

## **Plainfield Finance Committee**

2/22/2017

**Present:** Bob Persing, David Kramer, Lewis Robbins, Tim Walter and Roberta Woldridge

**Guests:** Paula King, Brian Hawthorn and Sylvane Stockwell

Called to order at 7:08

Lew handed out copies of (1) FY 2018 Salary Discussion, (2) Plainfield Salary Listings both past and budget and (3) Town of Plainfield FY 2018 proposed budget.

Brian then handed out a "Broadband Update 2/22/2017". He then gave a detailed report on the status of the broadband installation involving MBI, WiredWest and possible newcomers. The highlights were (1) the towns will own the installed networks in each town (2) a none WiredWest company such as Westfield Gas & Electric would be hired to install and maintain the network and (3) have a third party such as WiredWest act as the Service Provider (ISP).

Lew then discussed the necessity for the Committee to recommend a percentage increase or no increase in salaries for all salaried employees for the FY 2018 Town Budget. It was decided to delay any such recommendation until the next meeting and that Lew would have prepared for that meeting a history of the national inflation percentages for the past few years and the expected increases for the coming year. It was also decided that to fix future salaries and increases, what will also be needed are job descriptions, and hours worked per week for each job.

Bob Persing handed out information from the State Ethics Commission regarding the requirement for each member of the Finance Committee to have read the Education and Training Resources and to take the online Conflict-of-Interest-Law-online-training-program. He also mentioned that there is a possibility of another training session to fulfill this requirement to be held in the Safety Complex in April and that he would look into this possibility

Lew set the next meeting for the Committee to be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.