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May 13, 2009

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
Councilmember Megan M. Cook
Council President John F. Ford

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.

CONVENING

At 6:02 p.m., the President of the Council, Mr. Ford called the meeting to order.

Easton Police Department

Chief Blue and Major Spencer were present to discuss the Easton Police Department's budget requests. Mayor Willey stated that there is a \$2,500 across the board increase to the sworn officers and a 3% increase to the administrative staff.

Chief Blue asked that the Ballistic Vests in the amount of \$5,976 be put back in the budget due to safety issues as well as the \$15,000 for PCO overtime and \$15,000 for a part time maintenance person. He stated that there are 49 officers now with 50 authorized. There are currently three cadets in the Academy.

Chief Blue and Major Spencer departed the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Finance Officer

At 6:55 p.m., Mrs. Callahan discussed Department 1050 and 1200. She stated that they have scaled back the part time position. The department has a 6% total decrease. Mrs. Callahan discussed set audit costs.

Ms. Callahan departed at 7:00 p.m.

Town Planner

Mr. Hamilton stated that they will eventually need a CAD system but at this time they are asking for a replacement car; preferably a 2 WD SUV. He stated that their line items are exactly as last year's.

Mr. Hamilton departed at 7:09 p.m.

Closing comments:

Mayor Willey asked for questions. He advised the Council to see Robert or himself before the public hearing for additional information. He stated that there is a budget item for the Town's 300th Anniversary and a donation to the Talbot County Senior Center.

Mr. Karge stated that the public hearing ads will be advertised for the hearing to be held June 1.

Mr. Karge discussed revenues and the assessed value at \$.52/\$100. He stated that there will be a decrease in revenue this year of at least \$65,000 due to the loss of Cadmus.

ADJOURNMENT

The President of the Council adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk