

**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING and
BUDGET MEETING**
Tuesday, March 16, 2017 @ 7:00p.m.
Bolivar Community Center

**Helen Dettmer, Mayor
Donna Callar-Absent
Tim Collins, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert J. Hardy
John Paul Heafer
Chris Higdon
P. Jean Reed, Recorder**

A special meeting and budget workshop meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order by Mayor Helen Dettmer on March 16, 2017 @7:00p.m.

Budget Revision

Mayor Dettmer asked Recorder Reed to read the Budget Revision General Fund # 3 for 2016-2017.

- Line 753 Snow Removal would decrease by \$250. Line 903 Fair Associations/Festivals would increase by \$250.
- Line 440 City Hall would decrease by \$6030. Line 424 Contributions to Comms./Authorities would increase to \$2500 and line 751 would increase by \$3530.

Councilperson Chris Higdon moved to accept Budget Revision # 3 as presented.

Councilperson Tim Collins seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows

Donna Callar	Absent (excused)
Chris Higdon	Yes
John Heafer	Yes
P. Jean Reed	Yes
Tim Collins	Yes
Robert Hardy	Yes

Motion passed

Councilperson Heafer said before we give a donation next year to the Flip Flop Festival we need to find out how much this impacts our community.

John Paul Heafer and Chris Higdon said they were pleased we gave a donation to Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority. Councilperson Higdon said we are helping our citizens by making a donation to the Transit Authority. We listened to the presentation from the Transit Authority and considered their request. As we go through the budget, we will look for other revenue streams to help our citizens.

Budget Workshop

Mayor Helen Dettmer asked Laura Whittington, Town Administrator, to explain each line item of the Budget.

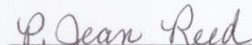
Laura mentioned a letter asking for a donation for next years' budget and said it is up to the Council to put it in or leave out.
Councilperson Tim Collins said we should not put any donations in the budget. They will have to come back next year and ask for a donation.
Councilperson Chris Higdon said he agrees with Councilperson Collins. Chris does not like the tone of the letter.

Laura started by saying the tax office said our taxes will be \$95,572 for next year. Laura went over each line of the budget.
Discussion followed on some line items.
Laura asked to go into Executive Session.
We returned from Executive Session @7:55p.m.
Laura continued with the Expenditure line items.

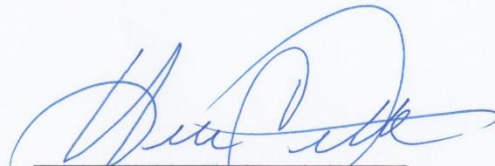
Councilperson John Paul Heafer asked for an Executive Session to be placed on the April agenda to discuss service awards for employees since they have not had an increase for several years.

Councilperson John Paul Heafer moved to adjourn. Councilperson Tim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



P. Jean Reed, Recorder



Helen Dettmer, Mayor