

The current proposed **2024 Operating Budget** for the Town of Atkinson is **\$7,183,067**. This represents a **10.48% increase** from last year's budget of \$6,501,500, or a **\$681,567 increase**. The **2024 Default Budget** for the Town of Atkinson is **\$6,752,232**. If the proposed operating budget does not pass as Warrant Article 2024-05, then the default budget is deemed to have been adopted as the Town's operating budget.

**The increases in the proposed 2024 Operating Budget are made up with the following:**

**Increases Included in the Default Budget:**

- Staff Health Insurance
- Staff Retirement
- Worker's Compensation and General Liability Insurance
- Police Wages- (Including new hire via 2022 warrant article)
- Solid Waste Contract

**Increases Not Fully Funded Through Default Budget:**

- Staff Wages- 100 employees (pay matrixes, 2% COLA, employment contracts)
- Ambulance Service
- Police/Fire Dispatch Service
- Town Property/Sport Fields Groundskeeping
- Information Technology Equipment and Support
- Town Building Maintenance (9 Buildings)
- Winter Plowing & Road Maintenance
- Library Programs, IT, Materials

**The difference of funding between the proposed and default budget is \$430,835. To fund essential services through operating under a default budget, other municipal services may need to be reduced and/or restricted as exercised in past experience.**

**The Town's operating budget and warrant articles, minus revenue received, makes up the "Municipal" portion of an Atkinson resident's tax bill as shown below:**

