

**TOWN OF ATKINSON
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

Members Present

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

Others Present

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Agenda: Second Pass through Budget, Minutes

Chair Smith said that there was an error on the spreadsheet regarding FICA and Medicare. He will be making a correction to show the 2.84 increase is actually 2.85 increase.

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Library

Chair Smith shared the changes submitted by Library Director, Diane Herr.

Member Torosian made a motion to leave **Line 45501.210.00** Health Insurance at \$55,206; to change **Line 45501.220.00** FICA to \$17,280; to change **Line 45501.225.00** Medicare to \$4,041; to change **Line 45501.230.00** Retirement to \$23,857 until further information regarding the new employee is provided. Member Malo seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Director Herr called to say that her numbers excluded three months for the possible new employee.

Member Worden suggested that the number be changed back to Director Herr's original number.

Director Herr called again to share that she will be staying on as a consultant for one month.

Member Worden made a motion to restore **Line 45501.210.00** Health Insurance back to \$57,300. Vice Chair Barker seconded the motion. Three members were in favor; two members were opposed; and one member abstained. **Vote: 3/2/1**

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Police Department

Member Worden made a motion to reduce **Line 42105.350.00** Employee Screening to \$1,500. Member Torosian seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

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Elder Services

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 42151.635.00** from \$8,000 to \$7,500. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

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Street Lighting

Member Malo made a motion to reduce **Line 43163.410.00** to \$40,000. Member Torosian seconded the motion. Four members were in favor; two abstained. **Vote: 4/0/2**

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Computers

Chair Smith made a motion to reduce **Line 41506.730.00** Software Purchase to \$12,362. Vice Chair Barker seconded the motion. Five members were in favor; one abstained. **Vote: 5/0/1**

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Recreation

Member Torosian made a motion to reduce **Line 45201.890.00** Contract Labor/Equipment to \$2,500. Chair Smith seconded the motion. Four members were in favor; one opposed and one abstained.

Vote: 4/1/1

Vice Chair Barker shared information that the \$3000 is necessary for health and safety reasons: the swing set in Woodlock Park is unsafe for children and will need to be replaced along with some broken fences and tennis court repairs.

Vice Chair Barker made a motion to restore **Line 45201.890.00** Contract Labor/Equipment to \$3,000. Member Malo seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

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Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Member Fournier made a motion to change COLA to 1.6%. Member Torosian seconded the motion. Five members were in favor; one opposed. **Vote: 5/1/0**

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Member Torosian made to approve the minutes of December 10, 2019. Member Worden seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Vote: 6/0/0**

Member Torosian suggested the following to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Results of speaking with the Town Moderator
- Elder Services on maintenance
- Reconsider or research COLA

Another discussion suggested in the middle of the meeting was to discuss Licensing in Computers.

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

The Atkinson Budget Committee adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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