

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Members Present

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

Others Present

Dave Cressman, Town Administrator
Dave Williams, Station Manager

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

Agenda: Reading RTK Checklist, Attendance, Proposed Numbers and Possible Adjustments

Chair Smith read the public notice regarding COVID-19.
Attendance was taken.

Chair Smith asked for suggestions for revising the spreadsheet.

Elder Services

Member Malo distributed information regarding Elder Services vehicle maintenance and fuel.

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 42151.635.00** Elder Services Vehicle Gas from \$8,000 to \$6,000.

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

Member Malo made a motion to reduce **Line 42151.650.00** Elder Services Vehicle Maintenance by \$500.

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

Chair Smith made a motion to adjust **Line 42151.110.01** Elder Services Payroll by \$2,000 and moving it to the line directly above it (line number to be assigned).

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

Member Malo made a motion to reduce **Line 42151.110.01** Elder Services Payroll to \$65,000.

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

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 42151.390.00** Elder Services Other Professional Services from \$1,300 to \$1,000.

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

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 42101.110.05** Police Department School Crossing Guard from \$5,500 to \$ 4,500.

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

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 41504.620.00** Tax Collector Office Supplies to \$1,200.

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

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 41505.340.00** Treasury Bank Services/FAX from \$500 to \$150.

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

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 42901.740.00** Homeland Security New Equipment from \$200 to \$1.

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

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 43112.850.00** Highway Department Education/Conferences from \$500 to \$200.

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

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to reduce **Line 41506.730.00** Computers Software Services from \$9,040 to \$6,540.

Member Sakakeeny seconded the motion. Five members were in favor; one abstained. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Animal Control

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 44191.110.01** Animal Control Officers from \$8,490 to \$5,000.

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

Member Fournier made a motion to reduce **Line 44191.360.00** Animal Control Kennel to \$1.

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

Member Sakakeeny made a motion to reduce **Line 44191.870.00** Animal Control Uniforms from \$500 to \$250.

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

Member Fournier made a motion to reduce **Line 44191.630.00** Animal Control Minor Equipment to \$500.

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

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 44191.390.00** Animal Control Other Professional Services from \$1,500 to \$1,200.

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

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to reduce **Line 45892.110.00** Cable Operations Staff Salary by \$2,000.

Member Torosian seconded the motion. Five members were in favor; one abstained. **Vote: 5/0/1**

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 41911.390.00** Planning and Zoning Other Professional Services to \$9,500.

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

Minutes for 11/17/2020

Chair Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. **Member Fournier** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Member Torosian made a second request to the Selectmen or the Town Administrator to provide the cost difference between the 75/25 Health Plan per employee and the 80/20 Health Plan.

Chair Smith made the following comments:

- He requested that the committee wrap up by December 15, 2020.
- The Conservation Commission will meet next week.
- The Fire Chief or a designated person may meet on December 8, 2020.
- He feels the Library siding maintenance should be done as a warrant and not part of the budget.

Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn. **Member Fournier** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

The Atkinson Budget Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.