

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
GENERAL SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Michael E. Hale, Mayor
Lois Ann Blue, Council Member – Ward 1
Cynthia Bowden, Council Member – Ward 2
Vivian Jackson, Council Member – Ward 3
Doreatha Epps, Council Member – Ward 4
Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer
Brian Gibson, Chief of Police
John Barr, Town Attorney
Tracy Stone, Media Coordinator

ADOPTION ORDINANCE O-1-2012 ANNUAL BUDGET & LEVY

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave overview of the Tax Levy. Mr. Baden stated that the state had given the town incorrect assessments for Real and Commercial properties. Mr. Baden stated that the Commercial Property tax rate will be set at \$1.15. Residential Property tax rates will be set at \$1.49. These rates will allow the town to collect the same tax revenue as the previous year with no increase to the residents.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-1-2012.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to adopt Ordinance O-1-2012 Annual Budget & Levy with the correction to the tax rate. Seconded by Council Member Blue. The Motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. McClain questioned if the meeting was advertised. Ms. McClain also asked if meeting could be advertised on the town's cable channel. Ms. McClain asked if minutes could be available to town residents to review during the General Session.

Ms. Rebekah Lusk stated that the town should have better communicated the tax rate. Ms. Lusk asked that the town consider ways to reduce the Budget in order to reduce taxes to Commercial properties.

Josh Fernebok, Harvey Property Management thanked Mr. Lusk for noticing the problem with the tax rate.

Frank Quinn thanked the Council and Mr. Baden for reconsidering the rate.

ADJOURMENT

Mayor Hale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Council Member Jackson.