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*Town of Atkinson
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2011*

D. Paquette opened the Budget Committee of January 11, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Dave Paquette, Chairman
Todd Barbera, Vice Chairman
Sue Carroll
Bill Smith
Harold Morse
Bill Friel, Ex-Officio

Others Present:

Announcements:

Public Service Announcement

Dave began by announcing Waste Management cancelled public trash pick-up on Wednesday, January 12th on account of the snow storm, leaving trash pick up a day late for the rest of the week.

Revenue:

Dave handed out MS-7 sheets with operating budget and revenue. The Budget Committee reviewed and made changes/updates pertaining to revenue. Dave requested the group review the sheets for discussion on Thursday, January 13th.

2011 Budget Items:

Changes Submitted by Selectmen

1. Ted Stewart requests budget line 45202.390.00 (Professional Services: Care of Grounds) be increased by \$6,600 for a total of \$17,500 to cover the costs of slice seeding, aeration, and general repairs to fields.
 - a. Bill began discussion around Baseball and Little League contributing more to the Care of Grounds. Harold stated baseball has the funds available.
 - b. Todd believes the fields to be town asset and should be taken care of.

Harold made a motion to leave budget line item 45202.390.00 as is, in the amount of \$10,900. Second: Bill. Vote: Yes: 3/No: 1/Abstain: 0. (Sue not present during vote)

2. Ted Stewart requests budget line 43234.120.00 (Custodial: Recycle) be increased by \$526 for a total of \$7,791 based on an error on the original requested amount.

Todd made a motion to adjust budget line item 43234.120.00 to \$7,791. Second: Bill. Vote: Yes: 4/No: 0/Abstain: 0. (Sue not present during vote)

3. Ted Stewart requests budget line 43234.390.00 (Other Professional Services: Recycling) be increased by \$10,832 for a total of \$22,832 to pay for brush removal.
 - a. Mr. Friel explained brush cannot be burned based on needing a permit from the EPA which takes too long and most of the time causes fines to accrue.
 - b. Discussion occurred around not accepting brush from residents at all.

Todd made a motion to adjust budget line item 43234.390.00 to \$22,832. NO SECOND: Line item stays as is.

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4. Fire Chief Mike Murphy requests budget line 42201.412.00 (Telephone: Fire admin) be increased by \$2,000 for a total of \$8,500 to allow for a payment of \$2,000 for telephone bill received in 2011 for services in 2010. \$2,000 was unspent in 2010 and not encumbered. The Fire Chief would like a one-time increase of \$2,000 to pay for the bill.
 - a. The Budget Committee will make a special note regarding this one-time increase to help with next year's budget review.

Harold made a motion to allow for a one-time increase of \$2,000 to budget line 42201.412.00. Second: Bill. Vote: Yes: 5/No: 0/Abstain: 0.

5. Library Trustees requests budget line 45501.411.00 (Heat: Library admin) be reviewed to cover cost of 12,000 gallons of propane.
 - a. Selectmen voted on Difeo oil at \$2.15 per gallon for propane.
 - b. Budget Committee agreed cost/usage calculations are most likely incorrect and will review the previous years usage and expenditures.

Warrant Articles:

The Budget Committee reviewed 2011 Warrant Articles submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Todd made a motion to adjourn the Budget Committee Meeting on January 11, 2011 at 9:07pm. Second: Bill. Vote: Yes: 5/No: 0/Abstain: 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Williams