

## North Brookfield Finance Committee

### Minutes of Meeting

August 17, 2023

North Brookfield Senior Center

Present : Mike Zalansky, Chair; Chet Lubelczyk; Kathy Crevier; Bob Locatelli; Joe Trentacosta;

Vaughn Schlagel, Alternate.

Also Present: Brooke Canada, BOS; Shiela LeBlanc, Town Accountant; Tara Hayes, Town Clerk; Joe Holway, Fire Chief; Darrin Anderson, Deputy Fire Chief

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Chair, Mike Zalansky.

Minutes of July 26th meeting accepted as presented.

Informed by Mike that the BOS has requested that the Finance Committee meet with them at their August 22nd meeting at 6:00 in the Administrative Building to discuss the budget

Discussed in length the Fire Dept. project.

Suggested that instead of proceeding with the entire project of renovating the Donovan Rd. bldg. (Huck's)

which will house the Highway Dept., renovate the current Highway Barn to house the Fire Station, and to renovate the current Fire Station into office, sleeping quarters, kitchen, etc....we concentrate on just the Huck's building. We were told that Jason Benoit, Highway Super., has indicated that the students from Baypath will be available to start work on Huck's in September. (Later informed that we don't know for sure about Baypath)

Joe Holway, Fire Chief, present to discuss Turnout Gear for his department.

Needs 18 sets (should have 30 available)

Each person is individually fitted

5 year lease would be \$18,000/year

Need to replace every 10 years

Old gear not thrown away; used for training

Need to look at other companies for purchases

Suggested to take out of Capital Stabilization

Grants available? Joe to look into

We need more information. When do we need to start paying?

Joe was asked what equipment would be needed within the next three years

2 Used Cruisers

Discuss all this at the meeting with BOS

Joe Trentacosta brought up Capital Improvement Committee. Do we have one? He would be willing to serve.

Received note from the BOS. Short \$400 in supplies. No copy paper

Need more money for Code Red. Why do we have it?

Informed that Roadside Mower keeps breaking  
Meeting adjourned at 8:05