

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 29, 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Toth, P. Preston, M. Scarano, M. Brown, C. Austin, D. Ruell, S. Felton, S. Coleman, I. Heidenreich, M. Badger (non voting member)

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Tucker, P. Branscombe, E. Badger, A. Cilley, J. Gleich, S. Heath, T. Joubert, D & C Fucarile

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in the Ashland Elementary library.

The minutes of November 15, 2012 were approved with the addition to expand the public works portion to include the discussion of the warrant articles. Tim discussed the lease/purchase of a four wheel drive loader. It would be a five year lease for the total sum of \$152,000.

Tim also discussed the article to raise and appropriate \$125,000. to be placed in the capital reserve fund for road improvements. This money would be for future road improvements.

Coleman made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to accept the minutes of November 15 with the addition. All members aye.

Tucker gave us new pages for the budget. Pages 15 & 16 (police dept.) and front page.

Coleman questioned the salaries in the union contract. The police that are in the union, does that mean that they get every holiday and Sunday off? Also are they eligible for step increases?

There are at the moment three money warrant articles in front of the selectmen:

- Town clock for \$1,500.
- 5 year lease agreement for a loader for Public Works Dept for \$152,000. \$28,420. for the first year payment.
- \$125,000. to be put into the road improvement capital reserve fund

At 6:15pm Chief Heath presented the budget for the Fire dept.

- Ambulance (we will be in year 2 of a 3 year contract
- Mutual aid dues
- Fire dept
Training (courses and prices—attachment 2)

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Contracted services
Electricity
Heating oil/propane
Water
Sewer
Equipment maintenance—TA and selectmen cut due to experience—
attachment 3
Vehicle maintenance (attachment 4)
Telephone
Printing
EMS supplies—ambulance inspection to be done in December
Uniform/protective gear (attachment 5)—gear breaks down over
time
Supplies
Postage
Vehicle fuel (line is overspent)
Chief's expenses (codes on the internet is \$950. per year)
Physicals (test and fee—attachment 6), there is not enough money in
line to cover physicals
Equipment (attachment 7)—is reduced in 2013 due to the cost of the
engineer for the roof paid in 2012
Defibrillator lease/purchase—2013 will be the last year of lease
Forestry equipment
Building and grounds (still need electric motors on overhead doors,
entry doors, finish lighting project along with other things—
attachment 8)

Total cost of the fire dept roof is \$218,000. This figure includes \$14,500. for the engineering, and \$6,000. for material increase.

The \$50,000. approved in last years warrant article will also be used. \$154,000. is put into the budget to cover the rest.

The fire dept could possibly increase revenues for the dept by charging to transport patients. This will be looked into in the near future.

Fire dept finished at 7:45pm.

J. Glied presented the Park & Rec budget.

- Electricity

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- Fuel
- Water (booster club & ball field)
- Sewer
- Telephone (internet got moved to supplies)
- Chemical toilets
- Advertising
- Office supplies (line is overspent due to the need to clean up viruses online)
- Clubhouse supplies
- General expenses (dues)
- Postage
- Vehicle expense (gas to take water tests to PSU)
- Building expense (everything from inspection is done—just waiting for inspectors to come back and sign off)
- Field expense
- Equipment (replace swings, picnic tables, ect.)
- Tennis & basketball court

Campground

- Electricity
- Fuel
- Water
- Sewer
- Telephone
- General expense (materials to construct trash box)
- Refuse disposal (no more waste management, public works to now pick up refuse)

Summer/vacation program

- Training
- First aid (for beach and booster club)—as of now 1/3 of the supplies need to be replaced
- Summer maintenance
- Summer equipment (beach and ball park)
- Beach salaries (attachment 1)
- Beach electricity
- Beach water (change to \$100.)
- Beach sewer (change to \$100.)
- Beach telephone
- Beach maintenance (would like to change his request to \$2,000 because new swim lines and barrier floats are needed.)

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- Vacation salaries (11 counselors) M-F for 6 weeks—8am drop off, 4pm pick up. 20%of the kids are not full time
- Vacation camp special program
- Vacation camp arts & crafts
- Vacation bussing costs (only for summer camp)

After school program

- Supplies

The after school program is for 180 days, M-F, 2:30pm to 5pm.

Cost is \$35. per week if child goes 4 to 5 days a week, \$9. per day if a child goes 3 days or less.

Community

- Electricity
- Water
- Programs

Park & rec finished at 8:50pm.

CALENDAR:

- December 6—no school budget
- December 6—prepare for financial forum, work session for budget committee
- December 13—school budget and water & sewer

Felton gave us a comparison sheet and we as a board discussed the figures.

Scarano made the motion, 2nd by Heidenreich to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. All members ayed.

Christine Austin--Secretary

