

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, 5:00 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Kenjuana McCray, Commissioners Jerry Legge, Bryan Marley, Grilley Mitchell and Joanne Scarola.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison, Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin, Public Works Director Don Sisko, Police Chief Stephen Dollinger, Chief Building Inspector Kenny Tatum, Public Works Director Don Sisko, and Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Commissioner Grilley Mitchell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of 2022-2023 Draft Budget.

Mayor Warner requested Finance Director Drew Holland hand out information about the ARP funds from the Federal Government. The total of funds to be received are \$5,051,050. There will be a budget amendment on the next regular meeting agenda.

Police:	
Fustus real time crime center	375,000
license plate reader systems	125,000
Radios	586,000
Quality of Life:	
Chapel Parking Lot	47,000
Basketball Court	62,000
Splash Pad water/sewer lines	105,000
Ballfields at Golfview property	1,400,000

Infrastructure:
Street Improvements

2,351,050

Discussion ensued. Mayor Warner explained if this is approved there will be a budget amendment at the next regular meeting to add this money to the yearly budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve accepting the ARPA funds.

The Board of Commissioners went over each section of the draft budget which was organized by department. Planning Director McLaughlin was allowed to go first as he had another meeting to attend. Police Chief Dollinger went next as he had another meeting to attend also. Discussion ensued for each department's budget. Commissioner Mitchell questioned each department head if their budget met their requirements to sustain the department for the upcoming fiscal year.

Finance Director Drew Holland went over the Town's sources of income and debts and explained each category. Mayor Pro Tem McCray questioned where in the budget the funds for the transportation plan were located. Director Holland stated his plan was to do a budget amendment once the final number was received from FAST Director Randy Hume. Mayor Warner read from an e-mail she had received May 4th from Mr. Hume which described service starting in Oct. 2022 with the Town's 19% cost to be \$31,475. If Cumberland County doesn't participate the additional \$12,873 would need to be split between Hope Mills and Fayetteville. Director Holland stated that the transportation item would be added under the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion ensued for each department's budget. Finance Director Holland had prepared the Human Resources department budget as we did not have an HR director at the time. We do want to make a couple of changes based on now that we have an HR director, she went through this and she wanted a little more in travel so we're going to increase the travel budget to 3,000. The salary amount that I had estimated for salaries was just a little bit less than what the actual agreed upon salary was for her going so there's going to be a little bit of a change to the salary and benefits. Discussion continued. Commissioner Mitchell questioned each department head if their budget met their requirements to sustain the department for the upcoming fiscal year.

Finance Director Drew Holland stated the board has two changes that they need to vote on. For the bus funding you want \$31,475 added.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve adding bus funding.

Finance Director Holland continued the second change was to add \$800 funding for the sunshine committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to approve adding \$800 for funding the Sunshine Committee.

Finance Director Holland stated he would the budget with these changes at the June 6, 2022 regular meeting for the public hearing. He also stated there are two new fees being added for the police department.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk