

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, and John Tripp present.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 17 for \$360,989.58, Payroll #17A for \$2,506.00, School # 1038 for \$95,261.83, and General # 1039 for \$130,495.99. So voted.

Financial Items: Accept Fire Department Donation: David Lane donated \$10,000 to the Fire Department. Joe Holway said it will be used in the gift account to purchase a plaque with all Firefighters names on it, and restore the bell monument. It will also be used for the odd bill, and to help with renovations. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the donation. So voted. Mr. Kiley noted it would be nice to create a certificate of thanks for donations.

Old Business: Sign Highway and Sewer CBA's: The CBA's were bargained and approved. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the agreements. So voted.

New Business:

Sign MOU Sewer Clerk's position: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Clerk's position at Sewer. So voted.

CMRPC Grant amendment: FY 19 CDB-CV Personal Hygiene Supplies-the amount of the grant was increased by \$581.29. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept and sign the grant amendment. So voted.

GASB Services Contract: Services for accountant, renewed every 2 years. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the contract for GASB services. So voted.

Fire Department Life Flight Zone: Fire Chief Joe Holway spoke of the Life Flight crew coming to North Brookfield. We have good seasonal landing areas but the crew didn't like anything for the winter months. Last week there was a bad accident, Life Flight was called in, luckily it was early morning, they were able to use the school parking lot because no one was there yet. Crew looked through Town and decided behind the Police Department is the best spot for Winter landing. Joe spoke to Jason Benoit about keeping the area cleared of snow. No parking can be allowed in this area.

Fire Station-Joe would like to get the ball rolling on pricing for renovations. Joe spoke with Anne Jannette about a debt exclusion, there's never a good time, but there will be items falling off in the next few years and the price of materials continues to increase (10-20% per year). Joe estimates we'll need about 3.3million dollars to do necessary updates for Fire, Highway, and Donovan Rd property. Mr. Tripp noted he has someone coming to look at the Donovan Road property to get an estimate on the work needed. Mr. Kiley said if we can get the numbers quickly, we can have an STM in a month and have the vote on the ballot for May. Mr. Kiley asked Joe and John to get a package together ASAP and see Finance Committee.

Public Comment:

Darren Anderson said the Town Offices need a new defibrillator. Mr. Kiley said we should do an assessment of our safety needs.

Announcements:

Town Clerk's office is still closed. Please see Ashley in the Selectmen office for assistance.

There will be a ZBA hearing on Monday, February 28th at 6:30pm at the Police Department to review application of 326 North Main Street for special permit to convert one family back to two family dwelling.

Sewer Dept and engineers will attend the March 1st Selectmen meeting to review upgrade plans. Please submit questions to Sewer department prior to meeting.

There being no further business, at 6:28PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter in executive session under reason # 2, to discuss collective bargaining. Roll call: Kiley, yes; Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis noted the Board would exit executive session only to adjourn.

At 6:36PM the Board came out of executive session. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre