

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MAY 24, 2021

**ATTENDANCES**

Mayor Jerald Sanders  
Mayor Pro Tem Woodrow Davis  
Councilwoman Linda Butler  
Councilman Michael Luongo  
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerald Sanders at 320 West Third Street, Swansea. All media notifications were properly posted at Town Hall and the Police Department.

The Mayor presented the proposed Town of Swansea budget 2021-2022 to Council. During the initial discussions Councilwoman Simmons stated there was at least approximately 8 areas where there were discrepancies in the numbers from the last year's budget to what was presented. She quit base on the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 pages. Councilwoman Simmons later disclosed, she was making reference to the budget of **May 11, 2020**. Unfortunately, this was a working Draft of the budget and not the actual budget that was completed as of **August 23, 2020** and adopted **9/21/2020**. The information she was using as a comparison was a Draft 3 months and 12 days later not the budget that past 9/21/2020.

Therefore, recommendations were to return with the correct information of those things that required an explanation, in addition to the consultant who assisted the town.

Councilman Luongo had questions pertaining to the Budget Ordinance, the Mayor shared he would have it further reviewed.

Chief Williams added amendments to the total salary in the workshop. Salaries are currently below the standard of SC. In addition, in creating a line item for Overtime Budget.

Mayor agreed to communicate with the consultant to get potential further assistance from him regarding the Town of Swansea Budget.

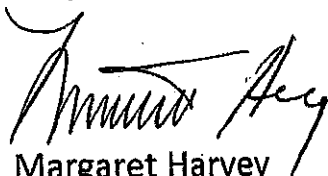
Councilwoman Butler commended Chief Williams on doing an outstanding job for the Town of Swansea Police Department

Chief Williams Thanked Councilwoman Butler and further shared the following:

- He is writing a grant for a vehicle.
- " writing a grant for Tasers
- " writing a grant for a Police Officer
- Due in November- Federal Government will
- Pay 90% of the Salary – town the other 10%
- For 3 years then town would take over.

There was no further business to discuss, therefore, Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to adjourn. The motion was presented via Councilwoman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Davis. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

  
Margaret Harvey  
Clerk Treasurer