

Budget Meeting
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 7:30 pm.

Town Manager Terry Pettit opened the meeting with Mayor Doug Purdham and the following Council members in attendance: Mike Knight, Martha Graves, Bruce Stoneberger, Mike Uram, and Duane Layman. Also attending the meeting were as follows: Chief Ryan Dean, Town Accountant Leon Stout, Recreation Director Chuck Short, and Page News & Courier staff writer Christopher Slater.

Mr. Pettit opened the meeting by passing a out an email from the Town of Luray requesting that the Town have someone operate a booth at the Spring Fest for an hour and pass how information regarding upcoming town events. Councilman Uram volunteered to be at the booth at the Spring Fest event.

Mr. Pettit noted the Library is ready to start on their expansion project and a council representative needs to be appointed who will oversee the project as it moved forward. Mr. Pettit mentioned that since Councilman Knight has experience in construction he should be the one who monitors the project. The Council agreed.

Mr. Pettit noted that Recreation Director Chuck Short was present to answer question about the pool. Mr. Short noted that he knew the council wanted an update on Memorial Day. Mr. Short noted that he recommended not opening on Memorial Day because they lose money and help is hard to find for that weekend. Councilman Stoneberger asked if there was anything else he needed. Mr. Short noted not really, but we need to look to see if we are going to fix the fence at the ballfield and be ready if the Little League needs help on their project of building new fields.

Mr. Stout noted that the proposed budget included all changed that were recommended at the previous budget meeting. The budget was reviewed and the council discussed revenue rates. Councilman Uram questioned the rate increase on real estate taxes. He would like to see outside water rates increase because surrounding towns have a much higher rate for outside town connections. Councilman Uram said that the adjustment would allow for a real estate tax decrease for Stanley residents. After discussion the Council recommended for the real estate tax to be increased by one penny from 24 cents to 25 cents, motioned by Councilwoman Graves and seconded by Councilman Stoneberger,

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Martha Graves
Duane Layman

VOTING AGAINST:

Mike Uram

MOTION CARRIED.

The council also recommended for the outside water rates to be increased by one dollar per month.

Mr. Pettit noted that we have until the next council meeting to recommend any changes because the public hearing recommendation has to be made for a June Public Hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

Leon Stout, Temporary Clerk