

**New Market Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting/Public Hearing
April 21, 2008, 7:00 pm**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chamber of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building with the following members present: John Blosser, Vice Mayor, Ripley Click, Troy Fadeley, Gary Comer, and Mary Alice Burch. Eddie Litten and Mayor Tom Constable were absent.

Town Manager – Evan Vass
Town Clerk – Jeanne Rinker
Visitors and Press – See Attached Sheet

I. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum

Vice Mayor Blosser called the special meeting into session and announced that a quorum was present.

II. Public Hearing

The purpose of the special meeting was a public hearing as required by Virginia State Code Section 15.2-2506 to receive public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Budget. Mr. Vass gave a Power Point presentation showing increases in expenditures over the current FY 2007-2008 budget. He noted that both Water/Sewer and General Fund Revenues remain largely unchanged from the previous fiscal year, the only proposed increase being a \$1.53/month increase in the monthly trash fee. The increased trash fees will not show up until the August 1, 2008 water/sewer bill. The hard copy of Mr. Vass's presentation is attached and provides a concise overview of the proposed budget. He concluded with the generalization that this budget is very similar to last year's budget.

Mr. Blosser then opened the floor for any comments or questions. Mr. Sonny Mongold asked about the funds that had been set aside for the Shady Lane project. Mr. Vass stated that it would be addressed through a revenue sharing project which has been put on temporary hold by VDOT. He added that he had failed to mention that one significant capital expenditure had been taken out of the budget for now, that being the Shady Lane project. If the revenue sharing project is reenergized by VDOT, the Town will possibly choose to go after those funds competitively. This is not a done project, just one that will utilize a different source of revenue to get to it.

There were no more citizens' comments or questions. Mr. Blosser closed the public hearing at 7:13 pm and announced that Council would reconvene at 7:30 pm for the regular monthly Council meeting.

John Blosser, Vice Mayor

Jeanne K. Rinker, Town Clerk