



Town of Micro
Board of Commissioners SPECIAL Budget Work Session
MINUTES
Monday – May 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Micro Town Hall

Elected Officials Present:

Marty Parnell, Mayor
Kevin Worley, Mayor Pro Tem *
Tim Earp, Commissioner
Katy Garcia, Commissioner
*Arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Others Present:

Lee Worsley, Central Pines COG
Kimberly Moffett, Interim Town Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Mayor Parnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge as well as offering the Invocation.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Board of Commissioners continued discussion/work on creation of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Worsley was present and stated there was a CD currently in the amount of \$3,561.16 at Truist. Mr. Worsley also provided an update regarding the \$950,000 ARP grant funding earmarked for sewer improvements. He stated while he didn't feel the funds were in jeopardy, we were on a very tight schedule to provide them with requested documentation regarding scheduling of 2023 and 2024 audits as well as response to 2022 audit.

Mr. Worsley provided information that the tax base is \$48,479,495 as of May 13, 2025. He stated the collection rate is 97.86% per the 2022 audit. The current tax rate is .62 per \$100 and the revenue neutral rate would be .338 per \$100. It was stated that it was agreed at the previous budget work session that the tax rate would be set at .39 per \$100, which would provide an additional \$24,670. Garbage rates are being increased by providers and that increase will be included in the adoption of the budget in the Comprehensive List of Fees and Charges. There was discussion regarding possible Reduction in Force.

There was discussion regarding the proposed budget and location and percentages where salaries would be budgeted. There was also discussion regarding the fire tax, and it was agreed that the percentage of 19.35% would remain, which would increase payment to the fire department by \$5,660. The proposed budget also included funds to complete the work necessary for the past due audits. It was stated that \$5,000 was included in Parks & Recreation to support the anticipated opening of the community center.

Mr. Worsley provided information regarding fund balance and well as the future finish line. Charts and spreadsheets were provided showing projections. It was agreed that the town needs to be looking at a fund balance target and to date are making good progress.

There was continued discussion regarding fire tax and Mr. Worsley provided names of both the Fire Marshall for the county as well as the Fire Chief for the Cleveland Fire Department, both of which could answer any questions and/or concerns.

Information was shared regarding the Utility Fund. A lengthy discussion took place about the need for rate increases. Numerous scenarios were discussed. It was agreed that the following increases would be implemented:

- In Town Residential Water and Sewer Base Rate and Consumption Rate increased by 4.5%
- Out of Town Residential Water and Sewer Base Rate and Consumption Rate is increased by 9%
- In Town Commercial Water and Sewer Base Rate and Consumption Rate increased by 9%
- Out of Town Commercial Water and sewer Base Rate and Consumption Rate is increased by 13.5%
- Consumption rate for all out-of-town customers changed to charging for every gallon.

3. ADJOURNMENT

a. Adjourn the Meeting

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ACTION: Motion to Adjourn

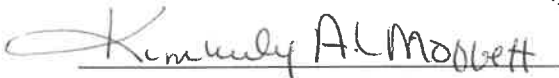
Motion: Council Member Earp
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Worley
Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 10th day of June 2025 while in regular session.




Marty Parnell
Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Moffett, CMC, NCCMC
Interim Town Clerk