to reach \$1.1 million dollars. Manager Summerlin stated that the County is still unsure of the tax values for the upcoming year.

Manager Summerlin advised that again the department heads had not been bashful in asking for what they wanted for their departments. Manager Summerlin stated there had been some interest from employees in reference to 401K. He advised that the police get 5% whether or not they participate. He stated that other employees want the same benefit. There was discussion related to this topic. Commissioner Doran stated that she felt the employees should be treated the same but that for general employees they should have to contribute themselves for the match. Other commissioners were in agreement.

In administration there was a request for tuition assistance and more money for travel and training. The request for a Facade Grant is still a question. Manager Summerlin also stated there was discussion of reworking the front desk area to ensure more security along with ADA compliant wheelchair ramps around the building. The police dept is asking for the salaries to be readjusted as the salary study implementations skewed their salaries.

The police dept also needs to rework their front work area. There is also the in-car/body camera loan payment of \$18,000 for the next four (4) years. The police dept has police radios and radars that will be expiring soon. There has been a grant approved for these items but the funds have not yet been released.

The fire dept requested increase last year due to new annexations. This year their request is for approximately a 2% increase.

The streets department is in need of more signs and poles. Also, the street banners are in need of replacement.

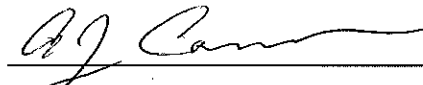
Recreation is in need of a security system. The estimates are still coming in but they are looking at about \$10,000. It was requested that the manager contact Phillip Anderson in Kenansville about their security system. Manager Summerlin stated that the PARTF application is in the works and this application could change how the recreation budget looks. There has also been a request to incorporate senior games into the program.

Manager Summerlin feels that wellness is in need of an overhaul to their fee schedule. They will meet with the advisory committee to discuss their recommendations. The wellness director is also in need of CPR training and other fitness training.

Under special appropriations there was a discussion of reviewing the mowing contract. The tax incentive for US Cold Storage will remain but the amount may change based on their tax value appeal. The Veterans' Museum sent a letter of thanks for prior contributions and report of the number of visitors. They stated any amount that the Board approves would be appreciated. The Chamber of Commerce sent a letter of request. It was reminded that they are trying to build to the 100 anniversary of the parade so they were asking for more so they can begin to reserve for larger entertainment.


Manager Summerlin is recommending a 4% increase in Water and Sewer rates in preparation for the sewer loan. There is also a need for a mini excavator which would be split between water, streets and storm water. Also, Aclara has contacted the Town about Verizon changing their 3G service to all 4G which would require an upgrade to our cell units for meter reading.

With no other concerns to be discussed, Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

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