

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET OVERRUNS WORKSHOP
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013
POLICE STATION COMMUNITY ROOM
16 E. EMERSON CUMMINS BLVD.
7:00 P.M.**

A Budget Overruns Workshop of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2013. Chair MacDonald opened the meeting at 7:00

The following Councilors were in attendance:

Vice Chair Bolduc
Councilor Coleman
Councilor Dayton
Councilor Furtado
Chair MacDonald
Councilor Mailhot
Councilor Quinn

Vice Chair Bolduc opened the meeting by saying she had issues with the lines over budget and also with lines that were not in the original budget and now have expenses. She also asked if all situations were being handled according the Charter.

Both Chair MacDonald and Vice Chair Bolduc said they appreciated all the work that the new Finance Director has been doing.

Mark Pearson, Town Manager, Diana Asanza, Finance Director, Christopher White, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Police Chief Dana Kelley and Public Works Director Bill Robertson answered any questions regarding their areas of responsibilities. John Bird, Jerome Begert and Kelley Roy also made comments.

The meeting went over the expenditures by department.

Below were generic comments or concerns:

While audit info was being discussed, Diana Asanza said the audit would be ready within the next couple of weeks. Chair Macdonald said that would be great.

Chair MacDonald asked the Town Manager if everything over \$1000 was going out for bid per the Town Charter. No response was given.

Council Coleman said that this is first year for a line item budget and that we knew we would be out of budget. This year is to be used as a forecast for next year's budget.

There was discussion about whether the lines within a department could be increased or decrease with out Council approval. Chair MacDonald mentioned as an example the overage in the police depart of over \$40,000. Councilor Coleman said this is what happens when the Chair decides to take out the Manager in secret meetings. Councilor Dayton said that a transfer policy needs to be established.

Vice Chair Bolduc said that perhaps a financial update once a month would help to keep people in the loop. She mentioned the parking meter money and the discrepancies in that account.

Councilor Coleman suggested the figures Councilor Furtado was using were fuzzy. Councilor Furtado had said that if we continued as we were, we might be over \$500,000 over the budget. Councilor Dayton said we have never been over.

Diana Asanza said that this is a roadmap of each department's line items. They can talk about what vendors have been charged to what lines and then change if appropriate.

Councilor Coleman brought up micro managing and witch hunts.
Vice Chair Bolduc said it is not micro managing; it is due diligence.

Chair MacDonald asked the Finance Director for charts showing seasonal info. Both The Chair and the Finance Director worked out what reports would be helpful and those reports will be supplied by the Finance Director.

The meeting ended at midnight.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Sheila M. Flathers
Interim Town Council Secretary**

**I, Sheila M. Flathers, Interim Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of two (2) pages is a copy of the Budget Overruns Workshop of February 25, 2013.
Sheila M. Flathers**