

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 12, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Ruell, C. Cilley, H. Lamos, B. Hoerter, N. DeWolfe, S. Downing, S. Coleman (7:10pm), G. Dion (7:15pm)

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Paquette, H. Thibedeau, Chief Randall

The meeting started at 7:05pm at the Ashland Fire Station.

PUBLIC WORKS

T. Paquette asked for a raise due to the responsibilities that he has.

S. Downing asked how many miles of roads are maintained. Answer was 20 miles.

T. Paquette and his men are taking road scholar training. This is ongoing training. So he's asking for a little more to provide the opportunity for more training.

Under Director expense, misc testing, that is used for state random drug testing.

HIGHWAY & STREETS

This part of the budget pertains to the highway garage.

Highway Equipment Maintenance is raised due to history.

Part of the Highway Summer Maintenance breakdown is as follows: roughly \$4,000. for catch basin cleaning, \$2,200. for street sweeping, \$7,200. for crack sealing (which was mainly up on Peppercorn).

Highway Uniforms includes a \$300. boot allowance per a previous warrant article.

Highway Fuel Paquette asked for \$30,000. Was revised to \$22,000. Paquette would like to see at least \$25,000.

Highway Equipment is for Digital Radios to be put in all trucks and equipment. They will need 9 mobile and one base, for \$10,000. Selectmen revised to \$6,000. to be able to get 5 mobile and one base this year, and the remainder to be asked for next year.

The 1981 bailer at the Transfer Station needs to be replaced. A new one, delivered and set up will cost approx. \$11,000. Another option is to get a used one for \$2,500. If the new bailer gets passed through by the voters, the company that sold us the used one for \$2,500. will buy the used one back for \$2,000.

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TOWN MECHANIC

Mechanic salary OT is a possible union raise. Union is still in negotiations.

TRANSFER/RECYCLING

The fuel is for the forklift.

We are using Casella for our hauling of recyclables.

Paquette was finished at 8:00pm.

POLICE

Chief Randall started at 8:00pm.

Chief is on salary. Chief would like to change Lt. Ulwick from the 3% raise he asked for to 5%. The Lt. started in April of 2015. The actual for 2015 is over due to final payment to Lt. Marren when he retired.

Our part time officers consist of Cooper (2 days a week) and Marren (1 day a week).

There are 1160 hours needed to have part time officers cover due to vacations, sick time, training ect.

Part time officers make \$16.00 an hour.

Two of the computers need to be changed out. The one in the booking room and in the Admin office.

Cell phones need an upgrade. 1 for the Chief, 1 for each of the full time officers. The part time officer will get a flip phone.

Police training line needs to have \$1,800. taken out and put into Police supplies. This is for targets & ammo.

Police Equipment is for chairs, printer, fax machine, ect.

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DETAIL WORK

Monies spent out of this line are offset by revenue. Monies out/monies in.

Police was finished at 8:50pm.

MEETINGS

Public hearings are scheduled for January 13 & 14 2016, in the Ashland School Café. S. Coleman made the motion, 2nd by N. DeWolfe to have the backup hearing (if needed) on January 15, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Ashland School Café. All members ayed.

December 18, 2015 meeting will be held in the Ashland School Café at 7:00pm. Library will go first, Electric 2nd, followed by Water & Sewer.

N. DeWolfe made the motion, 2nd by B. Hoerter to cancel the budget meeting on the December 19, 2015. All members ayed.

December 23, 2015 budget meeting will be for Town, Park & Rec. and Fire. The meeting will be held in the school library at 7:00pm.

B. Hoerter made the motion, 2nd by N. DeWolfe to have an additional meeting to continue budget (if needed) on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 6:00pm at a place TBD. All members ayed.

B. Hoerter made the motion, 2nd by N. DeWolfe to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. All members ayed.

Submitted by:

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