

1 **TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**
2 **Easton Town Hall**
3 **14 S. Harrison Street**
4 **Budget Workshop**

5 April 5, 2018
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7 **PRESENT AT CONVENING**
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9 Mayor Robert C. Willey
10 Councilmember Al Silverstein
11 Councilmember Ron Engle
12 Councilmember Megan M. Cook
13 Council President John F. Ford
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15 Mr. Leshner was excused.
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17 **IN ATTENDANCE**
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19 Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Richardson, and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.
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21 **CONVENING**
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23 President Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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25 **Town Engineer**
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27 President Ford stated there are some challenges with the salary portion of the budget as presented.
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29 At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Rick VanEmburch was present for the Public Work's requests.
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31 Mr. VanEmburch stated that Engineering and Public Works work hand and hand and some of the fees
32 might be in the Engineering Department instead of the Public Works budget. Mr. VanEmburch clarified
33 his budget and the contractors used for specific services.
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35 Mr. Richardson stated that there were no cuts in this department on the operating side.
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37 Mr. VanEmburch discussed improvements and studies scheduled in the capital budget side.
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39 Mr. VanEmburch discussed the possibility of a light at Glenwood which would help the spur line.
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41 Mr. Michael Dickerson, Superintendent of Public Works joined the workshop meeting at 6:51 p.m.
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43 Mr. VanEmburch stated that they are researching the upgrade of parking meters.
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45 Mr. Dickerson discussed the recycling contract.
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47 Mr. Dickerson stated that they are asking for iPads for supervisors.
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49 Mr. Dickerson is asking for the replacement of banners for downtown.
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51 President Ford stated that the Town Engineer's and Public Work's budget presentation is very
52 informative.
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54 Mr. Dickerson and Mr. VanEmburch exited the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
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56 **Parks & Recreation Department**
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58 At 7:58 p.m., Ms. Lorraine Gould, Director was present for the Parks and Recreation Department's
59 requests.
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61 Ms. Gould stated that the budget is all good for her department.
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63 Ms. Gould stated that if she had a wish list, it would be for lights and restrooms on the football field at
64 North Easton Park.
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1 President Ford stated that he is not overly optimistic for the lights and restrooms this year. She said she
2 would continue to ask for it in upcoming years. Next year's budget requisition may also include blue
3 light emergency lights on the rails-to-trails once the spur and Mecklenburg portion is complete.
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5 At 8:06 p.m., Ms. Gould exited the meeting.
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7 **Easton Volunteer Fire Department**
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9 At 8:22 p.m., Chief John Harris; Mr. Don Abbatiello, President; Mr. Phil Marshall, Treasurer, were
10 present for the Fire Department.
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12 Mr. Richardson stated that they have been fully funded as well as the repair of a generator.
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14 Mr. Abbatiello stated that they are working with the town for future capital projects. He stated that
15 they need to make sure the replacement of turn out gear for the fire fighters is funded.
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17 Chief Harris stated that they would like to replace lighting with LED lights. They may have to replace
18 with less lights with the amount allocated (\$10,000).
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20 At 8:35 p.m., members of the Fire Department exited the meeting.
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22 **ADJOURNMENT**
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24 Upon motion by Mrs. Cook seconded by Mr. Engle and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned
25 the budget workshop at 8:36 p.m.
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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk