

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED
MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2008**

I. Call to Order

The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called the Special Called meeting of the West Point Town Council to order at 5:05 p.m.

Members Present: James H. Hudson, III, Mayor; Deborah Ball, Vice Mayor, Charles Gordon, Wayne Healy, Jack Lawson, Gail Nichols and Bub Shreaves.

Members Absent: Tina Gulley.

Also Present: Trent Funkhouser, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; T. C. Moore, Town Treasurer, Neal Barber, Economic Development Coordinator, Holly McGowan, Director of Community Development, Chief Bill Hodges, WPPD and other interested persons.

II. Public Hearing

Town of West Point Real Property Tax Increase

Mr. Hudson advised the Town has advertised a public hearing on the Tax Rate Increase. Due to the property reassessment by King William County the equalization tax rate is \$0.54 per \$100, the proposed tax rate is \$0.60 that includes an increase of \$0.06. Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on the Real Estate Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

1. Dennis Norman, 1214 Lee Street, West Point, Virginia advised he has a concern with the amount of the reassessment of his home and stated that if he would not have done the improvements to his home if he had of known what his reassessment was going to be.
2. Doris Carter, 3390 Chelsea Road, West Point, Virginia advised she has read that the tax rate for next year will be \$0.70, is that correct.

Mr. Hudson advised the tax rate for next year has not been discussed.

Mr. Hudson asked if any one else would like to comment on the Tax Rate. There being none, Mr. Hudson closed the public hearing.

III. Town Council Response

Mr. Hudson stated in response to Mrs. Carter's question regarding the tax rate, the tax rate for next year has not been set. The current tax rate is \$0.70, due to the reassessment and equalization the new tax rate will be \$0.60.

Mrs. Nichols stated the reassessment was done by King William County and not West Point. Town Council has no control of the County and the reassessment.

Mrs. Ball advised Mr. Norman that he just replaced the siding on his home and that improvement was not included in the reassessment, your assessment is based on old values. Next year when the County reviews new construction and home improvements, your assessment will increase next year for your home improvements.

Mr. Healy advised the County residents are also experiencing an increase in the reassessments. The King William County Board of Supervisors are responsible for the high reassessment, they have over spent through out the past years. Last year Town Council, as a group attended the public hearing on the County budget and submitted

comments, the Board of Supervisors did not listen. The County still raised the Town's taxes and implemented the reassessment.

Mr. Hudson advised that when a public hearing is scheduled and no comments are made by the public at those meetings, Council is not aware of what residents want. Town Council needs the public to comment at public hearings so we know what you are willing to pay for, what services you need and what services you don't want.

IV. Personal Property Tax Rate, Machinery and Tools Resolution [See Attached Resolution]

Mrs. Ball read the Tax Rate Resolution and made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Nichols. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted "Aye".

V. Real Estate Tax Rate Resolution [See Attached Resolution]

Mrs. Ball read the resolution and made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Shreaves. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted "Aye", Mr. Healy voted "Nay".

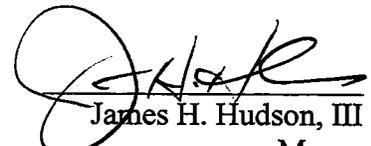
VI. Appropriation of Adopted Budget [See Attached Resolution]

Mrs. Ball read the resolution and made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Lawson, Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Healy, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Nichols and Mr. Shreaves all voted "Aye", Mr. Gordon abstained from voting.

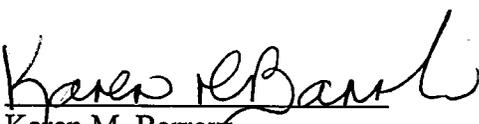
Mr. Gordon stated at the May 15th 2008 meeting he was presented with a conflict of interest statement and was given the choice of abstaining from voting or approve the budget, therefore Mr. Gordon abstained from voting for the budget. At this current time Mr. Gordon advised he has no conflict of interest and due to his previous vote Mr. Gordon has to abstain from voting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting.


James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF WEST PONT
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE AND
MACHINERY and TOOLS TAX RATE**

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Rate for the Town of West Point has been \$3.30 per \$ 100 of assessed value, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point continues to seek the current personal property tax rate at \$3.30 per \$ 100 of assessed value , and

WHEREAS, the Machinery and Tools Tax Rate for the Town of West Point has been \$2.25 per \$ 100 of assessed value, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point continues to seek the current Machinery and Tools Tax Rate at \$2.25 per \$ 100 of assessed value.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the West Point Town Council at the Special Called meeting on June 9th, 2008 hereby affirms the personal property tax rate at \$3.30 per \$ 100 of assessed value and the Machinery and Tools tax rate at \$2.25 per \$ 100 of assessed value, which is neither an increase nor decrease.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of West Point at its regular monthly meeting held June 9th, 2008 at which meeting a quorum was present and voted throughout.


Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk

VOTE:

Mrs. Ball	"Aye"
Mr. Gordon	"Aye"
Mrs. Gulley	Absent
Mr. Healy	"Aye"
Mr. Lawson	"Aye"
Mrs. Nichols	"Aye"
Mr. Shreaves	"Aye"



**RESOLUTION FOR THE TOWN OF WEST POINT
INCREASE PROPERTY TAX LEVIES
2008-09**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of West Point advertised a public hearing on April 30th, 2008 in The Tidewater Review, pursuant to §58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia, for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate increase because the proposed tax rate results in an increase of more than 1 percent or more in the total real property tax levied as a result of reassessments by King William County; and

WHEREAS, the West Point Town Council conducted a public hearing on the FY 2008-09 Real Property Tax Rate increase on June 9th, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of West Point, Virginia, that all real estate within the territorial boundaries of the Town of West Point that are subject to taxation under the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be taxed at a rate of sixty cents (\$0.60) per one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) of assessed value, as advertised in The Tidewater Review on April 30th and May 14th, 2008 and the Daily Press on May 9th, 2008.

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Town Clerk

VOTE:

Mrs. Ball	"Aye"
Mr. Gordon	"Aye"
Mrs. Gulley	Absent
Mr. Healy	"Nay"
Mr. Lawson	"Aye"
Mrs. Nichols	"Aye"
Mr. Shreaves	"Aye"



**TOWN OF WEST POINT
Appropriation of Adopted
Town and School Budget**

WHEREAS, the West Point Town Council conducted a duly advertised public hearing on the FY 2008-09 budget for the Town of West Point on May 8th, 2008; and

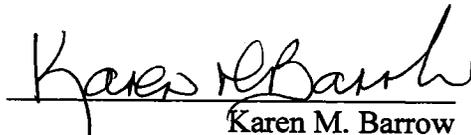
WHEREAS, the West Point School Board conducted a public hearing on the FY 08-09 budget for the school division on March 11th, 2008 and approved the school budget on March 18th, 2008.

WHEREAS, the West Point Town Council approved the FY 08-09 budget on May 15th, 2008 in the amount of \$ 18,800,535 which represents \$ 9,821,335 for the West Point School Board and \$ 8,979,200 for the Town of West Point.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective July 1st, 2008 the West Point Town Council hereby appropriates a total of \$ 9,821,335 to the School Board to be expended only on order of the School Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT effective July 1st, 2008 a total of \$ 8,979,200 is hereby appropriated for the Town Budget and a total of \$ 596,200 is hereby appropriated for the Water Utility Budget.

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Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk

VOTE:

Mrs. Ball	"Aye"
Mr. Gordon	Abstained
Mrs. Gulley	Absent
Mr. Healy	"Aye"
Mr. Lawson	"Aye"
Mrs. Nichols	"Aye"
Mr. Shreaves	"Aye"



TOWN OF WEST POINT
Resolution Setting the Personal Property Tax
Relief Percentage for the Personal Property 2008
Billing in Accordance with the 2004-2005 Changes
To the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Virginia Code 58.1-3523, et seq. ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session 1 (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-2006 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act"); and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments required the Town of West Point to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the appropriations to the Town of West Point, commencing in 2008, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point enacted Ordinance Number 17-05. An Ordinance implementing the 2004-2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, in response to these legislative enactments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Treasurer has received the amount of relief in the County's block grant from the State, and made a projection based upon the Town's historical growth in personal property tax values of the level necessary to fully exhaust the PPTRA relief fund provided to the Town by the Commonwealth, as called for in the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to set by Resolution the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage for the personal property tax billing of 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of West Point, Virginia that the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage be set at 57% of the first \$20,000 of market value for qualifying vehicles valued at over \$1,000 in accordance with Ordinance 17-05.

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Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk