

PORTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Budget Workshop

June 21, 2004

Porter Town Hall

President Jennifer Granat called the budget workshop to order at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Granat, present were Bill Sexton, Sandy Boothe, Paul Childress, Louie Craig, Scott Guy and John Lane. Council member Sandi Snyder and Park Superintendent Jim Miller were not present.

Childress said all department heads must still not spend for 2005.

Sexton made a motion that all proposed budget for 2005 should reflect a 5% increase but that spending should be held to 2004 Budget level. Childress seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Lane was questioned on the \$44,750 for maintenance agreements. He said this is a raise from the current agreements (as they do from year to year). Lane asked for funding for future Reserve program. The council put the figure of \$5000.00 in the budget. The bottom line figure for the Police is \$1,100.946. Lane said his officers were not anticipating a raise this year.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Guy expressed the possible need for part time help. Guy would like raises for his department.

Questions arose concerning phone/fax cost at the Municipal Building. Sexton asked if their bills had decreased since Snyder looked into the high cost of those bills. Both Guy and Craig said they did not know, as they do not see their bills. Sexton said they should know EXACTLY what their bills run each month and why they are so high. He advised each to get a print out from the Clerk-Treasurer and look into this before the next workshop.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Craig announced he would be on vacation from July 3-17 and will not be available for any meetings during that time. Asst. Glenn Zaideman will be in charge.

Craig said that he is in need of a New Rescue Truck at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

Granat brought up the fact that this Council had talked about reducing their pay. She asked if the Council had thought about this proposal and what their opinions were. Childress and Sexton found no problem reducing their salaries. Also open for discussion was the possibility of payment just once a year – in December - instead of monthly. Boothe said she had reservations about doing this but would take it under consideration. Granat said they were unable to implement this for 2004 but could get this in 2005. The Council will consider this option.

CLERK-TREASURER (Town Hall)

Childress also expressed concern to hire a professional staff to do the inspection for future- \$41,914.00 bringing the total to \$230,100.

All figures were arrived at without realization of the expected insurance decrease.

113 13,000.

158 Part time engineer/planner 20,857 each

291 Increase Fuel - \$650.00 - \$13.650.

311	Attorney –raise to	\$45,000.
315	Plan Atty raise to	15,000.
341	Liability Ins	\$ 6,000
361	Janitor	\$ 3,000
371	Hydrant Rental	\$ 65,000
395	Memorial/July 4	-0-
396	Trash Collection	\$190,000.
399	Promo of Business	7,500.
432	Storm Water Mgmt	50,000. (removed per Council)

Childress proposes to change the Capital Outlays to Zero and offset other budget items with more money. He wants to put all spending in CCD or CCI. He asked what the State approved for a total of other charges. Pomeroy said \$440,351.00 and 5% would be \$463,681.00.

Because Snyder and Miller from the Park Department were not present, their portion was tabled.

Next scheduled Budget workshop will be Monday July 28, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

President Jennifer Granat

Vice President William Sexton

Sandy Boothe

Paul Childress

ATTESTED: _____
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk-Treasurer

This _____ day of _____ 2004