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To: MICHAEL ZALANSKY; Chet Lubelczyk; Bob Locatelli; Joe Trentacosta; Karen Hubacz; Shiela LeBlanc; Town Clerk; Selectmens" Office
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:07:59 AM

North Brookfield Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023
North Brookfield Senior Center

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

Chet called the meeting to order at 6:30

Reported that due to illness, Mike will not be present

Minutes of April 5th accepted as printed

Police Chief, Mark Smith, present to discuss Police Budget:
Wants to bring on a 6th officer
The elimination of 6 part-time officers is causing a significant increase in overtime
Not enough staff to properly investigate issues such as Sexual Assault, Narcotics, Guns
There is no place to cut any money
Provided paperwork showing “actual cost to operate safely for officers and public”
5 officers versus 6 officers
Was asked about using State Troopers
Can’t depend on State Troopers, as they have only 2 cars to cover this area
Suggested using the weekly newspaper to show Police Log, as other towns do.

All departments received notification from BOS regarding implementation of Spending Freeze

Transfer - School Department
School Salary - Teacher
Direct Deposit covering 5 payroll checks not received due to a Scam
Requesting $2,500 (what insurance doesn’t pay) to School Payroll
So voted

Highway Department:
At the March Town Meeting, voters approved $209,000 for the purchase of a Mower for Highway Dept.
Purchase of the Mower had to go out for bids
Ahearn’s, from Spencer, bid a used Mower with 300+ hours for $135,000
Will have to rescind vote taken at the March meeting, and then vote for the $135,000

Board of Health:
Discussion on their request for Revolving Account
Joe, Liaison for BOH, will speak with Ethan M., Chairman

School:
Bob to meet with Tim McCormick, School Superintendent, on Friday
Will request that School Superintendent and School Committee attend next Thursday's Finance Committee
meeting (4/20)
Noted that 12 students will be graduating in June, not the 17 as reported by the School at last meeting.

Short discussion on an Override.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35