

Town of Atkinson  
Budget Committee  
January 11, 2005

Present: Jane Cole, Mark Acciard, Fred Thompson, Dave Paquette, Marsha Bassi, Janine Sawyer-Standley, Fred Childs

Jane Cole called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The following budgets were discussed:

4415 Health Dues

The committee eliminated Derry/Salem Transportation for the amount of \$1500.00.

The adjusted total for Health Dues is \$39,721.00

Mark Acciard motioned to accept budget #4415 for the amount of \$39,721.00 for final recommendation, Fred Thompson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

4140 Town Clerk

The committee made the following changes to this account. The New Equipment line item went from a 0 amount to \$2189.00 Also Mileage was increased to \$1173.00

The adjusted total for budget #4140 Elections/Town Clerk \$172,294

Mark Acciard motion to accept budget #4140 in the amount of \$172,294.00 for final recommendation, Fred Thompson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

4210 Police Department

The budget committee expressed great concern about the \$100,000.00 increase in the police department budget. No further discussion took place at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Jane Cole proceeded to open the Budget Committee public hearing at 7:34 PM. Jane introduced the budget committee. She informed the public that this meeting is called to review the 2005 budgets and warrant article. Jane Cole read through the Atkinson 2005 Budget. There were no questions from the audience. Jane continued with the warrant articles.

Article 2005-05 Town Hall Expansion

John Poole and Adele Dillon, spoke in support of this article. The primary objective of this expansion is to provide space for storage of town records and to increase space for the Cable Studio.

Article 2005-06

Dale Childs spoke in support of this article.

Article 2005-09 Road Paving

This article shall be changed to read "raise and appropriate".

Article 2005-10 Library Capital Reserve  
 This article shall be changed to read "raise and appropriate".

See attached for warrant revised warrant articles.

The public session was adjourned at 8:38

The budget committee resumed a non public meeting at 9:00

The following budgets were reviewed:

4311 Highway Department  
 Ted Stewart instructed the budget committee to decrease the highway departments' patch material line item by \$33,000.00. Line item 43122.68.03 reads \$125,000.00. The warrant article 2005-09 remains at \$110,000.00. The 2005 total \$513,346.00. Mark Acciard motioned to accept budget #4311 in the amount of \$513,346.00 for final recommendation. Fred Thompson second, the motion passed unanimously.

The following budgets have been accepted for final recommendation by the budget committee:

Executive	\$196,720
Town Clerk	\$172,294
Financial Admin.	\$196,717
Computer	\$52,310
Legal Services	\$14,000
Personnel Admin	\$36,797
Planning/	
Zoning	\$17,745
Gen Govt Bid	\$75,406
Cemeteries	\$25,450
Other Insurance	\$14,231
Advertising Reg.	\$5,591
Elderly Affairs	\$15,253
Hospitals/Ambulance	\$21,000
Fire Department	\$309,418
Recycling	\$45,314
Waste Disposal	\$518,490
Health Department	\$11,315
Animal Control	\$21,934
General Assistance	\$18,000
Recreation	\$75,228
Community Center	\$27,573
Library	\$260,189
Memorial Day	\$3,100
Cable Television	\$43,397
Conservation	\$5,545

Long Term Debt—Principle                    \$102,143  
Long Term Debt-Interest                    \$ 24,005

The following budget were finalized on January 11, 2005

Street Lighting                                \$27,000

Fred Thompson made a motion to accept budget #4316 in the amount of \$27,000.00 for final recommendation, Mark Acciard second, the motion passed unanimously.

Health Dues/Agencies                        \$40,321

Mark Acciard motioned to accept budget #4415 in the amount of \$40,321.00 for final recommendation, Dave Paquette second, the motion passed unanimously.

Police Department                            \$772,539

Fred Thompson motioned to accept budget #4210 in the amount of \$772,539.00 for final recommendation, Janine Sawyer-Standley second, the motion passed with 1 abstention (Mark Acciard).

The total operating budget going to Deliberative Session on February 12, 2005

Total    \$3,758,833.00

Jane Cole motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10, Janine Sawyer-Standley second, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting at 8:00 am, February 12, 2005 at the Dyke Auditorium located on Academy Avenue in Atkinson Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Jackson