

**TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**March 15, 2021 –MINUTES**

The Bethany Beach Town Council and Budget and Finance Committee held a public hearing on **Monday, March 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

**The Meeting room was closed to the public because of COVID-19 restrictions.**

The meeting could be viewed on two internet platforms:

The Town's Website at: [www.townofbethanybeach.com](http://www.townofbethanybeach.com) , by clicking on the Government Tab, then going to the left side of the page and clicking on Live Video Broadcast

or

On the Town's YouTube page at: [www.YouTube.com/BethanyBeachGov](http://www.YouTube.com/BethanyBeachGov)

While the meeting was being broadcast members of the public could send questions or concerns regarding topics on this meeting's Agenda to: [questions@townofbethanybeach.com](mailto:questions@townofbethanybeach.com)

Members present for the hearing were: Rosemary Hardiman, Mayor; who presided; Jerry Morris, Faith Denault, Bruce Frye, Joseph Healy and Patrick Sheplee.

Excused Members: Lew Killmer

Also present were: Cliff Gravier, Town Manager; John Apple, Assistant Town Manager; Janet Connery, Finance Director and Will Wharton IT Manager.

Mayor Hardiman called the hearing to order at 1:02 p.m.

She asked Mr. Gravier to explain to those who are attending this Zoom meeting how they can provide comments at this meeting.

Following Mr. Gravier's presentation, Ms. Hardiman read into the record:

*The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Town budget for FY 2022 which begins on April 1, 2021 and ends on March 31, 2022.*

*The proposed budget is available for inspection in Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., (except on scheduled holidays), and is also available on the Town's website [www.townofbethanybeach.com](http://www.townofbethanybeach.com)*

*Notice of the hearing was posted on bulletin boards throughout Town on March 1, 2021. Notice was also posted on the Town's website on March 1, 2021. It was advertised in the Coastal Point Newspaper on March 5, 2021 and in the Cape Gazette on March 5, 2021.*

Ms. Hardiman then asked Mr. Morris, Treasurer, to summarize the budget.

Mr. Morris read into the record:

*This is a public hearing on the proposed FY 2022 budget. The Budget & Finance Committee has met and recommends approval of this budget.*

*This proposed budget includes \$10,561,000 in revenue, \$9,338,000 in operating costs, \$1,790,000 in capital projects and \$246,000 in debt repayments.*

*The Town Council will continue to monitor the fiscal effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as the year progresses and will adjust as needed.*

*There are no new changes to taxes or fees proposed in this budget.*

Since there were no public comments submitted prior to or during the hearing, Mayor Hardiman closed the hearing at 1:07 PM

Respectfully submitted:

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*Molly Daisey,  
Administrative Assistant*