

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Members Present

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

Others Present

Bob Worden, Selectmen Liaison
Dave Cressman, Town Administrator
Ted Stewart, Road Agent

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda: Reading RTK Checklist, Attendance, Warrant Articles Votes, Budget Adjustments, Minutes

Chair Smith read the public notice regarding COVID-19.

Attendance was taken.

Selectman Worden asked that the Committee reconsider \$625 reduction for the Child Advocacy Group and return it back to \$1,250 per the request Police Chief Crowley.

The Budget Committee voted on the Warrant Articles as follows:

Article #2021-3 Long-Term Borrowing Planning & Maintenance of Town Facilities

Not Recommended by a vote of 0 to 5 and one abstained

Article #2021-5 Police Vehicle Lease Payment

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-6 Police Vehicle Purchase

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-7 Fire Department Capital Reserve

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-8 Fire Department Staffing

Recommended by a vote of 5 to 0, one abstained

Article #2021-9 Highway Shim and Overlay

Recommended by a vote of 3 to 2, one abstained

Article #2021-10 Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund

Not Recommended by a vote of 2 to 3, one abstained

Article #2021-11 Road Agent Additional Duties

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-12 Mosquito Control

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-13 PFAS Investigation

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-14 Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund

Not Recommended by a vote of 0 to 6

Article #2021-15 Conversion to LED Street Lights

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Article #2021-16 New Equipment for Atkinson Community Television

Recommended by a vote of 6 to 0

Chair Smith made a motion to increase **Line 43163.410.00** Street Lighting to \$44,000 from \$42,000.

Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Member Fournier made a motion to increase **Line 43234.890.00** Recycling Contract Labor & Equipment from \$200 to \$8,000.

Chair Smith seconded the motion. Four members were in favor; two were not in favor. **Vote: 4/2/0**

Chair Smith made a motion to reinstate \$1,250 to **Line 44151.350.03** Child Advocacy Group.

Member Malo seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Warrant Article 2021-4 Operating Budget at 1.33%

Recommended by a vote of 5 to 1

Minutes for 01/05/2021

Member Sakakeeny made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0**

Member Torosian made a motion to adjourn.

Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.