

**TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

A Special Town Meeting was held in the North Brookfield Police Department Training Room on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00pm, according to the warrant as posted. Moderator James N Caldwell called the meeting to order with a total of 33 voters present.

Mr. Caldwell and Town Clerk Tara Hayes gave a brief presentation on electronic voting clickers for town meetings to get an opinion on the voters thoughts about adopting these in the town. This would require a bylaw change to update the Town's methods of voting at town meeting. The voters present were positive about this change. The Town Clerk will continue to work to find funding for the clickers.

Action was taken on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made by Elizabeth Brooke Canada, seconded by Brandon Avery, and voted unanimously to see if the Town would vote to rescind the vote on Article 9 of the December 1, 2022 Special Town Meeting that transferred \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to Highway: Gas Expense for the purchase of diesel and further transferred \$5,000.00 from Free Cash to Highway: Maintenance for outfitting of diesel tank to enable fuel storage.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made by Elizabeth Brooke Canada, seconded by Brandon Avery to transfer the sum of 95,175.70 from Free Cash to Police: Cruiser Purchase. A discussion was held with Chief Mark Smith explaining that cruisers were last replaced 4 years ago so he was interested in exploring the replacement of two of them. The 2015 cruiser with 96,579 miles has electrical issues, shocks, struts, etc. The 2016 cruiser with 137,312 miles has wear issues. He spoke to a dealership who offered two 2022 Ford Interceptor demo cruisers, one will be a marked cruiser complete with light bar for \$50,084.35 and one would be unmarked for \$45,091.35 for a total of \$95,175.70. This would be a savings of \$28,963 over the purchase price of two 2023 model year vehicles with no demo discount. He discussed trading one of the cruisers, depending on the value he would receive, and keeping one for the Animal Control Officers vehicle. That one would need to be equipped with a box for the animals. The Moderator called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chet Lubelczyk made a motion, Bob Locatelli seconded and it was voted unanimously to dissolve the meeting at 6:14pm

A true copy, Attest:

Tara M Hayes, Town Clerk
February 9, 2023