

TOWN OF SWANSEA  
BUDGET  
PUBLIC HEARING  
October 28, 2024  
5:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Viola McDaniel  
Pro Tem Linda Butler  
Councilman Michael Luongo  
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

**ABSENT**

Jerome Williams

**MINUTES**

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order by Mayor Viola McDaniel at 5:30 P.M. The Public Hearing on the 2024-25 Budget for the fiscal year.

The Public Notice was posted for the budget on the Swansea website.

The town has a quorum to start the meeting. We were then led with Council the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quick review of the budget was presented via Christine Keefer. General Funds covered both revenue and expenses for the administration department, police department and the municipal court. Total projected revenue for the entire General Fund is 743,175,00, which balance with the expenses. A surplus of \$32.00 to balance with the expenditure and the revenue.

For Enterprise Fund which is water, sewer and sanitation services the town provides. The project revenue is \$1,559,662.68 includes anticipated collection of old accounts receivable water service fees, tap fees, commercial fees impact fees, collection of accounts turned over to debt set off on sanitation fee.

Skip Grant finance study of Water and Sewer System, to find out its current state of what needs to be done. The study is funded with the grant.

***Public Hearing Comments - 2 minutes Citizens***

Tammy Caudill – Statement on writing off, of any water bills that are delinquent. The only time that should happen, if the party is deceased or there is absolutely no way to collect the money. If so, add an extra twenty dollars to their bill.

Tom Dougherty – stated he look at the group being a unit. His question was regarding the bank fees of \$972.00. He was concern if Council received a monthly financial statement. In addition, to make sure the town was not bouncing checks. The town should be fiscal responsible.

Mayor McDaniel gave him an immediate response; NO, the town has not bounced any checks during her tenure.

Cheyenne Shumpert. – Why is there such a huge amount of money due from water customers 228K. Who is responsible for this? She came in two weeks ago and had the highest bill. She had received two water bills on September 24, 2024.

Mayor McDaniel asked, if she would bring her complaints to the office at town hall.

There were no other comments in regards to the budget.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey  
Clerk Treasurer