

1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING  
2 OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
3 FY 2007-08 RECOMMENDED BUDGET  
4 MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007  
5 5:00 PM – EMERALD ISLE TOWN HALL  
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8 The special workshop meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was  
9 called to order by Mayor Art Schools at 5:00 pm.

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11 Present for the meeting: Mayor Art Schools, Commissioners Nita Hedreen, Tom  
12 Hoover, Floyd Messer, John Wootten, and Maripat Wright.

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14 Others present: Frank Rush Town Manager, Asst. Town Manager/Finance  
15 Officer Mitsy Overman, Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee, Fire Chief Bill Walker,  
16 Public Works Director Artie Dunn, Parks and Recreation Director Alesia  
17 Sanderson, Planning Director Kevin Reed, and Police Chief Bill Hargett.

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19 Also present: Ben Dadd and Doug Fleming, Emerald Isle EMS.  
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21 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**  
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23 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adopt the Agenda. The***  
24 ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***  
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26 **FY 07-08 RECOMMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATIONS / Q & A**  
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- 28 a. General Comments
  - 29 b. Emerald Isle EMS
  - 30 c. Fire Department
  - 31 d. Public Works / Powell Bill / Solid Waste
  - 32 e. Parks and Recreation
  - 33 f. Planning and Inspections
  - 34 g. Police Department
  - 35 h. Governing Body / Legal / Administration / NonDepartmental
  - 36 i. Transfers to Other Funds
  - 37 j. Other Funds
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39 Town Manager Frank Rush started the meeting with general comments.  
40 Following this each Department Head summarized for the Board their budget  
41 requests, priorities and goals for the Fiscal Year 07-08.  
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2 To follow is a summary of Board comments following the budget presentations:  
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- 4 • Consider utilizing EMS' vehicle replacement fund for other needs, and  
5 then fund entire cost of new ambulance in FY 08-09;  
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- 7 • Push back timeline for Fire Station #3, if ultimately needed to FY 09-  
8 10; continue research on other options for maintaining current ISO  
9 rating, consequences of not doing Fire Station #3 and impact on the  
10 rating, and impacts on insurance premiums if rating digresses;  
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- 12 • Consider including Solid Waste expenditures in the General Fund, as  
13 opposed to creation of a new fund;  
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- 15 • Consider eliminating annual solid waste fee and funding services with  
16 property taxes; examine potential benefits to sales tax distribution;  
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- 18 • Consider purchasing new utility vehicle for Public Works that can also  
19 accommodate Parks and Recreation's needs at Emerald Isle Woods –  
20 4 x 4 utility vehicle;  
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- 22 • Proceed with RFP for banking services in next few months;  
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- 24 • Consult with Emerald Isle Business Association on need for funding;  
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- 26 • Reduce funding for OWLS from \$1,500 to \$1,000;  
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- 28 • Consider joining Swansboro Chamber of Commerce.  
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30 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hedreen to excuse Commissioner***  
31 ***Wootten at 7:05 pm. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion***  
32 ***carried.***  
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34 **NEXT MEETING – MAY 21, 5 PM – TOWN HALL**  
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- 36 • **5-Year Capital Replacement / Improvement Program**
- 37 • **Board Discussion**

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39 Town Manager Rush noted the next meeting as noted above is planned to be  
40 held in the small conference room here at Town Hall. The next meeting planned  
41 is to discuss the 5-Year Capital Replacement / Improvement Program and give  
42 the Board time to discuss and provide feedback and guidance on all issues.  
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Mr. Rush added that the official Public Hearing for the FY 07-08 Budget would take place on Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 7 pm at the Emerald Isle Community Center.

**ADJOURN**

***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

**The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC  
Town Clerk