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*Town of Atkinson
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011*

D. Paquette opened the Public Hearing for the 2011 Budget Proposal at 7:00pm of January 18, 2011 in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Chief Consentino, Atkinson Police Department
Chief Murphy, Atkinson Fire Department

2011 Operating Budget:

Dave reviewed the 2011 Operating Budget presenting dollar amounts and purposes for all accounts.. At the end of the presentation comments and questions were heard.

Comments/Questions:

Chief Murphy, Atkinson Fire Department

Chief Murphy approached the Budget Committee with concern that an approved amount of \$2,000 may not have been added to his budget. The Chief explained this money was to cover a phone bill for service in 2010. The Chief went on to request budget line 42202.635.00 be increased by \$500 from \$3,000 to \$3,500 to cover the cost of fuel for the fire trucks

Chief Consentino, Atkinson Police Department

Chief Consentino asked the Budget Committee to reconsider the part-time officer's budget line by adding \$7,500 to allow for additional daytime police patrol in the town of Atkinson.

2011 Proposed Warrant Articles:

Dave and Todd read the proposed warrant articles with the budget committee's recommendations. At the end of the presentation comments and questions were heard.

Comments/Questions:

Chief Consentino, Atkinson Police Department

Chief Consentino approached the Budget Committee to clarify warrant article 2011-27 police cruiser#2. The Chief explained this cruiser would be used as the Chief's car but would also be utilized by the department, especially in winter weather, to respond to calls.

Chief Murphy, Atkinson Fire Department

Chief Murphy addressed warrant article 2011-15 Fire Department/Command – Rescue Unit. The Chief explained this unit will be a vital piece of equipment for the Fire Department and will have equipment inside it to assist with responding to emergencies.

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Open Discussion

The Budget Committee addressed Chief Murphy's concerns regarding \$2,000 and investigated whether this amount had already been added to the budget. The Budget Committee confirmed the \$2,000 was already added to the budget.

The Budget Committee discussed Chief Murphy's request to add \$500.00 to the fuel and oil line.

Todd made a motion to set budget line 42202.635.00 to \$3,500. Second: Sue. Vote: Yes: 6/No: 0/Abstain: 1.

The Budget Committee went on to review Chief Consentino's request to add \$7,500 for a new part-time officer.

Bill made a motion to increase the line by \$7,500. Second: Todd. Vote: Yes: 3/No: 3/Abstain: 0. Vote was Tied –Motion Failed.

Harold made a motion to increase the line by \$5,000. Second: Todd. Vote: Yes: 5/No: 1/Abstain: 0.

Approval of Minutes:

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Sue made a motion to approve minutes from January 13, 2011 as corrected. Second: Todd. Vote: Yes: 4/No: 1/Abstain: 1.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing of January 18, 2011 at 8:24pm. Second: Sue. Vote: Yes: 7/No: 0/Abstain: 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Williams