

**2017/2018 Budget Workshop**  
**Town of Nutter Fort**  
**02/22/2017**

Mayor Maxson convened the meeting at 5:05 pm in Council chambers.

Attendance: Mayor Sam Maxson, Recorder Charlene Louk, Councilors Natalie Haddix, Bruce Kidd, Karen Phillips and Brenda Riley, Treasurer Julia Foley, Leslie Cummings and Chief Jeremy Haddix.

Absent: Councilor William Benincosa, Maintenance Supervisor Jim Wolfe.

Treasurer Foley distributed a five year history of the Rainy Day Fund and account balances (attached). She explained the actual account balances are different than the budget, which is a prediction based on anticipated revenues and expenses.

Council members had the opportunity to review the spreadsheet for the General Revenue Account Budget for FY 16/17 and the proposed FY 17/18 Budget (attached).

Treasurer Foley explained line items and answered questions for the proposed budget. She noted there are a number of line items that have already been decreased on the proposed budget from this year's budget.

Mrs. Cummings explained the employer portion of state retirement for all full time employees is decreasing from 12.5% to 11% beginning July 1, 2017. This will net a savings of approximately \$5000 for the General account and \$1000.00 for the Waste account. The town will use this savings towards the 2% employee cost of living increase.

Council asked for clarification of several line items, looking for areas to save funds. The group is aware the town will lose approximately \$40,000.00 in B & O revenues in the new fiscal year with a major business moving out of the town. Mrs. Foley noted the proposed budget will be revised to reflect changes and suggestions discussed tonight.

Councilor Kidd explained the concept of "net neutral" or breaking even. He reminded council we need to look at costs for services versus benefits and be sure they are worth what we are paying.

Chief Godwin and Chief Haddix assured council they run their departments as cost effectively as possible and hold their staff accountable as well. They are willing to cut costs whenever possible. Maintenance supervisor was absent. Mayor Maxson will speak to Mr. Wolfe about accountability for expenditures, inventory and related issues. All departments need to share the burden of being accountable and saving costs whenever possible.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlene Louk, Recorder

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Sam Maxson, Mayor

