

Town of Atkinson
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2009

Attending: Jim Blackadar – Chairman, Steve Giangregorio - Vice Chairman, Dave Paquette, Valerie Tobin, Fred Thompson, Harold Morse, Fred Childs ex-officio

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Jim informed the Board the Chief Consentino would be presenting some requested information and then the Board would continue to finalize budgets.

Chief Consentino provided an overview of the Dispatch Contract with Plaistow, NH PD. He stated that the Plaistow PD is not interested in handling the full time dispatch duties of Atkinson. He also stated that Plaistow may be required to hire additional people if that was to happen and those costs would be passed on to Atkinson. He also stated that the contract has been in place for 2 years and the increase this year was for raises in Plaistow. The Chief also provided an overview of all Police and Elderly personnel and their current job title. Steve had provided the Board with the job descriptions and hours worked for 2009.

Steve motioned to final accept the Dispatch in the amount of \$37,158/Seconded by Fred T./Unanimous 6-0.

The Board made the following adjustments to the Police budget:

42101.110.06 – LT Salary – Adjusted to \$25,000 to cover 25% of the salary and additional money to make cover the difference between his military salary and Town salary. The number can be adjusted at Deliberative session.

42101.560.00 – Dues – Adjusted to \$2,210 – The Chief mention we could forgo membership in the SWAT program.

42105.341.00 – Telephone – Adjusted to \$12,000

The balance of the budget is table till the next meeting

Elderly Affairs – 42151

Jim motioned to final accept the Elderly budget in the amount of \$34,112/Seconded by Steve/Motion Passed 4-2

Health & Welfare – Dave made the adjustments to fully fund all the Agencies requesting monies by reducing the rent line within General Assistance.

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Health & Welfare section of the budget in the amount of \$90,930/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Recreation – 45201

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Recreation budget in the amount of \$77,423/Seconded by Steve/Motion passes 4-2

Care of Grounds – 45202 – Fred C informed us that there were no bids. Therefore the Board level funded the amount.

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Care of Grounds budget in the amount of \$31,000/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Community Center – 45208 – The Board adjusted the Senior Rec Coordinator's salary to reflect the appropriate longevity increase to \$28,035 and corrected the FICA and Medi lines to \$1,738 and \$406 respectively.

Fred motioned to final accept the Community Center budget in the amount of \$47,884/Seconded by Harold/Unanimous 6-0

Library – 45501 – The Board discussed this budget and decided to Table it to the next meeting.

Patriotic Purposes – 4583X

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Patriotic Purposes budget in the amount of \$2,400/Seconded by Steve/Unanimous 6-0

Cable – 45892

Steve motioned to final accept the Cable budget in the amount of \$41,919/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Conservation – 46111

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Conservation budget in the amount of \$6,102/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Debt Services – 47112 & 47211

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$159,588 (Principal \$90,000/Interest \$69,588)/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Clerical - 41304 – Tabled – Fred C. stated a decision on the department will be made within the next 2 weeks.

Town Clerk - 41401 – Jim clarified that there is no double counting within the printing and binding lines between the Town Administrator and Moderator.

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Town Clerk budget in the amount of \$140,196/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Moderator – 41402

Steve motioned to final accept the Moderator budget in the amount of \$12,380/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Assessing – 41503 – The Board adjusted the assessing line to reflect the current contract to \$32,500.

Fred T. motioned to final accept the Assessing budget in the amount of \$88,084/Seconded by Valerie/Unanimous 6-0

Tax Collector – 41504 – Tabled to look into Deputy Tax Collector line

Computers – 41506 – Tabled

Legal – 5153

Jim motioned to establish line 41531.390 OPS with an initial amount of \$10,000 and to final accept the Legal budget in the amount of \$40,000(Legal Services \$8,500, OPS \$10,000, and Defense Proceedings \$1,500)/Seconded by Fred/Motion Passes 4-3.

The Board agreed that there will be no meeting next week. Jim stated this will be ample time for everyone to review the remaining budgets so that at the December 29, 2009 meeting the Board will be able to have the budget finalized. The Board reviewed the December 8, 2009 minutes.

Dave motioned to accept the minutes as presented/Seconded by Steve/Unanimous 5-0 (Harold Abstained).

The next meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting/Seconded by Steve/Unanimous 6-0. Jim adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM.

Respectively submitted,
kjb