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North Brookfield Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
North Brookfield Senior Center

Present: Mike Zalansky; Chet Lubelczyk; Kathy Crevier Also Present: Shiela LeBlanc, Town Accountant
Absent: Michelle Petraitis; Bob Locatellil; Karen Hubacz, Alternate; Joe Trentacosta, Alternate

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:31

Mike announced that Michelle Petraitis has resigned from Finance Committee.
Voted that Joe Trentacosta be brought on as a regular, voting member

Minutes of January 26th meeting not discussed

Mike stated that Donna Seguin, Senior Center Director; Courtenay Rivera, Asst. Director and Outreach; and Judy Manning, COA Chairman, will be meeting with BOS to discuss holiday pay for part-time employees.
Discussion on Minimum Wage. Shiela informed us that municipalities do not have to pay minimum wage.
Fire Dept. visited The Center, and left a laundry list of issues which need to be addressed

Sewer Dept.:
Mike visited the Sewer Dept. on Monday, and their budget is up .76%
Informed that the $13 million originally planned for a sewer upgrade has increased to $22 million.
Anticipating grants from USDA which will cover approximately 75% of this cost
Will be receiving another $200,000 grant from Fish and Wildlife
Will be used for treating a portion of the water

Fire Dept.:
Joe Holway, Fire Chief, requested that $5,954.11 be transferred from Reserve Account to Fire Repairto pay Lamoureux Ford for work done on the 2013 cruiser (with 155,425 miles), due to its loss of the power steering and other issues. Chet questioned why this payment couldn't come from Free Cash.
Voted to transfer $5,954.11 from Reserve Account to Fire Dept. Repair Account in order to pay invoice from Lamoureux Ford.
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Board of Health:
Doug Borowski from the BOH requested that $4,027.50 be transferred from Reserve Account to cover the cost of Trash Bags. The allocation for these bags was $15,000, but the bill came in at $19,027.50.
Voted to transfer $4,027.50 from Reserve Account to Board of Health to cover the full cost of the purchase of Trash Bags
They are looking into Revolving Fund for the Bags
Bags can be purchased at the Transfer Station
Hannaford to get bags soon so that they can also be purchased there.
There will be a Hazardous Waste Day in March
BOH has increased Sticker price

Police Dept.
Mark Smith, Chief of Police, was present to discuss his concerns regarding the staffing of thePolice Dept.
With new legislation, MA restructured policing so that they eliminated part-time officers. All officers need

to be full-time trained officers.
Have eliminated part-time police academies, and those remaining are bridge academies
There is already a shortage of police officers in MA
NBPD has lost part-time officer Jake Deschamps to a full-time position in Rutland
We currently employ 3 part-time officers, and anticipate losing another officer or two.
Would like to bring on another police officer for FY 2024

Library:
Library Trustees have requested that $4,485.60 be transferred from the Reserve Account to the Library Salary Account to cover the increase in the Library Director's salary.
So voted
This must also come before a vote at the March Special Town Meeting

Shiela to prepare list of all employees who are earning less than $15.00/hour.

Mike will check with Town Clerk about an alternate member for FinCom

Discussion on the Town's need for either a Town Manager or a Town Administrator. Brooke Canada is looking into this.

KC did not record time the meeting adjourned.