

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
PUBLIC HEARING & TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2018**

The Seven Devils Town Council met for a Public Hearing for the Budget Ordinance FY19 on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 5:00pm and in a Regular Meeting at 5:30pm at Town Hall. Present at the Public Hearing were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert and Council Members Tina Bailey, Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig. Manager Debbie Powers was present; Town Attorney Rob Angle joined at the Regular Meeting; the minutes were recorded by Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine explained the rules of a Public Hearing and then asked for a motion to open the Annual Public Hearing for FY19.

Member Ehmig called to open the Public Hearing at 5:01pm. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ORDINANCE FY19

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizens signed up to make public comment; nor did any comments occur.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Member Ehlinger made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to recess. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. Council went into recess at 5:03pm.

CALL TO ORDER FROM RECESS – 5:30PM

Mayor Fontaine asked for a motion to come out of recess. Member Bailey made a motion to come out of recess. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 8, 2018

Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kay Lambert – **430 Wildcat Rocks Road**; announced the upcoming SafetyFest on June 30, 2018 and additional volunteers needed; thanked Public Works Department for their assistance with banners and other help and Town Staff for their support.

Anne Fontaine – **127 West Rocky Top**; thanked the Public Works Department & Town for help & support with “Music on the Lawn” event. It was enjoyed by many.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers provided the following update:

The results from the Recreational Needs Survey have been tallied with additional hiking trails being the top requested activity; 567 surveys were mailed with 135 respondents. The full results from the survey were supplied to the Town Council and are available at Town Hall.

The Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2017 is available at Town Hall & posted on the website.

A Planning Board Workshop was attended by Debbie Powers & Frank Sell-Planning Board.

Manager Powers attended a Public Employment Law Update in Asheville on May 11th. Topics of discussion included: Cyber Attacks, ADA Compliance, OSHA, and the Me Too Movement.

NCDOT provided an updated RTAC timeline on projects in May; Public Hearing was June 11th.

A webinar occurred on May 16th for becoming a Tree City USA. The Seven Devils Tree Ordinance will be revised to include verbiage for trees on public land. The Tree Committee & Planning Board will review the revisions prior to the recommendation to the Town Council next month.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert & Council Member Ehlinger viewed the Ethics webinar on May 23rd.

The summer edition of the ECHO newsletter is available at Town Hall & the website.

Finance Officer Helga Sappington has been working very hard to collect back taxes. She has been very successful, and the tax collection rate is 99.52%.

The Public Works department has been working hard with tasks that include cleaning up roads after the severe storm, reworking ditches, mowing, and setting up for various functions.

The Police Department was helpful with the “Music on the Lawn” and helped a stranded motorist with a flat tire.

Steps will begin to implement the email water billing, with requests for participation, valid email address. Target date is September billing for initial conversion with complete e-billing in October. There will be significant savings to the Town in postage, material and labor costs.

ASU Intern, Abby sent a thank you note to the Town. As part of her work with creating a scrapbook, she copied many extra historical documents about Seven Devils onto a USB. These are available at Town Hall book exchange under the letter “S”.

A large bear, approximately 500-600 lbs has been spotted within Town limits; caution is advised to pay extra attention to the wildlife that share our community.

Manager Powers provided an update on Tree Permits, Projects, Complaints, and Real Estate Closings

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

12) A. BUDGET ORDINANCE FY19

Mayor Fontaine gave an overview of the highlights of the Budget Ordinance FY19.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance FY19. Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

12) B. BUDGET AMENDMENT FY18

Member Ehmig made a motion to approve the Final Budget Amendment FY18. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

12) C. CLUP – Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The CLUP was reviewed with recommended amendments by the Planning Board on May 15, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve the CLUP; Member Bailey seconded the motion; the members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – No meeting

Planning Board – May minutes

Public Works – No meeting

Public Safety Committee – May minutes

Recreation Commission- May minutes

TDA – May minutes

ABC Board – April minutes

Tree Committee – No meeting

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report


COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert commended the Public Works Department & Police Department for their efforts and dedication to the Town during the weekend of May 18th, when the Town received torrential downpours of rain; in excess of 9.5 inches during a 24-hour period. Because of the elevated levels of rain preceding this event during previous weeks, the issues of erosion and water run off were exacerbated, causing havoc for many. Public Works & Police never complained of the circumstance.

Mayor Fontaine was pleased with the response time from DOT and unclogging ditches following the storm. He also commended Public Works for their help with setting up the venue for the recent “Music on the Lawn”.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.


Larry Fontaine, Mayor


Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

