

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Michael E. Hale asked for a motion to call the Budget Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to call the meeting to order. Seconded by Council Member Blue.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENTS OF SILENCE

Mayor Michael E. Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a Moment of Silence.

OVERVIEW OF BUDGET ORDINANCE O-1-2013

Daniel Baden, Clerk-Treasurer gave an overview of Ordinance O-1-2013 Annual Budget & Tax Levy. This Ordinance was introduced at the May 14th, 2013 Town Meeting. There have been discussions regarding the budget since that meeting and the budget attached includes some updates.

The Ordinance also adopts the tax rates for the Town. The Residential Real Property rate is \$1.49 per \$100 of assessed rate. The Commercial Real Property rate is \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed rate. These rates have not changed since last year's budget. There will be no tax increases on resident's tax bills this year.

COMMENTS

Council Member Epps questioned the purchase of speed bumps in FY 2013 budget. Mayor Hale stated that the cost of the speed bumps had gone up and the item had been tabled. There is no funding available in FY 2013 budget for new speed bumps.

The Council questioned if there were any grants available for the speed bumps. Dan Baden Clerk-Treasurer said he did not know of any but the issue could be investigated.

Mayor Hale suggested having the Police monitor the situation where there speeding issues.

Mayor Michael E. Hale called for a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance. Motion is to be made during Town Meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Paxton, 3407 39th Place, questioned the presence of back-up documentation for the budgeted items.

Dan Baden, Clerk-Treasurer said that she could submit a written request and he would give her any documentation she requested.

Secondly, she questioned the disbursement of funds to Mayor for his mother's funeral expenses. Mayor Hale said the funds were being deducted from his monthly stipend to cover the cost of his mother's funeral. In effect, he was paid in advance.

Ms. Paxton also questioned the electric bill expense for Police Department. It was her impression that the building was empty.

Motion made by Council Member Blue to approve Ordinance O-1-2013 Annual Budget & Levy. Seconded by Council Member Jackson. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hale called for a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to adjourn Budget Hearing. Seconded by Council Member Epps.