

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley and John Tripp present.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 12/7/21 and 1/4/22. So voted.

Approval of warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 19 for \$356,422.24, Payroll # 19A for \$2,530.00, General # 1045 for \$383,694.10, School # 1043 for \$79,219.93 and BAN Waste Water # 1044 for \$1,253.750.00. So voted.

Sue Gordon and Chris Lamoureux were present to discuss events for East Brookfield's 100th Celebration and brought a schedule of events for the year. Some of the events include a 7K Fun Run, Adaptive Water Skiing on Lake Lashaway, reenactments, tours, and presentations of the Town's history. There will be a beach party in August with concessions and games.

Financials: Chapter 90 Reimbursement request. Mr. Kiley moved and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following Chapter 90 reimbursement request amounts: \$95,945.99, 88,162.00, 69,752.00, 248,607.00, 53,998.58, and 45,759.88. So voted.

Reserve Fund request: The ZBA requested \$600.00 from reserve fund to pay for advertisement costs for hearings. Fin comm approved the request Mr. Tripp moved and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the request. So voted.

NB Fire Department pay raise request-tabled until next meeting

CDBG Contract amendment: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to sign the CDBG contract amendment to extend the deadline to December 2024. So voted.

ARPA Advisory Committee: The Board reviewed applications for the new ARPA advisory committee. Mr. Kiley asked Mr. Tripp if he knew anything about Christopher Caputo, Mr. Tripp said he knows Chris and would be good on the committee. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to appoint the following people to the ARPA Advisory Committee:

William King (Planning Board), Ethan Melad (Board of Health), Robert Locatelli (Finance Committee), Shiela LeBlanc (Town Accountant), Christopher Caputo (citizen), and Jason Petraitis as ex-officio. Mr. Kiley noted the Mr. Petraitis cannot vote on the ARPA committee, but is the Selectmen's representative to make communication clearer. So voted. Mr. Kiley also noted that the committee can meet, but cannot vote until they've all been sworn in.

Contract Authorization for ARPA Town House Bill: \$50,000.00 was earmarked for work at the Town House. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to sign the contract authorization form for the Friends of the Town House. So voted.

Public Comment:

Joanne Carey stated the POW/MIA flag is in tatters and asked who she should speak to, Mr. Kiley said the VFW and American Legion are good contacts and the flag should be taken down and replaced.

Tashena Holmes said she overheard there was a collection going on for new flags, Mr. Kiley said Joseph Jablonski was handling it. Mr. Tripp said flags throughout Town will be replaced.

Jamie Flamand, Water Superintendent, asked when the ARPA committee will be meeting. Mr. Kiley said Jason Petraitis will setup the first meeting.

Announcements:

Mr. Kiley read an announcement about the Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting, which will be posted on the Town's website.

Mr. Kiley read a request from Cooper Mann for donations to Second Chance animal shelter.

Mr. Kiley read a ZBA hearing announcement.

At 6:41PM Mr. Kiley moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter executive session to conduct contract negotiations. Roll call: Kiley, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Kiley announced that the Board would exit executive session only to adjourn.

At 7:00PM the Board came out of executive session. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre