

Fin com minutes 3/27/18

8:10 call to order Attending: Ned, Jan, Gloria, Kathy

Fin Com met following STM.

Hilma joined fin com for comments about stipends.

She has averaged amounts of time her election workers and constables were being paid, but did not have that information with her. They are not even being paid minimum wage. She has noted that people shoveling snow are making more money than election workers who need training.

(Min wage is 11.00/hr.)

Discussion about what people are paid and how – for election workers – not a salary but an hourly rate.

1200, 1500, 1800, – proposed rates for differing years depending on how many elections there are in that year.

Discussed COLA or some means of keeping stipends current. – or reviewing every 5 years.

Also discussed whether attendance should affect stipends – and decided it should be left up to karma.

Gloria moved that we proposed the stipend proposal to the BOS after amending the election workers stipends depending on how many elections there are in a year.

Seconded by Jan. Ned will present to the BOS stipend proposal.

Updated information from electric company – assessment decreased by 3 million dollars, which will increase tax rate by 84 cents. Ned has contacted the person at the electric company and they said they would send information back to him but it has been 10 days and he has not heard back from them yet. He noted that Colrain has also experienced a decrease in taxes from the electric company, but they have only had a 30 percent decrease as compared with Heath's 40%.

Stipends presented to BOS.

Motion to adjourn made by Gloria, seconded by Ned,

Meeting adjourned 9:12

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Inman