

## Town Clerk

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North Brookfield Finance Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
NBPD Training Room

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

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:35

Minutes of January 12th meeting were corrected as follows:  
Increase for Highway Superintendent should be listed as calendar year  
Voted to accept as corrected

Highway:  
Offer letter to Jason Benoit from Town of Southbridge has now been presented  
Conflict of interest issue with Mike Zalansky will dissolve on January 27th

Highway Dept. will not be getting the tank from Techo Bloc

Special Town Meeting will be held at NBTD Training Room on Wednesday, February 1st, at 6:00  
Money for NBPD cruisers (2)  
Rescind vote at December STM to take money from Free Cash for purchase of diesel fuel to be stored in tank currently at Techo Bloc

Mike to check with Karen regarding her being unable to attend last few meetings

Chet spoke to Mike about the Town's need for a Town Manager and a contact person in Athol. Brooke Canada to look into this.

Bob stated that there may be ARPA Funds available for Town Manager  
West Brookfield is also looking for Town Manager. Could this be a shared resource?

Liaison Reports:

Library:

Kathy reported that Library Trustee Chairperson told her that the \$24/hr. salary may not be sufficient. However, they have only interviewed one candidate and this did not seem to be an issue.

COA:

Kathy reported that Director, Donna Seguin, is questioning the fact that they are no longer being paid for holidays.

She checked past payroll records, and Senior Center employees were paid for a holiday if the holiday fell on a day they were scheduled to work.

Shiela suggested she check budget to see if holiday pay is included

This issue (non-payment of holidays) should be a discussion with the BOS

Highway:

Chet absent, but Shiela reported that Kim, the Highway Clerk, is paid \$14.00, which is below minimum. She is a great worker; very diligent.

EMS:

May need \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Currently receive funds from the former Holden Hospital which are to be used for fire, ambulance, or police

Lengthy discussion between Kathy and Mike regarding COA liaison.

Mike to submit a Finance Committee Report for Town booklet

Discussion regarding Downtown Development Committee and contractor not being paid for work done. Not authorized.

Next meeting? Wait and see.

Adjourned at 8:20