

**Town of Hill
Budget Committee
2026 Budget**

Meeting Minutes 12/10/25

Members Present: Bruce Blazon (Chair), Harold Knott, MaryAnne Moses (Ex-Officio), Bill Machado, Jr. and Karen Sylvestre

Members Absent: Marshall Bennett (Vice Chair) Tom Angeley, Lexie White (Ex-Officio), Frank Simeone and Tom Scribner

Public: Chief Scott Richard and Chief Casey Brennan

First order of business:

Review Minutes: No correction requested. BB motioned to except minutes.

Seconded: BM

All In Favor: Yes

Chair Vote: Affirmative

BB Opened budget with order of department and committee's: Fire Department presented proposed budget.

SR stated line item 4215 Ambulance increased 74,947.59. This was a negotiated agreed amount between the Town of Bristol. It's expected to increase even more in the coming year. SR had expressed future options that will eliminate the need to contract with outer resources in the future with plans to hopefully purchase and equip an ambulance owned by the town. SR plans to present options at next town meeting.

BM encouraged the chief to have a few quotes from other surrounding towns so the residents can have a better understanding of this increase and future plans for the fire department.

Building Maintenance increase 500.00 to replace doors.

Dispatch increased due to call volume: Non-negotiable increase.

Electricity decreased 500.00.

Fire prevention increased 300.00.

New Equipment/Replacement increased 5000.00 for digital radio upgrade (6). One-time expense.

Payroll taxes increase is based off salary.

Telephone increase 300.00.

Uniforms increase 500.00.

Wages increase based on average hourly rate per certification level. Chief Richards broke down a schedule of pay.

BB Motioned to except proposed budget

HK Seconded

All In Favor = Yes

Chair Votes Affirmative

New Business: None

BB ended meeting at 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted

MaryAnne Moses; Secretary

