

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

Members Present

Wendy Barker, Chair
Peter Torosian, Vice Chair
Sam Butler
Bob Malo
Mark Sakakeeny
Bill Smith

Others Present

Dave Williams, Cable
Leslie Barbera, Elections
Sue Copetta, Building Inspectors
Sue Copetta, Planning & Zoning
Julianna Hale, Town Clerk
Jim Garrity, Town Moderator
Holly Patterson, BOS Liaison
John Apple, Representing Tax Collector
Angela Wesson, Ass't Town Administrator

Agenda: Attendance, Minutes, Review Cable, Elections, Building Inspectors, Planning & Zoning, and Town Clerk Budgets

Chair Barker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Barker took attendance.

Town Administrator

- **Administrator Apple** stated the following:
 - The Town will be purchasing a 2022 Rav4 vehicle for Elder Services
 - The road salt contract will be \$72/ton this year
 - BOS approved Elder Services driver pay increases from \$12/hour to \$16/hour
 - There is also a wage increase for the building inspector

Budget Presentations

Cable

Dave Williams stated:

- The only change is that there will no longer be a second person employed in the Cable Dept.
- Other than the change in staffing, the budget is level funded.

Member Smith made a motion to tentatively accept the Cable Budget of \$78,425.

Member Butler seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Elections

Leslie Barbera stated:

- In 2023 there will only be one election

Vice Chair Torosian made a motion to add \$1 under the Selectmen's column for, **Line 41403.740,00 New Equipment**. **Member Smith** seconded the motion.

Member Butler made a motion to tentatively accept the Elections Budget of \$4,149.

Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Jim Garrity stated:

- New Equipment should be \$750 and Food should be \$100.

- **Member Smith** made a motion to tentatively accept the Moderator Budget as amended of \$9,301.
- **Vice Chair Torosian** seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Building Inspectors

Member Butler made a motion to tentatively accept the Building Inspectors Budget of \$110,970.

Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Health Admin

Chair Barker suggested that **Line 41911.341.00 Telephone** should be removed. She suggested that **Line 44111.390.00 Other Professional Services** should also be removed.

Member Smith made a motion to tentatively accept the Health Admin Budget of \$7,836.

Vice Chair Torosian seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Member Butler made a motion to adjust the **Health Insurance Line 41304.210.00** and **41304.230.00 Retirement** and add \$1 as a place holder on both lines.

Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Vice Chair Torosian made a Motion to accept the clerical budget of \$32,829.

Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Town Clerk

Julianna Hale stated:

- There is an increase in Salaries, Health Insurance, Dues, and Training
- There is a decrease in Office Supplies, Postage, New Equipment
- Mileage is level funded

Chair Barker suggested that **Line 41401.341.00 Telephone** be removed.

Vice Chair Torosian made a motion to tentatively accept the Town Clerk Budget of \$176,421.

Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Minutes for September 15, 2022

Chair Barker made a motion to approve the Minutes as written.

Vice Chair Torosian seconded the motion. Motion was passed. **Vote: 5/0/2**

Chair Barker made a motion to adjourn.

Vice Chair Torosian seconded the motion. Motion was passed. **Vote: 8/0/0**

Next Budget Committee Meeting: **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

On September 27, the Committee will review Recreation, Community Center, and Elder Services

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.