

ARTICLE VIII
THE TOWN MEETING

Section 1. Annual and Special Town Meeting. An annual Town Meeting for the consideration of the budget and the transaction of other Town business which voters are authorized to vote upon shall be held on the second Tuesday in the month of June starting at a time fixed by the Town Council. Special Town Meetings may be called by the Council. All registered voters of the Town are eligible to vote at annual or special Town Meetings.

All warrant articles shall be placed on the ballot for referendum voting on the municipal Election Day in June, as otherwise provided for in Article VII, at which time, as well as by absentee ballot as otherwise provided by law, the warrant articles shall be voted upon at the polls. If the voters fail to approve any budget warrant articles required by law or otherwise necessary, in the judgment of the Council, for the operation of the Town government for the up-coming municipal year, then the Council shall call, as provided by law, for such further Town Meeting(s) as are required to address the same, provided, that any such special Town Meeting shall be conducted solely as an open floor Town Meeting and not by referendum voting.

Section 2. When Action by Town Meeting Required. A Town Meeting is required for the following actions:

- A. Approval of the annual budget;
- B. Approval of any appropriation in addition to or supplementary to the annual budget appropriation, if such additional or supplemental appropriation exceeds a cumulative amount equal to one (1) percent of the annual municipal budget as approved at the preceding Annual Town Meeting;
- C. Approval of the issuance of bonds or notes, except notes in anticipation of taxes to be paid within the fiscal year in which issued.

All actions by Town Meeting shall become effective immediately.

The Town Meeting shall not increase the amount of any appropriation above the amount recommended by the Council and shall not increase the amount of any bond issue above the amount recommended by the Council.

Section 3. Restrictions. At Town meeting the voters are not authorized to vote on any matters that apply to appointments of officers, of members of commissions or of boards made by said Town Council, or to the appointment or designation of officers of the Town Council or to rules governing the procedure of the Town Council.

Section 4. Method of Abolishing the Town Meeting. At any time, not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the Town may petition over their personal signatures for a referendum to vote upon the question abolishing the Town Meeting. The Council shall call such a public hearing to be held within thirty (30) days from the date of the filing of such petition with the Town Clerk. The proper election officials of the Town shall take such steps as may be necessary to place such question upon the ballot at the next general election or at a special election called for that purpose. If at such general election or special election a majority of the electors of the Town voting on the question shall vote for the abolition of the Town Meeting of the Town of Gray, the powers heretofore vested in the Town Meeting shall be conferred upon and exercised by the Town Council.