

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

Members Present

Wendy Barker, Vice Chair
Ray Fournier
Bob Malo
Mark Sakakeeny

Others Present

Brian Murray, Fire Chief
Russell Wolf, IT Chair

Vice Chair Barker called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Agenda: Attendance, Department Presentations per Calendar, and Minutes

Vice Chair Barker took attendance.

Fire Department – Brian Murray

Chief Murray reported the following:

- Fire Officers salary decreased to \$191,750
- Training was reduced by 20%
- Dept. Clerk is increased to \$28,000
- Full Time staff has increased
- Training hours decreased by 10%, from \$24,018 to \$23,128.24
- Telephone increased
- Office supplies have slightly increased
- Education/Conferences increased
- There are 28 volunteer firefighters; 35 are needed
- In 1980, it took 38 hours to get certified; today it takes 212 hours.
- Truck Maintenance & Labor increased to \$5,000 or increasing Truck Maintenance to \$10,000
- The Hydrant Maintenance can be \$0 because it will be going to a warrant article
- Hydrant Maintenance should be renamed Rural Water Supply
- Minor Equipment increased by \$500
- Uniforms decreased
- Add a line for PPE and SCBA for \$5,415
- Other/New is \$1600 for a subscription for NFPA Codes
- Communications may be moved to a warrant article
- Physicals decreased from \$30,400 to \$20,900
- Medical supplies increased by \$1,000 to meet the COVID demand

The Committee requested more data, costs and warrant article info upon next meeting with the Fire Department.

IT Department – Russell Wolf

Chair Wolf reported the following:

- Adding two more users for Adobe DC Reader is an increase
- Providing iPads for the Fire Dept. is an increase
- Document Management Subscription increased to \$7,500 per year
- Tyler Industries increased by 2%
- Interware increased by 2%
- Hardware purchases increased
- Block 5 is up for renewal and IT is currently negotiating for bids

Minutes for 10/26/2021

Vice Chair Barker suggested that the committee discuss the minutes at the next meeting.

Minutes for 11/2/2021

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to approve as written.

Member Fournier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 4/0/0**

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to adjourn.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 4/0/0**

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.