

Athens Budget Committee Meeting 11/23/21-- Minutes

At the town office

Attending: Janet, Amber, Carol, Mike, Hannah

Agenda:

1. Amendments to the agenda
2. Approve previous meeting minutes
3. Meet with Selectboard on 2022 budget
4. Public comments
5. Any further work or discussion
6. Adjourn

Questions for Matt: (Matt couldn't come tonight)

- New plow \$7,000?
- Plans for chipper
- Crack sealing
- Long term highway projects fund? Guardrails and bridges/large culverts
- Ledge removal?
- Quotes for project by Steve Oakes
- Other contracted services project quotes
- Radio maintenance
- How much for chains next year (special tools and equipment)

Sheriff's hourly rate is going up to \$60 for FY 2023

- We'll up the budget to 5500 and the selectboard can decide on number of hours when the contract comes out in June

Decamp will send tonnage info quarterly starting in January

Decamp will let us know if the contract will increase in cost in April, a month from the renewal date

- We'll leave trash pickup the same as last year in the budget

Janet: wonders if we can get a bundle package for Vtel at the town garage. Combining phone and internet.

- Hannah made a note to call them next time she's in the office

Equipment fund:

- Adding amount for a new plow for the small truck \$800/year + \$8000 for the new one this year
- \$46,700 this year / \$38,700 next year

Janet did call Craig Allen to put the town on a list for a used truck trade-in

Need to check with Tim Stevenson on how much the Emergency committee wants next year

- Hannah will email Tim

Question for selectboard: With approval of buying 300 yds of 1.5" stone from Palmer Goodrich this year, should we lower the stone budget for next year to compensate?

Meet with select board on Dec 14th

Adjourned at 8:10