

The town council of Urbanna held a Special Called Meeting on June 18, 2020, for the purpose of having a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed FY2020-2021 budget. This meeting was held by virtual means using Go To Meeting online services. Mayor Gravatt called the meeting to order. Those present at the roll call vote were Smith, Chowning, Goldsmith, Hartley, Wiley and DeVries. Also attending the meeting were Town Administrator-Holly Gailey, Zoning Administrator-John Gill and Town Attorney-Andrew Bury.

At this time, Ms. Gailey gave an overview of the proposed budget as presented at the work session on May 28, 2020.

Mayor Gravatt opened the public hearing. Town resident Kristi Anzivino had several questions in reference to the budget and Ms. Gailey addressed her comments. For clarification purposes on a question on the repairs to the boat ramp, George DeVries announced that he had information on pre-poured concrete slabs and a company that will come and install them so there will be movement forward soon and he would bring this to the council for consideration. Bill Smith mentioned that West Point had just had one of these types of boat ramps installed. Ms. Gailey stated that she knew they had one installed but that the space they had available to work with was more conducive to this type of boat ramp. Barbara Hartley noted that it was also an issue with the tidal flow through the culvert to Jamison's Cove. Ms. Gailey concurred that when discussing the culvert with several agencies, she was informed that the volume of water that ebbs and flows through the opening is too great for the width of the opening. Ms. Gailey stated that the entire ramp area including the dinghy dock needed to be redesigned to be more user friendly and safe but that the culvert will play heavily into the plan due to the volume of water as well as the proximity to the dinghy dock. Ms. Gailey thanked George DeVries for his work on the project and stated everyone will look forward to hearing the proposal.

Kristi Anzivino also asked about the cost of personnel and why they are not listed separately. She stated that this public information and is available in most budgets. Barbara Hartley stated that this could be done simply if at the end of the budget each position was listed separately with the associated cost so that everyone could see the totals and what percentage was charged to which fund. Ms. Gailey noted that on the line by line budget that she supplied to council and the public that the total is represented per position for administrative positions and grouped for others such as the pool, marina and museum. Ms. Gailey stated that she would supply the information to her if that was what she wanted to see in a report. Ms. Anzivino stated that would be fine but she wanted this to be a standard procedure during the budget process. George DeVries noted that the budget was difficult to figure out. Ms. Gailey stated that she would like to see fewer payroll lines in the budget in general as it is more difficult to track employees in so many different budget categories when the town is so small in

terms of employees. Hartley stated what she (Anzivino) is looking for is a summary at the end of the budget and not for a per pay period but for an annually salary. Ms. Gailey noted that payroll information is a function of the treasurer and that any information pertaining to payroll should be requested from the person who actually runs payroll. Ms. Gailey stated that she will have the information pulled together for the request. At this time, Barbara Hartley stated that it should be published for the public. Mr. Wiley stated that it was not going to be published and that if anyone wanted to review the information, they can come to town hall and request to view the document. At this time, Mrs. Anzivino asked if she could speak and said that she was not trying to insinuate that the town was trying to hide anything and that she was just trying to get the public to see what portion of our town budget goes to personnel to try to get a better grasp of the overall process. She asked if by next year this request could be accommodated. Ms. Gailey stated that she will work with the treasurer to gather the requested information.

There was a brief conversation regarding Christmas Decorations and Ms. Gailey read a statement from Mrs. Anzivino.

As there were no other callers or public comments, Mayor Gravatt closed the public hearing. Ms. Gailey noted that the next meeting was on June 25, 2020 at 10am and would be the adoption of the FY20-2021 budget.

At this time, Barbara Hartley made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Boyd Wiley. Those answering to aye to the roll call vote were Hartley, Wiley, Chowning, Smith, Goldsmith and DeVries. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.