

Oak Bluffs Community Development Council

Meeting #92

Minutes of 03.18.2009

9am Town Hall Meeting Room

Members in attendance:

Nancy Phillips, Renee Balter, Terry Appenzellar, Priscilla Sylvia and Alison Shaw (recorder)

Members absent:

Iona Pressley, Richard Westcott, James Westervelt

Item: Minutes

Minutes of the 03.04.09 meeting were read, amended and accepted.

Item: Cost of Services

Terry noted that in terms of allocating costs, we've only addressed about 40% of the \$22,000,000 budget, so we still have work to do. She pointed out that some of the departmental expenses are buried in other places in the Town budget. For example, all of the insurance costs are in the Treasurer's budget. **Priscilla** noted that "training" had also been removed from the individual departments and moved elsewhere. The point being that many things from many departments are all lumped together – in addition to insurance and training, these include fuel and wastewater. **Terry** pointed out that by lumping something like training into one place, it is probably a cost-saving measure, since the Town is more able to keep better control over the distribution of money. It just makes it more challenging for us to do the COS study. She suggested we take the lump sum of these costs, divide it by the number of employees, determine a per-capita charge, and re-allocate it back to each department.

Terry presented her COS updates.

Ambulance: Used seasonal allocation.

Assessors: Used standard allocation.

Building: Change to 25% business, 75% residential.

Conservation: Almost no business. Will allocate 5% to business.

Council on Aging: No business. No seasonal impact on expenses, even though there is heavier use in the summer.

Fire: 10% business. **Jim** still needs to provide more info. **Priscilla** noted that "other charges and expenses" is a large amount of money to be lumped in together and not broken down.

Health: Used standard allocation.

Highway: Used seasonal allocation, but maybe we should re-think this.

IT: Change to 10% business.

Library: 3% business. Seasonal allocation.

Marina: Little or no business benefit. Seasonal allocation. Todd Alexander provided information about "other charges and expenses" and what % of moorings are used by year 'round residents.

Parks: Seasonal allocation.

Police: Seasonal allocation.

Shellfish: Change to 10% business. Need to re-visit whether or not to use seasonal allocation.

Tax Collector: Still need motor vehicle excise numbers. Cheryl Sashin provided this info.

Wastewater: Will determine % based on sewer connections.

Water District: Less than 10% business. Standard allocation.

Terry said that for the purposes of simplification and being able to produce a useful pie chart, we should try and group departments, e.g. Ambulance, Fire, Police, Highway and Park could be grouped.

Priscilla gave everyone a copy of the draft 2010 Town budget, and discussion followed.

Terry will do one more pass-through on all of the COS info that's been gathered.

Priscilla will get info on the number of employees in each department.

Meeting Adjourned 10:35am

Next meeting 04.01.09, in the Town Hall