

Appleton Budget Committee
Meeting of March 9, 2023 — minutes

The second meeting of the Appleton Budget Committee (ABC) convened at 6:31 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 for second review of the Appleton municipal budget for 2023-'24 via the Zoom online meeting platform.

ABC members in attendance: Bob Bocko, Ed Carroll, William Fiegenger, Mary Kate Moody, Linda Wyler; Select Board: Lori Costigan, Charles Garrigan; public and others: Fred Brown.

- Chairman Bocko noted the five ABC members present constituted a quorum. ABC members agreed by consensus to proceed to Q&A format with municipal officials in second review of town budget, document titled "Town of Appleton 2023-2024 Proposed Budget."

- Following review and discussion of budget cost centers, the ABC took the following votes:
 - Line 23, General Government: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$308,674, Fiegenger second; approved by 4-1 vote with Moody opposed.

- Line 39, Protection & Safety: Moody moved that ABC recommend amount of \$299,936, Wyler second; approved by 5-0 vote.

- Line 49, Highways & Bridges: Fiegenger moved that ABC recommend amount of \$621,828, Moody second; approved by 5-0 vote.

- Line 59, Sanitation: Carroll moved that ABC recommend amount of \$45,300, Moody second; approved by 5-0 vote.

- Line 70, Community: Moody moved that ABC recommend amount of \$35,470, Wyler second; approved by 5-0 vote.

- Line 76, Provider Agencies: Moody moved that ABC recommend against amount of \$6,569, Fiegenger second; approved by a 4-1 vote with Carroll opposed.

- Line 84, Capital Projects: Moody moved that ABC recommend amount of \$0, Fiegenger second; approved by 5-0 vote.

- Line 91, Property Tax 2% discount: Moody moved that ABC recommend amount of \$42,000, Fiegenger second; approved by a 3-2 vote with Bocko and Wyler opposed.

- Line 92, Surplus applied to reduce property tax burden: Moody moved that ABC recommend amount of \$300,000, Fiegenger second; approved by 5-0 vote.

Scheduled March 15, 6:30 p.m. ABC meeting for second review of AVS budget by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Carroll, Appleton Budget Committee secretary