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TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Easton Town Hall
14 S. Harrison Street
Budget Workshop

April 6, 2017

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Councilmember Al Silverstein
Councilmember Pete Leshner
Councilmember Ron Engle
Councilmember Megan M. Cook
Council President John F. Ford

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CONVENING

President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Engineer

At 6:32 p.m., Mr. Rick VanEmburch was present for the Public Work's requests. He discussed the operating budget and a new position for engineering. He stated it is for help with inspection in the field. Mr. VanEmburch stated that it is for more of a construction position. He stated that Public Works has been helping but they are more geared toward maintenance and not construction. Mr. VanEmburch discussed the MDE designation by the state whereby stormwater inspections have to occur. The person to be hired would need to have a stormwater inspection background as well as storm drains, stormwater management, roads, stone, sidewalks and inspections for private developments. Mr. VanEmburch discussed the coordination between the Town Engineering Department and Easton Utilities.

Mr. Dickerson, Superintendent of Public Works joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Mr. Dickerson stated that the salt storage facility was eliminated. Mr. Dickerson discussed a card system and the need for the safety.

Mr. Dickerson discussed waste collection and the necessity for a leaf vac and a smaller sanitation truck which will get the crew off the back of the truck. He discussed the need for an automated arm.

Mr. Dickerson discussed the replacement of trees and the installation of grids.

Mr. Dickerson discussed reallocation of items requested in the budget.

Mr. Dickerson discussed the use of contractual services for concrete.

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. VanEmburch and Mr. Dickerson exited the meeting.

Parks & Recreation

At 8:10 p.m., Ms. Lorraine Gould, Director was present for the Parks and Recreation Department's requests.

Discussion occurred regarding salaries and the replacement of a new employee.

Ms. Gould discussed the Blue Light Emergency Lights on the rail trail. She stated that the Easton Police Department is supportive of the purchase.

Ms. Gould asked for the engineered wood chips to be returned to her budget.

At 8:26 p.m., Ms. Gould exited the meeting.

1 **Fire Department**

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3 At 8:27 p.m., Chief John Harris; Don Abbatiello, President; Jeff Meintzer, Vice President and Ken
4 Bush, Treasurer were present for the Fire Department

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6 Mr. Abbatiello, President thanked the council and stated that they are present to work with the Mayor
7 and Council.

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9 Discussion occurred regarding major expenses needed. Chief Harrison stated that they will be needing
10 a new engine, new chief unit and 30 sets of new turnout gear. He stated that there are a lot of major
11 expenses expected in the near future. The new turnout gear has been allotted to phase in.

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13 Discussion occurred regarding a future sub-station near Dutchman's Lane.

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15 The LOSAP payment has been put back in as well as the hose allotment.

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17 At 8:44 p.m., members of the Fire Department exited the meeting.

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19 **ADJOURNMENT**

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21 Upon motion by Mr. Silverstein seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford
22 adjourned the budget workshop at 8:46 p.m.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk