

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

Members Present

Bill Smith, Chair
Wendy Barker, Vice Chair
Ray Fournier
Bob Malo
Mark Sakakeeny
Peter Torosian

Others Present

Tom Kelley, Library Trustees Chair
Sue Coppeta, Planning & Zoning Administrator
Kathy Watson, Assistant Library Director
Noriko Yoshida-Travers, Rec. & Elder Svcs Director

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda: Attendance, Finalize Budget and Minutes

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the following lines:

41501.210.00	Health Insurance	20,177.86
41941.225.00	Medicare	349.00
41951.110.00	Wages - cemetery	24,630.00
41951.220.00	FICA	1,527.06
41951.225.00	Medicare	358.14
43111.110.00	Assist. Road Agent - Laborer #2 (new)	45,760.00
43111.110.01	Road Agent	64,000.00
43111.210.00	Health Insurance	27,651.17
43122.210.00	Health Insurance	7,473.31
43234.120.00	Labor - Recycling DW 20 hr	22,000.00
43234.210.00	Health Insurance (Dave Whitley in 2 depts.)	7,473.31
43234.220.00	FICA	1,364.00
43234.225.00	Medicare	319.00
43234.230.00	Retirement	3,093.20
45501.110.04	Employee Merit (Library)	5,496.00
45202.120.00	Care of Grounds Labor - DW 15/wk	16,500.00
45202.220.00	FICA	1,072.50
45202.225.00	Medicare	239.25
45202.230.00	Retirement	2,319.90

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. Five members were in favor. **Vote: 5/1/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to adjust **Line 41501.210.00 Health Insurance** to \$20,178.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to recommend the **Budget committee total of \$5,798,713, a 10.83% increase** in Warrant Article 2022-06 Operating Budget.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. Due to long discussions, the vote was deferred.

Chair Smith made a motion to add \$2,671 to the **Elder Services COLA** Lines 42151.110.02 to \$3,105, 42151.110.02 to \$72,450, 42151.220.00 FICA to \$1,684, and 42151.225.00 Medicare to \$1,090.

Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 45501.110.02 Library Asst. Dir.** by \$1465.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. Five members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Chair Smith made a motion to recommend that **Warrant Article 2022-06 Operating Budget** for an amount of \$5,799,919 for a 10.85% increase.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. Motion did not pass. **Vote: 3/3/0**

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to reduce **Line 43122.110.01 Labor** from \$47,642 to \$38,422.

Member Torosian seconded the motion. Four members were in favor. **Vote: 4/0/2**

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 43122.430.00 Equipment Repairs** from \$10,000 to \$9,000.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. Five members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Member Fournier made a motion to reconsider voting on the budget.

Vice Chair Barker seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to recommend to the voters a total **budget of \$5,789,699**, a 10.66% increase from last year.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. Four members were in favor. **Vote: 4/2/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to recommend to the voters a total **Default Budget of \$5,731,755**, a 9.55% increase over last year's Default Budget.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. Five members were in favor. **Vote: 5/1/0**

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Member Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

[Minutes for 01/20/2021](#)

Member Torosian made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Member Torosian made a motion to rescind votes by the Budget Committee on **Warrant Articles 2022-19, 2022-20, 2022-21** because they are not true expenditure warrants; therefore the votes are not valid.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to recommend to the voters a total **Default Budget of \$5,523,423**, a 5.57% increase from last year.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to recommend that **Warrant Article 2022-06 Operating Budget** for an amount of \$5,789,599 for a 10.66% increase with a Default Budget amount of \$5,523,423, a 5.57% increase.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. Four members were in favor. **Vote: 4/2/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn.

Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.