

**THE TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 25, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Viola McDaniel
Mayor Pro Tem Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons
Councilman Jerome Williams

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McDaniel. All media notifications were sent out and the appropriate postings were at town hall, police department and the website.

The Public Hearing for the Town of Swansea for 22-23 Budget remarks were from Melissa Harrell with the MRB group.

She stated, the expenses in the budget were a reliable prediction as to what the expenses would look like in the next year.

A few of the things added to the budget. An increase of the millage by 15.41 an increase of about 30k in revenue stream. Example 100k home would be an increase of approximately, \$62.00; 100k business approximately \$92.00.

Increase in the amount of insurance tax rec'd via 30% from MASC.

Revenue for Water

To consider the water and sewer department to be self-sufficient. Best possible position to manage. Raise the water and sewer rate by 25%. To keep up with the needs of the water and sewer system rates.

The Mayor asked, if there were any additional comments from the town Budget from the citizens. There were not any, therefore the meeting was called to order by Mayor McDaniel.

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We had a twenty second silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to adopt the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget for the First Reading.

Councilwoman Butler presented a motion for the First Reading of the Budget for 2022-2023 and second by Councilman Williams.

Mayor acknowledged, Councilman Luongo who wanted to open the floor for discussion.

He was concerned about not having the auditor's report in April because they did not have a quorum. He was concern about the 3.3 million missing and had some questions.

Mayor's shared, with council she sent an email to council as to when they could reschedule the meeting with Mr. Brown, who turned in his resignation with his final budget. She indicated; a reply was never received from any of the members as to when.

Town Attorney Joseph Dickey, advised the budget could still be amend with any changes as this was only the First Reading.

The Mayor requested a vote on the First Reading from Council's Luongo, Williams, Butler, Simmons and McDaniel all of which was (YES). The vote was unanimous on the First Reading of the Budget.

The Mayor inquired, if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams presented the motion and second by Councilwoman Butler. The vote was unanimous by all of council to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer