

TOWN OF DRUMMOND
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gail Leeper called the September Public Budget Hearing and Adoption Meeting to order at 7:04pm. Present were Mayor Leeper & Council Members McLure, Clute, Powell, and Stuart; Town Clerk-Treasurer Wight and Public Works Director Harrington. Town Attorney McGill was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Leeper led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Public Meeting.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Alexis Lafer and Brian Lafer; Bernadetta M Wangler Bailey.

MAYOR'S BUDGET REPORT:

Drummond Town Council were each provided a copy of proposed budget for review; that being said, Mayor Leeper discussed with Council Members, why she asked for approval to cash out the sewer CD that matured September 18, 2023. Those revenue funds were placed in the Sewer Cash Operating account to be used strictly for sewer.

The matured Sewer Investment CD of \$103,930.92; brings the Sewer Cash Operating positive.

Mayor Leeper instructed Council to refer to the Cash Report, within the Budget Document; bringing their attention to the balance in the Street Light Maintenance of \$98,186.88; knowing that FY 2024 the Town can only charge the Tax Payors 22.38 mills, which equals \$550.751 dollars.

Discussion was made, regarding why this fund shows a surplus; which by the amount in the Lighting Fund this has been happening for some time. This triggered Clerk-Treasurer Wight and Mayor Leeper to investigate why the Lighting Cash Operating has a surplus and why these revenues were placed in this fund to begin with; unsure if this was related to Journal Voucher entries requested by CPA's not familiar with Black Mountain Software or not; when they are completing AFR's trying to bring everything to zeros.

Those surplus funds were moved from the Lighting Fund into the General Fund, leaving \$12,415.00 dollars in the Lighting Fund, which is one year's payment for Street Lights.

After Mayor Leeper concluded her report, she discussed the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 mills to be levied; which are as follows:

General Fund	132.53 mills
Lighting District	<u>22.38 mills</u>
Total Mills	154.91 mills

Clerk-Treasurer Wight's excel spreadsheet was beneficial to show Council Members where all expenditures are anticipated to be placed. The excel spreadsheet will be updated for Council Members. Those figures are also within the Budget Document.

GUEST COMMENT:

Mayor Leeper addressed Guests in attendance, asking if they had any questions or comments regarding the Budget Hearing or what was discussed.

Brian Lafer and Alexis Lafer stated, they don't have documentation as to where the Budget is going; questioning if there are public copies of the budget.

Mayor Leeper informed the Lafer's the Budget has been filed and has been on record available to view here at Town Hall.

Clerk-Treasurer Wight added, per regulations the Budget Hearing was placed in the Philipsburg Mail consecutively for two weeks prior to the Budget Hearing. Then responding to Mr. Lafer's additional question, if this is where items like this are published; Clerk-Treasurer Wight affirmed, The Philipsburg Mail is where Legal and Public Notices are placed, along with Flint Creek Courier online; in addition, it is posted in the Town's three Public Posting Sites: FICS's, Town Hall and the Post Office.

RESOLUTION 2023-6 READ ALOUD BY MAYOR LEEPER:

Resolution 2023-6 Fixing Amount of Levies FY 2023-2024

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-6. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-6; Fixing Amount of Levies for FY 2023-2024. Council Member Stuart seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Resolution 2023-6 signed by Mayor Leeper and Drummond Town Council Members; attested by Clerk-Treasurer Wight

RESOLUTION 2023-7 READ ALOUD BY MAYOR LEEPER:

Resolution 2023-7 Budget Approval and Adoption FY 2023-2024

Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-7. Council Member McLure made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-7 Approving and Adopting FY 2023-2024 Budget. Council Member Clute seconded the motion. All yeas, none opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Resolution 2023-7 signed by Mayor Leeper; attested by Clerk-Treasurer Wight.

BUDGET CERTIFICATION READ ALOUD BY MAYOR LEEPER:

Signed by Mayor Leeper and Council President McLure; attested by Clerk-Treasurer Wight.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Leeper asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council Member Stuart made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:16pm. Council Member Powell seconded the motion. All yeas. None opposed. Mayor Leeper concurred.

Gail Leeper, Mayor

Robin Wight, Town Clerk-Treasurer