

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**  
**3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC**  
**7 PM**

**JUNE 12, 2018**

**ATTENDING:** Mayor David Cleveland  
Council Members: John Barnes, Kristen Bowman, Pam Jack, James  
Record and Fabian Szarko  
Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett  
Attorney Ken Swain

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor David Cleveland called the June 12, 2018 Budget Public Hearing to order.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor David Cleveland gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor David Cleveland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Mayor David Cleveland reviewed the proposed budget. The total general fund budget is \$1,209,390 which is a \$7,026 increase from the present year. The proposed tax rate is twenty-four cents, which is a one cent increase. There has been no increase in the tax rate in eight or nine years, and this would equate to a \$25 increase on a \$250,000 home. We anticipate a 99% collection rate. Property taxes are estimated at \$571,666, motor vehicles tax at \$83,545, and stormwater fees at \$62,137. With significant stormwater expenditures in the last year or two, the proposed storm water fee has gone from \$2.50 to \$3.75 per month for residential. State shared revenues are budgeted at \$347,775, and park and rec revenues at \$66,000. Appropriated fund balance is \$58,973. Mayor David Cleveland reviewed proposed expenditures; General Government is \$381,648, Parks and Rec \$371,955 and Public Services / Safety \$505,787.

A citizen inquired as to how the Village ensures that we receive the best for less. Mayor David Cleveland explained that the Village received two bids on the front entrance stormwater renovations, and they were within \$1,000 of each other. The Village has a three year contract with Lucas for landscaping. Three or four years ago, after receiving multiple bids, Lucas was considerably lower. For waste collection, the Village had multiple bidders, before selecting Waste Pro. Typically we get bids on any significant projects. Sometimes it is hard to get bids on smaller \$2,000 - \$3,000 projects. We anticipate a re-paving project later this year. The last time we went out to bid for paving, we were hoping for two or three bids, but we only received one.

**ADJOURN:** Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Kristen Bowman seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. The meeting ended at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mayor David Cleveland

  
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Village Administrator, Cheri Clark

