

TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, May 15, 2017
North Brookfield Elementary School – Town Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

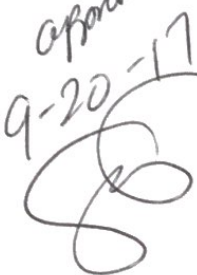
Present: Sheila Orsi, Bob Locatelli, Chet Lubelczyk,, Pete Dupell
Absent: Kristen Walther
Guest: Eric Hevy

The Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Sheila Orsi. Sheila chaired the meeting.

1. Meeting minutes were approved.
April 19, 2017: Bob made a motion to approve, Chet seconded. The vote was unanimous.
April 26, 2017: Chet made a motion to approve, Bob seconded. The vote was unanimous.
May 5, 2017: Bob made a motion to approve, Chet seconded. Sheila approved, Pete abstained.
2. Eric Hevy stated at this time the budget has been reduced to \$265,000 as our current deficit for the FY 18 budget process. Departments we are looking at to help reduce the deficit are the Police and Fire. We agreed that most of the line items are already currently level funded. Eric discussed the Council on Aging. They are looking for funding for the hours the senior center administrator is working in the absence of the outreach director. The last department Eric stated was under the microscope was the school budget.
3. The Library. It was discussed that the loans seem to be going down and expenses are going up. It is understood that a certain amount of funds needs to be spent in order to keep grant funding.
4. Bussing. A suggestion was made to look into saving the town money due to the bussing at the school. The current line item is valued at \$460,000. There was concern for children not taking the bus, parents driving them in and if it is worth the amount the town pays. We also discussed what rules or laws we need to abide by as a town regarding children taking the bus. Sheila stated she would ask the school superintendent, Marilyn Tenzsa.
5. Highway. Ch 90 funds have been approved. Discussion commenced regarding new vehicles and equipment.
6. Budget Deficit. There was more discussion and concern that the deficit needs to be lowered before approval at town meeting.
7. Our next meeting will be May 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Station. Pete moved that we adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. and Chet seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila J Orsi

Approved
9-20-17

Pete, Sheila
Chet