

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00PM at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley present, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present via ZOOM.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 14 for \$365,587.93, Payroll # 14A for \$2,474.00, General # 1032 for \$336,576.11, School # 1031 for \$149,535.78. So voted.

Budget Letter: Town Accountant Shiela LeBlanc asked the Board to sign the annual budget letter. All agreed it looked good and would sign the letter.

Mr. Kiley said the Police Department sent a letter requesting ARPA funds. Dale will forward the letter to Ashley and the other Board members and will discuss it on January 18th.

Accept Donation from Francis Huckins: Mr. Huckins donated a Caterpillar Loader from the 1970's to the North Brookfield Rail Road Company. Acting as Rail Road Commissioners Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the donation. So voted.

Sewer Clerk Position: Jim Nyberg gave a job description for Sewer Clerk, once the Sewer Commissioners vote to approve the position the Board will vote on it.

Updates from Fire Chief Joe Holway:

Joe said he's been putting a lot of hours into grants, 3 prospective with high chance of approval. One is DCR/State grant, competitive, for 30 helmets for brush fires. The FD is working on getting donations for proper brush fire gear. This is a matching grant of \$1,000, the gift account will be used, North Brookfield Liquors donated \$150.00. If the Board accepts the NB Liquors donations it will cover the FD to get to the \$1,000 match. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the donation of \$150.00 from North Brookfield Liquors to the North Brookfield Fire Department. So voted.

Second grant is through Department of Fire Services, Joe put in for 30 sets of nomex forest fire gear.

Third grant is an AFG grant, the goal is to get \$59,000 for 18 sets of structural firefighting gear. Current sets will be running out and Joe is trying to avoid another lease. This is a very competitive grant.

Fourth grant is an AED grant, Chief Smith got the same email. Chris Donais is writing the grant; we should be able to get this one.

Joe Thanked everyone for the purchase of Huck's and he's excited and willing to help out.

Joe said there were 2 cardiac arrests, young people both coded, luckily they are alive today thanks to the LUCAS machine. Mr. Kiley asked if Chief Holway had a list of times LUCAS was used, he said yes. Mr. Kiley would like to send a letter to Green Gold. Joe said he goes down and talks to them often.

Fire monthly reports: Table until we have December's report.

Fire Department grant paperwork: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the grant contract for the Fire Department. So voted.

There being no further business, at 6:20PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre