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North Brookfield Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting

September 7 , 2022

NB Senior Center Meeting Opened at 6:30

Present: Mike Zalansky, Karen Hubacz, Chet Lubelczyk; Bob Locatelli; Kathy Crevier; Absent: Michele Petraitis

Also Present: Shiela LeBlanc, Town Accountant; Jason Petraitis, BOS; Jim Nyberg, Water Dept.; Tara Hayes, Town Clerk; Joe Trentacosta

August 4th Minutes approved as presented

Joe Trentacosta has expressed an interest in serving on the Finance Committee and informed us of his (impressive - CPA, CFO, retired) qualifications.

Voted to bring Joe on as a Finance Committee Alternate

Secretary to send letter to BOS

Brief discussion that, going forward, annual town budgets presented at Town Meeting be prepared and submitted by the Finance Committee, not the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion interrupted - no resolution

Tara Hayes, Town Clerk, requests \$1,000

Received \$14,000 grant from State for upgrading the Server (she requested \$24,000)

Needs another \$1,000

Technology balance in BOS account will not cover

Chet asked if she could find money in her own department budget before using money from FinCom

She will write an Article for Special Town Meeting in December requesting around \$2,000

Jim Nyberg, Sewer Dept. Superintendent

Wants to make a change to Health Care line item voted at Annual Town Meeting

Reduce around \$20,000, as no longer needed

He was informed that his budget, which was voted and accepted at Annual Town Meeting, cannot be Changed mid stream

Note: he previously met with Town Accountant and informed of this

Lengthy discussion on Sewer Dept. issues

ATFC - Association for Town Finance Committees

Annual Dues - \$163

Gives access to people and resources

Voted to join (rejoin - we had been a member and at some point decided to drop out)

Liaison to various town departments:

Mike has suggested that the following FinCom members act as liaison:

School - includes School Superintendent and School Committee Bob and Michelle

Fire, EMS, Highway Chet

Senior Center (COA), Library Kathy

Selectmen Mike

Police Karen

Other Business:

Water main breaks

There have been many on Ward Street and surrounding streets

Brief discussion on the town's water system

Chet stated that the salaries for the Library and Senior Center should be increased

This has been discussed at length at previous meetings

Retirement of Police officer

Sick pay buyback - \$6,000 out of Overtime Account

Holden Hospital gives donation to town (amount....?????)

For Fire, Police, etc.

BOS meeting on 9/13 at 6:30 in Police Dept. Training Room

Discussion on School Regionalization (Quaboag)

Next meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 at the Senior Center

Adjourned at 7:55