Joint Meeting

Select Board

Budget Committee

December 14, 2021

7:00pm

Athens Town Office

Present were Sandi Capponcelli, Amber Stevens, Darlene Wyman, David Bemis, Hannah Regier, Janet Perry, Mike Bates, Carol Bingham and Denise Randall.

Amber called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Hannah had a few questions. It was decided to answer them as we went through the budget figures.

Revenues; It was decided to add $5,000.00 to the state grants line item and $45,000.00 to the federal grants line item.

David asked about getting a computer tech. The budget committee will look into this.

Expenditures: Discussion followed about increasing the heating oil amount for the town office, garage and elementary school because of rising costs. It was decided to budget $1,800.00 for the town office, $2,470.00 for the elementary school and $5,590.00 for the town garage.

It was also decided to up the propane amount for the town office to $400.00.

Discussion followed for the school building maintenance. The school building maintenance was upped to $7,500.00. This will include approximately $3,500.00 for emergency lighting for seven doors and approximately $1,000.00 for four doors that need door closures and inspection of the fire alarm system. Also the ramp and ADA bathroom do not meet the codes. Sandi stated she watched a seminar from VLCT there may be a grant available for municipal facilities.

Discussion followed about starting a matching grant fund for $10,000.00. This will have to be voted on at Town Meeting. The Select board will write the article for the warning.

Raising the highway wages were discussed.

Diesel fuel was raised to $13,500.00. Again due to the rising costs of fuel.

Small culverts was raised to $4,000.00.

Equipment fund was raised to $49,250.00.

Meetinghouse committee will receive $2,500.00.

There being no further business, Amber made the motion to adjourn. Janet seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk