Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – November 21, 2017
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room, Town Hall – Town Hall TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda, Philip Landine and Deborah Provencher – Selectmen.

Call To Order: 6:33PM - The meeting was called to order by Diane at 6:33pm

Fire Department – Quote for Hot Water Unit Heater:
Phil motioned to approve the quote from Advanced Energy Concepts to purchase and install a Reznor WS140 Hot Water Unit Heater ($3,696.00) for the Fire Department; to be paid out of the Townwide Building Maintenance Account. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

Highway – Request for Disposal and Auction:
Phil motioned to allow the Highway Department to dispose of the following items:
   - Stephan Corfield Curb Machine
   - Wacker Jumping Jack (Blown engine)
   - Worthington Air Compressor (Blown engine)
and to auction off the following:
   - 1948 CAT grader model 12 (too many costly repairs)
   - 1997 F350 Dump (replaced with 2015 F450)
   - Gravely Tractor/ Sweeper (replaced with sweeper attachment on Wacker Loader
   - Auto Car Dump Body and parts (been sitting in freight yard for years)
   - Drag Sweeper (replaced with sweeper attachment on Backhoe)
   - Western Roller (replaced with COOP roller)
   - 1980 Elgin Sweeper (replaced with 1999, did not get min. bid last time)

Noting that the Town would cavass other departments for possible inclusion in the auction, Deborah second. The Board voted unanimously.

Gavitt Wire – Request for Green Arrow:
Highway Superintendent Daley wrote the Board to inform them that the proposed change would require a traffic study and maybe DOT approval. New or modified traffic controller and additional lights would be required. The estimated cost would be between $40,000 and $50,000. Diane stated that she had been in touch with Lisa Baker and the Board agreed to take the request under advisement.

Dean Buchman – Request to Plow Burrington Road:
The Board agreed to view the area and to place the request on the Boards next Agenda.

Excise Tax Update:
Diane explained that the Town was currently in the process of trying to collect 2014, 2015 and 2016 outstanding taxes. It was brought to the Selectboards attention that there were several issues including complaints of not receiving bills, demands, uncashed checks, unmarked payments of various types etc. The Board is working with legal counsel, the MA Department of Revenue, Treasurer, Deputy Collector and Baystate Municipal Accounting Group in an attempt to resolve these issues. The Board is asking taxpayers to pay any outstanding amounts in an effort to stop the collection process. If the Selectboard is able to provide any financial relief all parties affected will be considered and offered equal relief efforts. The Board thanked the taxpayers for their continued patience and cooperation.

The Board adjourned at 6:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman  Vice Chairman  Clerk