

**TOWN OF ATKINSON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, October. 23. 2018**

Members Present:

Bill Smith, Chair  
Wendy Barker, Vice Chair  
Bob Malo  
Dave Paquette  
Peter Torosian

Others Present:

Barbara Snicer, Asst. Town Administrator  
Mike Murphy, Fire Chief

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Agenda: Ambulance, Fire Department and Homeland Security

Minutes:

Fire Chief Mike Murphy presented his department's proposed budget numbers, which included some new lines for 2 full-time people, some existing lines that increased, some decreased and some lines that did not change, for an overall Fire Department (Lines 42201.110.01 – 42207.680.00) proposed increase of 59.85%.

**Vice Chair Barker asked where the full timers were found and also expressed concern for the costly floor maintenance pertaining to safety issues.** Chief Murphy stated that 11 people applied to the advertisements at the Fire Academy and local fire departments. The floor repairs were basically a Maintenance department issue but he does not believe there is a safety concern.

**Member Paquette asked if the telephone system (Line 42201.341.00) required anything special.** Chief Murphy explained that the system does not require anything special except copper wiring is needed and that it is essential to protect the 911 line.

**Member Torosian asked about where John Rockwell, who is retired, fits into the mix.** Chief Murphy explained that along with Kevin Landry and Andrew Schaefer, John's compensation comes from the clerks line (Line 42201.110.03).

**Member Torosian also asked about Trinity Ambulance and how it's determined who responds first.** Chief Murphy basically stated that the closest ambulance to the incident responds first and there is a backup plan amongst the other ambulances as to which responds when determining road conditions, etc.

**Member Torosian also expressed concern about hiring two full timers.** Chief Murphy stated that the town is growing and, when there are more complaints, we need to give the Atkinson residents the services they are entitled to.

**Member Torosian made a motion for the Budget Committee to accept the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018. Chair Smith seconded the motion. The Budget Committee voted four in favor, zero against, and one in absentia. Vote 4/0/1.**

**Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn the October 23, 2018 meeting of the Atkinson Budget Committee. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Vote 4/0/0.**

The Tuesday, October 23, 2018 meeting of the Atkinson Budget Committee adjourned at 8:24 PM