

The Purpose of the Budget

The following information is provided to assist the reader in understanding the purpose of this proposed budget document in addition to finding information. The Town of Indian Shores Proposed FY 2008/2009 Annual Budget includes financial and service delivery information combined with policy statements in a means designed to easily communicate the information to the reader. The FY2009 Proposed Budget, therefore, is intended to serve four purposes.

The Budget as a Policy Document

As a policy document, the budget indicates what services the Town will provide during the next year. Additionally, the level of services and reasons for their provision are stated. The Executive Summary summarizes long and short term concerns for the Town, financial situations and how the Budget will address specific issues in FY 2009.

The Budget as an Operations Guide

As an operations guide, the Budget indicates how departments and funds are organized to provide services to the residents of Indian Shores and visitors to the community. Approved changes for FY2009 are summarized in the Executive Summary.

The Budget as a Financial Plan

As a financial plan, the Budget summarizes and details the cost to the taxpayers for current and approved service levels plus how they will be funded. Within the Executive Summary is a narrative description of the major revenue sources for each fund, expected receipts and summaries of approved expenditures.

The Budget as a Communications Device

The Budget is designed to be user-friendly with summary information in text, charts, tables and graphs. A glossary of financial budget terms is included for the reader's reference. Additionally, a Table of Contents provides a listing in order of the sections within the document. Should the reader have any questions about the Town of Indian Shore's Proposed FY2008/2009 Budget, he or she can contact the Finance and Personnel Department, at (727) 595-4020 or by e-mail: mkarayianes@myindianshores.com.