

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

Members Present

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

Others Present

Beth Cacciotti
Tim Crowley, Chief of Police
Brian Murray, Fire Chief
Andrew Schafer, Asst Fire Chief
Karen Steele, Resident

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

Agenda: Attendance, Department Presentations per Calendar, and Minutes

Chair Smith took attendance.

Police Department

The Committee agreed there was no need for further discussion.

Fire Department

Chief Murray reported the following:

- Reduced Fire Dept. Officers & Other Personnel by staggering the Dept. Chief positions
- Reduced all training by 10%
- Considering five Warrant articles

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 42201.110.098 Fire Dept. overtime** from \$20,819 to \$16,000.

Chair Smith seconded the motion. Two members were in favor; three were opposed. **Vote: 2/3/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the **Fire Dept. budget** amount proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. Three members were in favor; two were opposed. **Vote: 3/2/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to accept either the Selectmen's proposed numbers or default numbers for the following:

Computers & IT

Highway

Recycling

Solid Waste

Executive Selectmen Section

Executive Town Administrator Section

Street Lighting

Dispatch

General Assistance

Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

Minutes for 11/30/2021

The minutes will be provided at the December 14 meeting.

Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn.

Vice Chair Barker seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.