

Athens Budget Committee Meeting 11/12/2024 -- Minutes

7:00 pm at the Town Office

Attending: Hannah, Amber, Janet, Carol, Mike

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

Rescue

2025 \$2,650 + 2026 \$2,725 = \$5,375

Fire: \$9,400

Sheriff's hourly rate is going up to \$75. Keeping the same hours (90/yr) would increase the budget to \$6,750.

Waiting on Fire Mutual Aid for their 2025 bill.

Fixing the chipper: \$2,500 on a new line item "Small Equip R&M"

Equipment schedule:

2025 2.5% increase for inflation

Sm truck	\$13,091
Lg Truck	\$8,974
Backhoe	\$5,279
Grader	\$5,279
Sm Equip	0?
Plow	\$845
TOTAL:	\$33,468

Small truck replacement: Mike thinks prices are going to come down within a couple years. Buying now would be expensive.

Hannah - salaries, office, general, electric & telephone, insurance, Comm Center building maintenance

Amber - fire & rescue, fire mutual aid

Heating oil will stay about the same as 2024 – Janet will get exact numbers

Filling out the rest of the budget line items.

Janet says Dead River won't have a service plan on the Town Office furnace because it's too old. They would do a contract on the Comm Center furnace. They don't know about the Garage furnace.

Town Office roof – Janet will look into roof estimates when she looks into the garage roof.

Small Truck R&M - \$15,000 in case it needs a transmission. If not, this can be used towards a new truck.

\$15,000 for contracted services includes ledge removal, over the rail, and ??

\$4,500 into the Long Term Highway fund to replenish the guardrail earmark that is in the red.

Need to add \$\$ for FACT TV

Questions for Selectboard:

- Review small truck options
- Legal fees
- Town office roof
- Highway employee? Put in a figure and draw down on it to pay contractor as long as needed
- Cost of Ivor Stevens' labor and/or labor + truck

Selectboard meeting on Nov 21st.

Next Meeting Dec. 10th.

Adjourned at 8:45