Members Present: Jim Cretella, Richard Demko, Kristyn Hanewicz, Beverly Kennedy, Bill Sawicki, and John Stelma

Members Absent: Heather McDaniel; Gary Popielasz (alternate)

Others Present: Tony DePrimo and Doug Thomas

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order
Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance
Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 – Public Comment
None

Item #4 – Deliberation & Discussion of 2018/2019 Budget
Discussion of Public Works Department Budget by Tony DePrimo:
- Need more funding to take away dead trees in town – increase from $50,000 to $75,000
- Under “Seasonal Employees” additional responsibilities for grounds cleanup at the Middle School; the increase here should be offset by the amount in a transfer from the Board of Education budget. This allows the custodians to focus on additional responsibilities inside the buildings.
- Under “Transfer Station” – additional $10,000 for Wood Grinding – was approved last year but was never put in the budget.
- The $25,000 in “Pot Hole Repair” is for emergencies
- Fleet is in very good shape; will need a new sidearm lawnmower (new = $130,000); the one we have is VERY old; need to replace this year
- Revenues on Recycling are currently about $12,000
- Tickets for recycling & dumping should be going to Dawn to enter into a spreadsheet so that we can check these against the invoice from Winters Brothers when it comes in; currently there are no checks in place.
- Also, the Public Works Dept. should be sending usage reports to the state – not currently being done. This should also be done by Dawn. For the February regular meeting, Tony will have a report.
- There is no appropriations clause on the Winters Brothers contract (if the town doesn’t have the money to pay, the contract becomes void). Renewal should be soon.
- The treated salt that we are currently using is MUCH better for the roads and for cleanup and works better than just salt and sand.
- Need to reschedule the Parks and Planning & Zoning budget presentation. Definitely yet.
Item #5— Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary