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

Members Absent: Gary Popielasz (alternate)

Others Present: Paul Wetowitz, Dana Flach, Tom Eighme, 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 Fire Marshal’s Office budget by Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz:
- Salary Fire Marshal – temporary agreement with union – Board of Selectman have not approved yet but expect them to at next meeting. Will be an increase.
- Deputy Fire Marshal salary – per union contract $59,186
- Stipend for inspector - $5,000 (additional) – current is 0
- Overtime, Education/Meetings/Seminars, Repairs & Maintenance - same
- Communications & Telephone – reduce by $250
- Fire Prevention/Advertising – reduce by $200
- General Supplies – reduce by $300
- Clothing, Gasoline – same
- Books & Periodicals – code changes this year – per state fire marshal these books are mandatory – cost is additional $1,300 – they are not available on line
- Equipment – additional $800 for tires for Deputy Fire Marshal’s car – will get same discount as police department
- Fire Hydrant budget: Aquarion - $379,736.34 and Regional Water Authority - $396,462.43 (3.2% increase)
- Revenue same at $2,000
- New projects in town: 145 Main Street will become Boxcar 145; Route 67 Diner has expanded; Alberto’s is remodeling; 12-unit condo off of Summerbrook Way
Discussion of **Inland/Wetlands** budget by Chairperson Paul Wetowitz:

- Salary increase 2.4%
- Increase board secretary fees for additional meetings $200
- Legal fees – currently line has no money – add $2,197; Is this enough? Should be but if extra is needed we can use money from the town legal fees line
- Dues line item not needed – deduct $250
- Communications/Telephones – same
- Travel - same

Discussion of **Tax Collector** budget by Tax Collector Dana Flach:

- Salary amounts – per Union Contract
- Everything else in the budget is the same; $0 increase

Discussion of **Communications Commission & Emergency Management** budget by Director Tom Eighme:

- COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: There was an increase $356 for the dispatch service provider Northwest Public Safety but to keep the increase to zero, the amount was deducted from the Machinery & Equipment line item.
- Currently we share a tower with Ansonia (@ Nolan Field) and they are looking for a new site; we will need to contribute some when a new venue is selected.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Zero dollar increase. Everything stayed the same.
- Storm Shelter Support is not funded. We will add $5,000 to the Contingency line for this possible expense. May not need it, but at least it will be there.

**Item #5– Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted by:

*Monica Dimon*

*Recording Secretary*