

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH**  
**Budget Workshop/Special Called Meeting**  
May 13, 2008  
3:30:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mayor Ron Klein  
Mayor Pro Tem Len Steiner  
Councilman Ron Watts  
Councilman Bob Bobinski  
Councilman Lou DeVita  
Councilman Wilson Sherrill

**Others Present**

Gary Parker, Town Administrator  
Larry Crim, Asst'. Admin  
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk  
Police Chief Lisa Massey

Meeting reconvened from Monday, May 12 at 5:20 p.m.

**Appropriations-**

Parker explained these items were the same amounts appropriated as the year before with the exception of the second fire station which was \$300,000. They were looking at three years out with each year having 300,000 appropriated before finalization.

Steiner stated he had looked at the street account yesterday and saw nothing allocated for street costs on the mainland in way of paving. He stressed that the costs of paving would not be decreasing and felt at least \$500,000 should be allocated each year for this account. They had postponed any resurfacing until sewer was installed and some of the roads were in terrible shape. He felt that by 2012, when the sewer project was completed they should have at least two million dollars in the street fund.

Parker stated that most of the estimated \$2 million cost of currently projected street paving is for constructing the island's dirt streets which will be done only on receipt of a certified petition process. The remaining \$300,000 of paving (plus any other determined to be needed) is what the Town would be dealing with. He and Larry Crim will survey the streets and see which ones were in the worst shape and what needed actual paving and provide that information to Council in the very near future. There was general discussion by Council to leave the funding as is and wait to see what information the Administrator has to present later.

For a general summarization, Parker reminded Council the town was in excellent shape. The General Statutes recommend a fund balance of a minimum of 8% and the Local Government's recommendation was 75%.

Steiner showed particular concern regarding Angel's Trace Road. He suggested it be made part of the town and upgraded. He felt money needed to be allocated for this project. It had to be fixed. Council agreed but

felt there was monies in the fund balance to take care of any future needs and asked Parker to follow up on any decision the owners had made concerning giving their share of the road to the Town.

Council discussed the lighting on the proposed bridge, and in summation with last years decision, agreed that lighting would not be required.

**Motion** by Watts to adopt a resolution removing the lighting fund. Seconded by Sherrill. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Watts to move the balance from the lighting fund to the biking and walking paths reserve fund. Seconded by Sherrill. Reactions varied so the Mayor called votes:

For: Watts, Sherrill, Bobinski, DeVita,

Against: Steiner

Motion Carried .

DeVita asked that the Town allocate 50,000 to the War Memorial to be placed at Village Park. Council agreed and directed Finance to move said money into Governing Body.

There was discussion of the tax rate. Council felt they were in good enough financial shape to reduce the rate to 9.5 cents. After careful consideration, stated recommendation of 9.5 cents was considered acceptable for the 2008-2009 budget year.

Parker stated he would distribute all funds as instructed, make corrections to the budget book and have a corrected, completed copy for them to look at in a few days, in plenty of time prior to the June 2 meeting.

Nothing further items were discussed. Meeting adjourned.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2008.

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*Mayor Ron Klein*

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*Kim Cochran*

Town Clerk

