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## **Town Council Budget Workshop**

*May 2, 2023*

I, Tim Fleury, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of 5 pages is a copy of the original minutes from the budget workshop of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council held on May 2, 2023.

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Respectfully  
Submitted,

Tim Fleury  
*Town Council*  
*Secretary*



## Town Council Budget Workshop Agenda

**Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**Immediately Following Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**Council Chambers - 1 Portland Avenue**

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There will be a Town Council Workshop on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, immediately following the Regular Town Council Meeting to discuss Fiscal Year 2024 budgets for:

- Recreation Department
- Ballpark
- CIP

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

Chairman O'Neill opened the workshop at 7:37pm.

Town Manager Asanza gave overview of changes –  
Nikki Duplisea, Assistant Recreation Director – gave quick overview of last FY's projects and programs.

Councilor Mead – Numbers in youth care program? – Weekly numbers on average? – Looking for an age breakdown. – Nikki Duplisea – 4 camps, 25-30 kids in each group, 100-120 kids in the local area. Before and after school care programs – 70 kids daily – early release days 74 kids, vacation camps 40-60 kids.

Town Manager Asanza – went over special revenue funds

Jason Webber – gave overview – Rec department took over the ballpark in 2021 – FY 2022 rec complex took over ballpark funds – FY 2023 – in red but summer camp registrations still coming in, will be in the black - \$140,127 back into facility through special revenue funds, not CIP or operating funds –

Councilor Mead – \$83,000 to date – what is expected in month?? Jason Webber – \$15-20k – Jason Webber – rental rates up for premier location – are all revenues going into general fund? – Town Manager Asanza – special revenue still in ballpark and rec fund in general ledger but for reporting they are treated like a single item.

Town Manager Asanza – capital emergency repair at next Council meeting, can't be repaired, replaced only, \$120k for replacement – Jason Webber – gave information on lighting issue – Jason Webber gave information on total project as well – Councilor Tousignant – how many night games during season, Jason Webber – Tuesday – Friday every week, some Sundays, Councilor Tousignant night gave profit? \$375 for rental – Councilor Tousignant – cost of lights for games? – Option to cut night games to save \$ on lighting? – Jason Webber – It affects baseball and events and is part of larger discussion on the entire ballpark – lots of community use – Councilor

Mead – lighting standards? – Jason Webber – college level and above – Councilor Mead – any other facilities in are at that level? – Jason Webber – Biddeford, Sanford, will look into it for more information – Councilor Mead – cost to light field to HS levels? – Difference in costs?

Town Manager Asanza – Stadium repairs – assessment – original request was for \$300k, assessment at \$600k for repairs – 2 phase, \$200k and \$400k – need to look at light repair, \$60k in budget to repair light – need decision on light repair/removal – add to ballpark stadium repairs and get to phase 1 of assessment.

Town Manager Asanza – security system – cameras networked to police department – \$37k –

Town Manager Asanza – John Deere Gator – \$20k

Town Manager Asanza – Pickle ball courts – \$65k – some in house work and contractor coming in to finish the details

Town Manager Asanza – Skate park – \$15k – Jason Webber – fence removed at skate park – eye sore – cracks fixed.

Councilor Mead – want to see more ballpark repair figures – Councilor Tousignant – HS lighting scenario, how many games lost to that? – Jason Webber – cost jump unknown – larger costs/needs going from college to semi-pro than HS to college – Councilor Tousignant – college teams have options, what brings them to OOB? – Jason Webber – only championship location with current lighting for all ages – Councilor Tousignant – need to figure out stadium future based on revenue coming in with future upgrades, – Can revenue from night games justify upgrades? The stadium would need

to be torn down if capital investment is not made and it's just as expensive to tear down as to maintain – Nikki Duplisea – lights are night games and events – not just baseball – Councilor Tousignant – need plan to move forward to justify expenditures – long term plan, not short term – Councilor Mead – larger discussion that needs to continue – would like to see Woodard and Curran items – Town Manager Asanza – in book under backup – lighting costs too – Town Manager Asanza – rec will make it work no matter what the decision is

Guy Fontaine – few years ago Council could have fixed park for \$250k, now at \$600k – company wants to sell us new lights – engineer should look at the damaged base and see if that is only fix needed – could be cheaper to fix the problem than to replace – Night time lighting is crucial for ballpark – investment needed – need to involve public in decision on ballpark future – referendum or similar – take pole down, repair lights, save money than if completely replaced.

Councilor Mead – support in continuing lights at ballpark – asset in town and need to build on assets – Councilor Tousignant – bigger questions than just lights.

Closed workshop at 8:39

Motion to adjourn: Councilor Mead

Seconded: Councilor Reid

Vote: 4-0