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Avon Finance Committee -Meeting Minutes March 12, 2018

Members Attending: Eric Beckerman, Jarrett Beeley, Mike Wilson, Gary Martin, Jonathon

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Absent:

Phil Fowler,

Others Attending:

Gino

Eric opened the Finance Committee meeting at 7:05P.M. Welcoming everyone

Approve Minutes- Mike made a motion, Gary seconded to approve minutes of March 5, 2018, 4/0 in favor.

Old Business: Recap Prior meeting.

<u>New Business-</u> Eric was notified via e-mail. Selectman chose to leave the Finance Committee off of the Selectman's budget for 3/13/18.

Perceived budget shortfall was corrected by Selectman; the mistake was made due to the Selectman using the prior year's levy limit when estimating revenue.

The Finance Committee finally received the budget and the detailed department budgets that the Finance Committee has been requesting.

The Finance Committee did not receive the articles.

The Finance Committee will investigate amounts in the MV Fund, Ambulance Fund, and the Overlay Account. The Fire Department is looking for a large increase for significant staffing increases, 5 full-time and 1 of the 5 to be covered by a grant.

Gino from the IT Department submitted information regarding the need to revamp the town's technology infrastructure. Currently we have several small systems patched together for town hall, council on aging, police & Fire etc. These systems also cannot handle the amount of data needed to run reliably. Gino procured multiple quotes, of which Comcast was the best bid. The new system will be one large network, a higher quality, and over time as the old equipment is phased out, will give some return on investment.

Mike will check the Avon Post Office to ensure the account is funded for the annual book.

Review Memos, Letters, notices and other correspondence and mail. Public Questions Finance Committee answered several questions and opinions from the Public.

- > Approve Warrant-None
- ➤ Request For Transfer from the Reserve Fund None
- > Request for Line Item Transfer None
- ➤ The next Finance Committee meeting is March 19, 2018. Will plan to meet at Town Hall.
- Motion was made by Gary, seconded by Gary to adjourn Finance Committee Meeting, at 8:50 P.M. Unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Beckerman – Chairman Finance Committee