

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:03PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley and John Tripp present, Jason Petraitis absent.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 6/16 open, 6/16 executive, 6/23 open, 6/23 executive, and 6/30. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: FY 20 School \$61,938.46, FY 20 General #1 \$70,352.64, FY 20 General #2 \$58,029.23 FY 20 Payroll \$237,779.62, FY 21 School & General \$1,053,254.17 and FY 21 Payroll \$90,937.41. So voted.

Financials:

Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve a reserve fund request for the Fire Department in the amount of \$500.00. So voted. The Fire Department is replacing 6 windows and needs the \$500 for installation.

Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve CDBG Invoice #5 in the amount of \$2,691.85. So voted.

Highway Diesel and Gas bid: Mr. Kiley read over the bids, RJ McDonald came in at \$1.67 a gallon, Fountain & Sons came in at \$1.77 a gallon (both for diesel). Jason Benoit recommends accepting RJ McDonald's bid. The Highway Department participated in the CMRPC FY21 State bid and recommends accepting the gas bid from Dennis K Burke Inc at \$1.42 a gallon. Karen Kiley asked Mr. Kiley is there was an adjustment clause in the bids, Mr. Kiley didn't believe there was so the Board tabled the bid decision until they can get clarification.

Old Business:

Highway Head Mechanic position: Mr. Kiley and Mr. Tripp read through the job description for a new position being created at the Highway Department for a head mechanic. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the job description. So voted.

New Business:

Sergeant Christopher Donais recommended Christopher Marinin to serve on North Brookfield Emergency Management. Mr. Marinin has lived in town for several years, has served on over 5 police departments, and in the military. He wants to give the Town a helping hand. Mr. Kiley and Mr. Tripp thanked Mr. Marinin for his interest. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to appoint Christopher Marinin to North Brookfield Emergency Management. So voted.

Mr. Kiley announced that all future Board of Selectmen meetings will be held at the Police Department and we will be switching to a "Summer Schedule" of meeting bi-weekly.

School request for CARES Act funds: The school submitted a request to transfer CARES act money to pay for food services. The school provided 2 meals a day to students that were on a the free or reduced lunch program. The Board of Selectmen must approve CARES act requests before submitting to the accountant to ensure the request falls in the guidelines. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the transfer. So voted.

Mr. Kiley opened the floor for public comment:

Tina Floria said she had trouble hearing on the ZOOM meeting so she came down to the PD.

Fitzgerald Pucci said he could give the BOS some pointers on how to get the microphone working next time.

Brandon Avery asked if there was still a Safety Committee in town, there is. He requested that they look at busy side streets to ensure they have proper signage (STOP signs). He had an incident where someone didn't stop and almost hit him. There was a discussion about other problem areas in town with foliage covering signs. Mr. Kiley asked Sergeant Donais to keep note of areas that need to be cleaned up.

Fitzgerald Pucci asked to talk about last Saturday (there was a citizen-planned march in Town). Fitzgerald had an issue with people not wearing masks and asked the BOS to comment on it. Mr. Kiley said he had no comment, the BOS doesn't regulate individuals, and Board of Health can write tickets. Mr. Tripp stated the Board of Selectmen did not host this event.

Kathy Crevier said she commended whomever organized the event.

Fitzgerald Pucci stated that there is an ordinance in Town for parades or events and that authorization is needed to take up street space. Mr. Kiley said there is a document that gets approved the BOS and then the Police, Fire and EMS need to sign off on it before the BOS gives final approval. This was put in place because years ago there was a parade and no one knew about it.

There was a discussion back and forth between Mr. Kiley and Fitzgerald regarding recent marches in Town. Kathy asked if the event on Saturday was a protest, Mr. Kiley stated people were holding flags.

At 6:37, there being no further business, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre