

ASHLAND BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 12, 2023

Members present: Hughes, Lyford, Ruell, Coleman, Unangst (by phone)
Others Present: Craig Moore, Patsy Tucker

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk and Tax Collector lines were discussed with Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patsy Tucker, particularly the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector lines.

Public Works: Public Works Director Craig Moore discussed his department's lines (Public Works, Highways & Streets, Town Mechanic, Transfer/Recycling) with the committee. Among the issues discussed were salaries, the new deputy director position, part time wages, the town mechanic situation, vehicle maintenance, winter maintenance, and solid waste hauling fees.

Future meetings. The Committee will meet with water, sewer, electric and other Town departments on Tuesday, December 19, with Parks & Recreation on Thursday, December 21, and probably began discussing the Town budget on December 21. The Committee will consider the School budget on January 4 and 9. Hughes suggested meeting on the warrant articles on January 10. The public budget hearings will be on January 11.

Capital Reserve Funds and Trust Funds were briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

David Ruell, acting Secretary