

**Town of Galena
Mayor and Council
Public Hearing Record of Motions/Minutes
Monday, June 7, 2021
7 PM**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Carroll at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Those in attendance were Mayor John Carroll, Council Members Sarah Merrell, Frank Bogdan, and Jackie Duhamell. Also in attendance: Town Attorney, Tom Yeager; Treasurer, Barbara Shaw; Grants & Zoning Coordinator Kathleen Billmire; Town Facilities and Maintenance Coordinator Warren Walters; and Town Clerk, Audrey Erschen.

Mayor Carroll read into the record the Publication of Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-02 Budget FY21/22. Barbara Shaw shared the following changes:

- General Fund
 - Estimated Revenues/Expenses: \$444,260
 - Total General Fund Budget \$444,260 (decreased by \$709.00 from budget introduction)
- KC Grant in Aid
 - Kent Count Commissioners have added \$3, 830.00 to their FY21/22 budget for the tax differential offset for duplicated services that the town provides to the residents. (Increased Conference, Meeting & Travel Exp by \$3, 643.00.)
- The American Rescue Plan (ARP):
 - The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021, allocated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRFs) to non-entitlement units (NEUs) of local government, as defined in section 603(g)(5) of the Social Security Act. Under ARPA, States are required to distribute funds and requirements to NEUs within 30 days upon receipt of CLFRFs from the US Treasury. Funds will be distributed in two tranches, with the initial allocation (50 percent of total allocation) disbursed upfront and the second allocation to follow 12 months later. The town is expected to receive \$486,434.00 overall
- Sustainable Community Facade Program Grant (FY19):
 - Remaining available funds are \$10,657.35. This amount was requested in advance to close the grant out. Remaining available funds of advancement are \$6,657.35 and must be used in two (2) years by December of 2021.
- Sustainable Community Facade Program Grant (FY20):
 - \$55,000.00 Residential & Businesses' Property Improvements was awarded in November 2019 and available for use in February 2020. Remaining available funds are \$1,075.20 and must be used in two (2) years by December of 2022.
- Sustainable Community Facade Program Grant (FY21):

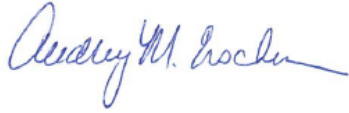
- \$35,000.00 Residential & Businesses' Property Improvements was awarded in March 2021 and available for use in February 2021. Remaining available funds are \$35,000.00 and must be used in two (2) years by December of 2023.
- Delmarva Power Solar Credit:
 - Due to the installation of solar panels at town hall, the town will receive an annual credit from Delmarva Power referred to as MD Net Energy Metering (NEM) Solar Credit. This will be issued every May and will be split between General, Sewer and Water funds.
- Prior Year Surplus:
 - To help balance the budget, the town will be utilizing savings from previous year's surplus to cover cost for the Comprehensive Plan Review, codifying the Zoning Ordinance, etc., Stormwater Projects, and FY19/20 Sustainable Community Facade Program Grant. (\$1,000.00 for Mural was removed, funds will be used in FY20/21)
- SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
 - Estimated Revenues/Expenses: \$350,209.00
 - TOTAL SEWER FUND BUDGET \$350,209.00 (increased by \$940.00 from budget introduction)
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- WATER ENTERPRISE FUND
 - Estimated Revenues/Expenses: \$161,361.00
 - TOTAL WATER FUND BUDGET \$161,361.00 (increased by \$400.00 from budget introduction)
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- Capital Reserve Funding (Restricted):
 - There are no funds available for Short/Long Tem1 Reserve Funds for future capital repairs on the WTP.

There were no comments made by call in's, written letters, or no one was present at the public hearing.

Approval of June 7, 2021, Public Hearing Audio Minutes. **Council Member Duhamell motioned to accept minutes as recorded; Council Member Merrell seconded the Motion, all present were in favor. Motion carried.**

Adjournment of Public Hearing: There being no further discussion; **Council Member Bogdan motioned to close the Public Hearing; Council Member Merrell seconded, all present were in favor. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Audrey M. Erschen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Audrey M. Erschen
Clerk