

Town of Atkinson
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

Attending: Jim Blackadar – Chairman, Steve Giangregorio – Vice Chairmen Dave Paquette, Fred Thompson, Bill Bennett ex-officio

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Board addressed each warrant article in order and made the following motions:

1. \$1,000 to televise all Conservation Committee meetings.

Fred motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Bill/Unanimous 5-0

2. \$1,000 to televise all Library Trustee Meetings.

Fred motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Bill/Unanimous 5-0

3. \$10,000 for video streaming equipment.

The Board requested that the Tech Committee provide a road map outlining the direction of the Town's website, if provided, the Board will consider changing their recommendation.

Fred motioned to NOT Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Dave/Unanimous 5-0

4. \$18,000 to build a new cable studio.

Bill provided the cost estimate for the new studio. It was determined that there is enough floor space to handle the Town's Servers as well.

Fred motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Bill/Unanimous 5-0

5. \$6,500 for Elderly Affairs vehicle.

Dave expressed his concerns that this could lead to increased costs over time. It was noted that this will eliminate one existing vehicle leaving the fleet at 3. This vehicle will come with a 3 year maintenance plan.

Bill motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Fred/Motion passes 4-1

6. \$100 paid position for Director of Elderly Affairs.

Fred motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Steve/Motion passes 4-1

7. \$60,000 Fire Department Capital Reserve.

Steve motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Bill/Unanimous 5-0

8. \$15,000 Highway Expendable Trust.

Jim motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Fred/Unanimous 5-0

9. \$35,000 Kimball House Siding and Windows

Bill informed the Board that this is an estimate developed by Bill Friel and should be enough to complete the siding and start the windows. The Building is under the control of the Library Trustees. The exact materials and style of windows has not been determined.

Bill motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Fred/Motioned failed 2-3

The Board requested that estimated costs be provided. The Board will consider changing the recommendation at Deliberative Session.

10. \$46,460 Mosquito Control Expendable Trust.

Fred motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Steve/Unanimous 5-0

11. \$25,000 Recreation Capital Reserve.

Fred motioned to NOT Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Steve/Unanimous 4-0 (Bill Abstained)

12. \$80,000 to complete the East Road Fields.

Fred motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Jim/Motion passes 4-1

The Board is recommending this warrant article based on pending significant donations which will reduce the amount of this warrant article. The Board will readdress this warrant at Deliberative session.

13. \$5,000 Capital Reserve for Woodlock Park.

Dave motioned to NOT Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Fred/Unanimous 5-0

14. Generator for Town Hall.

Bill motioned to Recommend this warrant article/motion dies.

Fred motioned to NOT Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Dave/Motion passes 4-1

15. 166,606 for Shim and Overlay of 8 roads (Mosher, Stage, Rocking Chair, Cottontail, Pebble Brook, Leroy, Pages and Bittersweet)

Jim motioned to Recommend this warrant article/Seconded by Bill/Unanimous 5-0

Jim informed the Board that the total dollar value of the recommended warrant articles is \$388,816. The next meeting is the Public Hearing January 19, 2010 at Town Hall.

Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting/Seconded by Bill/Unanimous 5-0. Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Respectively submitted,
kjb