Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 8, 2016
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda & John Tivnan – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and cable tv.

Call To Order: 6:30PM - The meeting was called to order by Diane at 6:30 pm

Accept Minutes:
John motioned to approve the Minutes of January 19, 2016 (Regular Session), January 19, 2016 (Executive Session), January 25, 2016 (Executive Session), February 2, 2016 (Regular Session), February 23, 2016 (Regular Session and Executive Session) and March 2, 2016 (Regular Session). Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously. Diane asked to hold the Minutes of January 25, 2016 (Regular Session) until the next meeting.

Fire Chief Paul Lupacchino:
Fire Chief Lupacchino recognized the appointments of Christopher Lucia and Eric Allard as Firefighters and the promotion of Clayton Edwards to Fire Lieutenant. Assistant Town Clerk Geraldine Sauve sworn in Mr. Lucia, Mr. Allard and Mr. Edwards. The Board reviewed the Fire Chiefs proposed FY17 Budget and Articles.

The Board stated that an Actuary needs to come up with numbers for the Recruitment & Retention Program and a yearly recurring cost.

The Chief stated that the rocker panels are rotting in his cruiser. The cruiser currently has approximately 115,000 miles. The repairs were estimated at about $3,500.

The Chief spoke about seeking a grant to construct a Safety Complex on Town owned property on Wigwam Road. The Chief stated that engineering will need to be accomplished in advance to place the department in “good standing” for any grants that become available for this type of project.

The Chief stated that the station is in dire need of new windows; estimated at approximately $20,000. He further stated that this should come from the Town Building Maintenance Account.

The Chief stated that the 1989 Tanker has an aluminum body and it should be painted to protect it from corrosion. Currently the Rescue is paying $9,600 yearly to store the tanker. Diane asked how often the tanker was used. The Chief stated that when there is a Class 4 Fire Danger the truck is parked by the Fire Station and is used more often. The Chief stated that it would be used more often if there were storage directly adjacent to the current station. The Chief spoke briefly about his request for $80,000 for storage.

Nomination of Inspector of Animals:
John motioned to re-nominate Leah Shattuck as Inspector of Animals. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

COLI for Non-Union and Elected Officials:
The Board agreed to wait until the next Selectmen’s meeting.

AFSCME – Public Ratification:
John motioned to publically acknowledge the ratification of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 (AFSCME) Union Contract. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Trident Insurance – Rate Lock Agreement:
John motioned to accept the Rate Lock Agreement proposed by Berry Insurance. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Officer Bonnyer – Professional Course Work Application:
John motioned to approve Officer Bonnyer’s Professional Coursework Application for “Critical Issues in the Criminal Justice System”; per the NEPBA Union Contract. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Dr. Kustigian – Proposed Resolution Regarding the Foundation Budget:
At the request of Dr. Kustigian John motioned to support the proposed Resolution regarding the Foundation Budget; as written. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

ATM Draft Warrant:
The Board reviewed the DRAFT Warrant.
ZBA Appointment:
Noting an urgency with the lack of personnel, John motioned to appoint Renee White Adams as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals; expiring on June 30, 2016. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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