

**MINUTES  
TAYLORS FIRE & SEWER DISTRICT  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 27, 2019**

A special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the District Office in the Board Room, 3335 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, South Carolina at 4:30 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Bowen, Commission Chairman  
Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Commission Vice Chairman/Secretary  
Jeff Hannah, Commission Treasurer

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bobby Baker, Fire Chief	Shane Bagwell, Accreditation Manager
Samantha Babb, Director of Sewer Services	Chris Powell, Construction Crew Leader
Gary Cantrell, Operations Supervisor	Michael Jones, TV Crew Leader
Stephanie Hackler, Senior Accounting & HR Specialist	

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

David Babb, Kaelyn Cashman (Greer Citizen), Jaime Daniel, Tom Guzik

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bowen at 4:30 pm. Chairman Bowen stated that the media outlets who requested notification of this special called public hearing were notified via door posting, email, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Chairman Bowen also wanted the minutes to reflect that the public hearing was rescheduled from Tuesday, June 25, 2019 to today, Thursday, June 27, 2019. The deadline to publish the notice for the public hearing in accordance with the 15-day minimum required by law was missed in error. This caused the District to have to reschedule later in the week.

Chairman Bowen then recognized Mrs. Jaime Daniel to present a draft of the FY 2020 Budget. She stated that the proposed percentage increase in the millage rate between FY 2019 and FY 2020 for the Fire Department and the Sewer Department is 3.24% and 5.83%, respectively. The overall proposed millage increase is 3.95%. According to the 2019 tax year proposed millage, the homeowner of a home valued at \$100,000 would pay approximately \$251.60 in property taxes for annual fire protection and \$94.40 for annual sewer maintenance services, which is a combined increase of \$12.80 (or 3.2 mils) from the 2018 tax year. The FY 2019 (2018 Tax Year) tax rate millage for the Fire Department is 61.0 and the proposed tax rate millage for FY 2020 (2019 Tax Year) is 62.9. The FY 2019 (2018 Tax Year) tax rate millage for the Sewer Department is 22.3 and the proposed tax rate millage for FY 2020 (2019 Tax Year) is 23.6. The total budgeted revenues and expenditures for FY 2019 for the Fire Department was \$4,892,000 and proposed total for FY 2020 is \$5,283,000. The total budgeted revenues and expenditures for FY 2019 for the Sewer Department was \$3,398,000 and proposed total for FY 2020 is \$3,730,000. The increase for the Fire Department is primarily due to increased personnel costs and maintenance. The increase for the Sewer Department is primarily due

to increased personnel cost, community relations, administrative expenses, interfund transfers and capital expenditures. Mrs. Daniel asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The Department Heads discussed the details of their separate budgets with the Board. Director Babb presented the Sewer Department's capital expenditures. She asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

Fire Chief Baker presented the Fire Department's capital expenditures. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Bowen opened the floor for public comment at 4:46 pm. In reference to the Ford Expedition that Fire Chief Baker mentioned when detailing the Department's capital expenditures, Mr. Guzik asked if Fire Chief Baker looked at the Ford vehicle larger than the Expedition. Fire Chief Baker stated that several makes and models are considered when a vehicle is being replaced and that the vehicle being replaced does not necessarily have to be replaced with its same make and model.

Mr. Guzik then asked when the millage rate is set, does the District look at neighboring special purpose districts to see what they are doing. Chairman Bowen answered yes, the District does check around with other special purpose districts. Senior Accounting & HR Specialist stated that when it's sent to us from the County, it lists all of our neighboring districts, so it's right there in a spreadsheet where we can look and see where they are currently at and what last year's looks like.

Mr. Guzik went on to state that BLD, a sewer contractor currently working for the District, is more than willing to go give answers to any questions. He also stated what a good job the Sewer Department is doing and that they do not get all the accolades they deserve. Chairman Bowen and Director Babb both stated they appreciated Mr. Guzik's comment.

Mr. Guzik asked Fire Chief Baker if the Department planned on anything else in the immediate further as far as apparatuses or vehicles within the budget. Fire Chief Baker answered no, not in this coming budget year. Mr. Guzik then asked Director Babb are there any other large expenditures other than the ones she mentioned previously. Director Babb stated there were not besides the Department's wet weather program of 3 million dollars.

Mr. Guzik then asked Director Babb if she knew much about the Oak Branch Estates proposed development, which he referred to as the development at Tanner and Roberts Roads. Director Babb stated that the development still has some negotiating to do on some agreements and that if everything goes well, a permit to construct should be obtain in about a month.

Mr. Guzik thanked the Board for the floor. Chairman Bowen asked if there were any more or comments. There were none. Chairman Bowen closed the floor for public comment at 4:58 pm.

Treasurer Hannah made a motion to accept the FY 2020 budget as proposed. Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman/Secretary Rea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Hannah seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.



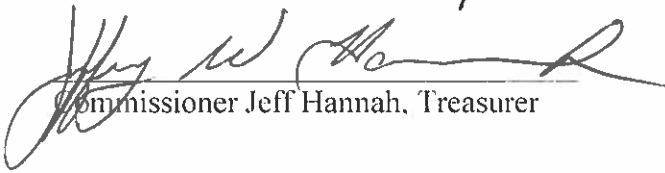
Commissioner Paul Bowen, Chairman



Date Minutes Approved



Commissioner Mark A. J. Rea Jr., Vice Chairman/Secretary



Commissioner Jeff Hannah, Treasurer

