

**ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 5 PM**

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 5 pm with a roll call. Kendall H, here, David U, here, Eli B, here, David R, here, Jeanette S, here. Absent with notice were Sandra C and Lee N. Also present at the meeting were Mardean B, Alice S, Sara, Fred, and Marissah.

Chairman Stewart stated that there are two items that need to be voted on when we do the voting on the budget. The committee needs to do a detail line for the fire department for \$4500, and the committee needs to vote on using PB cam to video tape their meetings which will cost \$45 per hour. Craig Moore came and presented the budget for the public works department and the electric department. He said they had to hire a new mechanic so that is why that salary line went up.

The training line went up as the new mechanic will have to take some classes on inspections etc.

Craig went over the electric and said that many poles need to be replaced. The cost for the larger poles is about \$800. Smaller ones are \$400.

The library personnel met next and presented their budget. They are asking for raises as the pay now is very low. Mardean Badger explained everything out concerning the raises.

The next meeting the police and the water and sewer will present their budgets.

The chairman will ask the town clerk/tax collector to come and present her budget. Trish from the school would like to make an appointment to meet with them. The budget committee decided on December 21, 2021 at 5pm to meet with the school. The chairman will notify Trish about this date. The next meeting of the budget committee is December 14, 2021 at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Stewart, Chairman