

Athens Budget Committee Meeting 10/24/2023 -- Minutes

7:00 pm at the Town Office

Attending: Hannah, Amber, Janet, Carol, Mike, Matt

Standing agenda:

1. Amendments to the agenda
2. Approve previous meeting minutes - Approved
3. Public comments - none
4. Review everyone's research and independent work
5. Working session
6. Assign new independent work
7. Adjourn

Called to order at 7:00

Questions for selectboard for Nov 16th (6:30) meeting:

- Trash and recycling service – will it be a separate article?
 - Need to get quotes from Decamp on full service
- Large truck – replace?
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- Tablet for Listers / Highway / Office – Under office equipment purchase
 - VLCT might have a model they use
 - App that helps identify and measure road damages
 - Grants available?
- Legal services?
 - For road reclassifications
- Equipment fund – prices are going up
 - Add 3% a year?
 - Municipal leases for equipment?
- Chloride tank lease – Matt is getting a quote
- Highway wages?
 - Hiring a laborer?
- Matching funds for projects?

Other things to update:

- Three elections
- Minimum wage going up to \$13.67
- Listers and Clerk/Treasurer increase
- Electric rates going up
- Fire and Rescue contracts
 - Rescue is going down.. Amber will get it

- Heating oil – Janet will figure out the numbers for each building
- No underdrainage expense
- Sand needs to increase to \$25,000
- Gravel for stockpile: 500 yds @ 18.25/yd = \$9125
- Salt
- Chloride and tank
- Resealing \$8000
- FEMA grant ~ \$150,000 revenue
- Insurance needs updating

For next meeting:

- Mike equipment fund
- Janet diesel, fuel breakdowns
- Carol and Amber: Listers, Fire & Medical
- Hannah: payroll and insurance

Next meeting on Nov 14th

Adjourned at 8:18