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Town Council Workshop Minutes

May 14th, 2024

I, Tim Fleury, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of 4 pages is a copy of the original minutes from workshop of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council held on 5/14/2024.

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Respectfully
Submitted,

Tim Fleury
Town Council
Secretary



Town Council Budget Workshop Agenda

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024 @ 6:00pm
Council Chambers - 1 Portland Avenue

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There will be a Town Council Workshop on Tuesday May, 14th, 2024, at 6:00pm to discuss Fiscal Year 2025 budgets for:

- Assessing
- General Assistance
- Debt Service
- York County Tax Assessment
- Tax Abatement Expense
- Contingency Expense
- Street Light Expense
- Solid Waste Expense
- CIP

Chair: Shawn O'Neill

GPCOG – gave a quick update on the STR Dashboard – Paul Johnson.

Town Manager Asanza gave a quick overview of the budget drivers starting with assessing.

Assessing:

Increase of 18.48% - wages, professional engineering, and printing/copying are the major drivers of the increase. Councilor Rague - can they be emailed? Councilor Tousignant - what is the cost of outsourcing the mailings - Town Manager Asanza \$1,500. Councilor Tousignant - when would the revaluation be completed? - Karen Fortier, Town Assessor - would start in May and wrap up by end of June - Councilor Tousignant - why not residential at the same time? - Karen Fortier - much bigger project, in the works. The first one is personal property, commercial and residential property will be done together.

General Assistance:

Increase of 18.1% - \$50k expense is the biggest driver - needs have increased over the past few years - State reimburses 70% of expenses - Chair O'Neill - would like to be overbudgeted rather than underbudgeted - The Council discussed the merits of increasing the GA budget - Chair O'Neill - would like to see it increased to \$400k - revenue will increase to offset the expense increase - Councilor Tousignant - thinks it's still underfunded at that amount but it is better than what it has been.

Debt Service:

Increase of 5.2% - tentative changes - leases - decreased by \$40k - additional reductions from equipment requested but not approved - \$200k less in principal payments due to matured bonds - interest payments increased 64% - WWTF upgrade bond, \$9.8m -

York County Tax:

Tax Abatement Expense:

Includes tax assistant program in Town – abatements through assessor’s office.

Contingency:

Level funded at \$150k

Street Lights:

\$185k – decrease of 20% - net energy billing credits and LED streetlights contributed to the savings.

Solid Waste:

Increase \$24k – 2.59% - new contract and waste tipping disposal expense –

Will check blue bag fees with revenue