



TOWN OF BLADENSBURG BUDGET REVIEW SESSION MEETING | MAY 9, 2025 HYBRID

May 09, 2025 at 3:00 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

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- 1. Call to Order at 3:20 pm**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Unfinished Business**

A. FY 2026 Additional Budget Overview Update

Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepeth provided an overview of the proposed FY26 budget. The initial projected deficit of \$1.5 million has been reduced to approximately \$314,000.

Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepeth explained that the Town has undergone significant financial growth, with the annual budget nearly doubling from \$6 million to \$12 million in recent years. This growth, however, has been accompanied by a structural deficit, primarily due to the expiration of ARPA funding and the expansion of municipal services.

During the discussion, public safety was identified as the largest expenditure in the proposed budget. The Council reviewed potential revenue increases, focusing particularly on real estate taxes, and assessed the impact of these increases on public safety funding, including contributions from speed camera revenues.

Concerns were raised about potential salary reductions for administrative staff, leading to a broader discussion on alternative funding strategies to prevent such cuts.

Additional topics included preparations for the upcoming election, securing sponsorships for community events, and initial planning efforts for the Town's 250th anniversary celebration in 2026.

The Council identified key action items aimed at strengthening funding strategies and improving event planning, ensuring continued engagement of Council members in both the budget process and broader community initiatives.

4. Adjournment

Town Administrator called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM Blount moved , CM Brown seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm