

**Hill Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2022**

Present: Wendy Fuller (Chairperson), Shaun Bresnahan (Selectperson), Betty Hanks
Charlie Estes (School Board), Paula McDonough, Marshall Bennett,
Joann Irving, Madelyn Manos, Paul Meyerhoefer (Secretary)

Department Heads:

Fire Chief Jamie Moulton

Meeting Minutes

Wendy opened Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from October 19 were approved as corrected

Wendy made motion to approve as corrected, Shaun 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

4215 Ambulance	Budget 2022 (\$ 64,392.00)	Budget 2023 (\$ 67,448.57)
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4220 Fire	Budget 2022. (\$ 65,721.00)	Budget 2023 (\$ 102,641.00)
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Jamie led discussion

Pass-out of proposed Budget

Break-out of	Equipment Repairs	versus.	Equipment Testing
	(\$4,000.00)		(\$2,500.00)

Added cost for Education funded by government which may run out looking ahead

Best Guess for Dispatch cost, Calls and amount of responses with formula will determine cost
Looking to form a Fund Raising Association to help raise funds toward purchasing a Jaws of Life
tool. Currently the Fire Dept. must have 3 years of paperwork in the system before eligible for
Grant Funding.

Looking to add pay increases of 30% for current staff to bring wages closer in line with other
Departments in the area. Jamie felt this was a reasonable ask to cover cost of fuel for calls. He
is looking to work approximately 20 hrs. per week at a cost of (\$16,900.00) on Administrative,
Meetings, and Reporting. He reported several items need attention. Jamie felt that by having a
viable Fire Dept. helps the community by building better relations by showing other towns Hill
is doing it's part for mutual aid response through training and manpower.

There will be a warrant article for repairs and upgrades to the Fire Station items included

New Furnace system Existing system is forced hot air, when running trucks exhaust fumes
are sucked into furnace system and recirculated in the building, alarm system does not work,

there is no generator hooked up to station. New furnace would be propane. The possibility of ARPA (American Recovery and Protection Act.) Funds could be used to help in offsetting cost.

Soft Vote Marshall made motion to approve, Paula 2nd motion, vote was (7 yes), (1 no), (1 abstained). Motion carries

4290	Emergency Management.	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
		(\$975.00)	(\$975.00)

Soft Vote. Charlie made motion to accept proposal, Paula 2nd motion
Vote was unanimous

4210	Police	Budget 2022	Budget 2023
		(\$48,044.00)	(\$13,788.00)

Shaun led review

Must keep some subscriptions updated so not have increased cost later such as Body Cams. Gave Town Clerk/Tax Collector old computer to Police. It was scrubbed with software refurbished and added. Minimal maintenance budget.

Will have a warrant article on the Police Department

Option Hire State Police for certain amount of coverage time. Each 4hr coverage would approximately cost (\$13,000.00) for the year.

Option The other option is to hire a full-time Police Chief which could cost an estimated (\$150,000.00) between wages and benefits.

Soft Vote Wendy made motion to approve, Shaun 2nd motion, vote was unanimous

Wendy motion to adjourn, Paula 2nd motion, vote was unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul Meyerhoefer