

Ashland Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019

Chairman Stewart started the meeting with a roll call. DR, LN, SH, EB, SD, JS. Sandra Coleman absent with notice. Chairman Stewart had everyone stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Stewart asked about raises and the town manager said yes they gave a \$5,000 raise to finance and a \$3,000 raise to the clerk at the Electric Department. David Ruell and Chairman Stewart wanted to know how they come up with this figure. Eli Badger said it was a management decision.

Chairman Stewart brought up about a raise for the townclerk/tax collector.

Motion was made by DR to give Patsy her 3 % raise and that the raise be put in the longevity lines amount to a total of \$51,348. Seconded by SH Ayes: DR, SH, JS. Nays SD, EB. Abstained LN. Eli said motion fails because of the LN abstaining.

DR made a motion to approve the \$51,704 seconded by SH for the park and recreation. Ayes DR, EB, SH, SD, JS. Abstained LN motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$7,230 for the P & R campground, seconded by SH. Ayes DR, SH, EB, JS, SD. LN abstained. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$55,649 for the summer vacation programs. Seconded by SH. Ayes: DR, SH, EB, JS. Nays SD. LN abstained. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$20, 344 for the P & R after school program. Seconded by SH Ayes DR, SH, SD, JS EB. LN nay. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$661 for P & R community activities seconded by SH. Ayes DR, SH, EB, SD, JS. LN nay.
Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$11, 689 for the heritage commission seconded by SH. The board added made the Heritage commission line \$1,000. This was for patriotic purposes. Ayes DR, SH, SD, JS. Nays EB, LN. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$129, 331 for Bonds and Notes. Seconded by SH. Ayes DR, SH, EB, JS, SD. LN nay. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approved the \$50,380 for bonds and notes seconded by LN. Ayes DR, LN, SH, EB, JS, SD. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to accept one dollar in the tax anticipation notes seconded by EB. Ayes

DR, EB, SH, JS, SD, LN abstained. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$213, 037 for Public Works seconded bt JS. Ayes DR, JS, SH, EB. SD nay. LN abstained. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approve the \$229, 637 for the highway and streets seconded by SH. Ayes DR, SH, EB, JS. Nay SD. LN abstained. Motion carried.

DR made the motion to approved \$62, 418 for town mechanic seconded by EB. Ayes DR, SH, EB, JS. LN. SD abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by SH seconded by EB to approve there \$42,000 for street lighting. Ayes SH, EB, DR, JS. LN and SD abstained. Motion carried.

Chairman Stewart asked what would be good times on Dec.31st to have the meeting. It was decided 10am would be ok. So Chairman Stewart said we would have the meeting at 10am at the fire station.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 23rd at 6pm with the school.

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.