

**TOWN OF ATKINSON**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Diane Herr, Outgoing Library Director  
Kathy Watson, Interim Library Director  
Russell Wolf, Technology Comm. Dir.  
Bill Innis, Building Needs Chair  
Charlie George, Building Needs Member

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Agenda:** Budget, Warrants, Minutes

## **Building Needs**

Warrant Article 8      Building Maintenance Designs

Warrant Article 9      Building Needs Expendable Trust

Chair Innis and Mr. George shared their reasoning for requesting \$50,000 and how it would be used. Mainly, the expendable trust is in anticipation of money needed over and above the budget allowance for such things as repairs, updates and health and safety.

## **Computers**

Chair Smith made a motion to change **Line 41506.430.00** Software Maintenance from \$46,505 to \$49,505; **Line 41506.740.00** Hardware Purchases from 21,725 to 19,200; and **Line 41506.890.00** IT Services from \$43,900 to \$46,500. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor.  
**Vote: 5/0/0**

**Member Torosian asked to be part of the negotiations in the future.**

**Moderator**

Member Torosian made a motion to change **Line 41402.390.00** Professional and Technical Services from \$4000 to \$3000. Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

## **Street Lighting**

Member Malo made a motion to change **Line 43163.410.00** Street Lighting from \$40,000 to \$44,000.  
Member Fournier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

**Town Administration**

Member Fournier made a motion to reduce **Line 41302.720.00** Service Contracts from \$1000 to \$1.  
Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

## **Financial Administration – Treasury**

Member Fournier made a motion to change **Line 41505.820.00** Mileage from \$750 to \$1; and **Line 41505.850.00** Education/Conferences from \$100 to \$1. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

## **Legal Services – Defense Proceedings**

Member Fournier made a motion to change **Line 41532.390.00** Other Professional Services from \$500 to \$1. Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**



**Buildings – Wdpk–Hearse House**

Member Fournier made a motion to change **Line 41947.390.00** Other Professional Services from \$620 to \$1. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

## Fire Department

Member Fournier made a motion to change **Line 42202.430.00** Hydrants/Water Contracts from \$17,600 to \$1. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

## Recycling

Member Fournier made a motion to change **Line 43234.740.00** Equipment from \$100 to \$1. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

Member Torosian made a motion to change **Line 43234.890.00** Contract Labor/Equipment from \$6000 to \$5000. Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

**Warrant Articles**

**Article #2020-3** Collective Bargaining Agreement

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-4** Authorization for Special Meeting on Defeated or Amended Collective Bargaining Article (CBA)

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-5** Operating Budget

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-6** Fire Department Capital Reserve

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-7** Fire Department Staffing

Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-8** Building Maintenance Designs

Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-9** Building Needs Expendable Trust Fund

Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-10** Highway Shim and Overlay

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-11** Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund

Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-12** Road Agent Position

Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-13** Mosquito Control Expendable Trust

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-14** Control Invasive Plants on Town Conservation Land

Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-15** Town Hall Generator

Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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Warrant Articles (Cont'd)

**Article #2020-16** Amend the Solar Energy Exemption  
Recommended by Budget Committee: **Yes 5** No 0 Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-18** SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth  
Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-19** Library Parking Lot  
Recommended by Budget Committee: Yes 0 **No 5** Abstain 0

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**Article #2020-20** Create Town Clerk-Tax Collector Position  
Recommended by Budget Committee: **No vote taken**

**Minutes**

Member Torosian made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/14/2020 as amended. Chair Smith seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

Member Fournier made a motion to adjourn. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 5/0/0**

The Atkinson Budget Committee adjourned at 9:35 p.m.