

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2019

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:01PM at the Senior Center. Mr. Dale Kiley, Mr. Jason Petraitis and Mr. John Tripp were present.

- I. Approval of Minutes:
Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. So voted.
- II. Approval of Warrants:
School Warrant # 1002 for \$8,942.96
General Fund Warrant # 1003 for \$134,357.51
Payroll Warrant # 2 for \$259,750.21
Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve warrants. So voted.
- III. Financial Items:
 - a. Mr. Dale Kiley entertained a motion to approve Fire Chief Holway's request to transfer \$5000.00 from their budget to provide a down payment on a lease for a new rescue vehicle. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve Fire Chief Holway's request to transfer \$5000.00 from their budget to provide a down payment on a lease for a new rescue vehicle. So voted.
 - i. Mr. Kiley explained that Rescue 1 is no longer serviceable and was put out of service by Fire Chief Holway. However, due to a fatal crash on Rt. 49 in East Brookfield Rescue 1 was called to the scene to use the Jaws of Life. The truck took a long time to get to the scene. The lease for the new engine will be voted on at a special town meeting on August 6th. It will be a 5-year lease, first payment of \$85,000.00 due in August of 2020 but a \$5000.00 deposit is needed immediately to hold truck until town voters approve lease.
 - ii. Mr. Petraitis explained that the whole truck needs to be replaced because not only is the engine broken but there are cracks in the tank and rot on the frame. The engine is close to 25 years old and insurance would go up, ISO would change, and it would effectively cost the taxpayers more money for home owner's insurance unless the truck is replaced.
 - iii. Chief Holway will be at the Special Town Meeting to answer any questions from the residents.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Green Gold Update: Mr. Kiley spoke with Ralph and James from Green Gold. They will be buying a LUCAS machine and donating it to North

Brookfield in the next few weeks. This will be presented to the Fire Department at a Board of Selectmen's meeting. Green Gold will also be purchasing the new Rescue vehicle for the town. Green Gold will be paying North Brookfield \$200,000.00 a year in discretionary spending money. This money needs to sit in an account for a year before being used but Green Gold authorized the Town to use \$85,000.00 a year for the fire engine.

- b. PVPC Warrant #18 and #19. Mr. Kiley entertained a motion to approve warrants for Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for the work done on North Common Street. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve these warrants. So voted.

V. New Business:

- a. Special Town Meeting will be held Tuesday August 6th at the Senior Center. The warrants are as follows: #1-Town to approve lease of turnout gear for Fire Department. #2 Town to approve lease agreement for new Rescue vehicle. #3 Town to approve money from school to go back into stabilization account.
 - i. NOTE: Mr. Kiley explained that the money for the turnout gear has already been approved but that legally the voters need to approve the Town entering into ANY lease, same for the rescue vehicle. He also explained that the money for the school was to fix the telephone issues they've been having, which they received a grant for so no longer need the money.
- b. Letter from Sewer Superintendent: Jim Nyberg submitted a letter for Mr. Kiley to sign, giving Mr. Nyberg permission to apply for grants and be the contact person for all questions pertaining to these grants. Mr. Petraitis explained that the Town needs these grants to do major upgrades and that we're also looking to extend sewer system to relieve financial burden from residents on the system.
Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded motion to approve and sign the letter as written. So voted.
- c. Police reports: Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp read aloud the monthly police reports for the months of March, April, May and June. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to accept reports as written. So voted.
Note: Mr. Petraitis mentioned that the new drone will be a benefit to the Town since it can be used by all departments. Mr. Kiley said he was present for a demonstration: the drone was put in the air near the North Brookfield Police Station and they were able to see the water tower at the New Braintree State Police Headquarters, and were able to zoom in and read the sign on the tower.
- d. Fire Department Building Committee presented a contract with Tecton for the new Fire Station. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve and sign contract. So voted. Contract was signed and given to Dave Harris.

VI. Public Comment Period:

Resident thought the Touch a Truck event was really awesome and hopes the Town continues the event in years to come. Mr. Kiley explained the school is actually responsible for planning the event but that it's been going on for a few years now and should continue.

Resident asked for update on the improvements planned at the landfill. Mr. Kiley explained that a new engineer was needed so they had to start over. The DEP also has to certify and the landfill will be getting a solar canopy.

Resident asked who oversees projects in town and gave an example of some pipes left after a project. Mr. Tripp said he'd talk to Jason Benoit and ask him to clean up the pipes, and also mentioned there's a little more work to do at the area the resident was talking about. Dale also mentioned asking Jason for the 2-hour parking sign in front of Hair Mechanix.

Mr. Tripp gave an update on the Town House painting, received approval from the Friends of the Town House to extend lift rental for another month. The scraping and painting of the tower is done down to the first roof line. John asked for volunteers to help.

Dale said he spoke with the Downtown Development Committee who asked that all the committees in town meet on a quarterly basis to keep everyone informed of what's going on. Dale will set a date in August. Each committee should send at least 1 person (or more) and have a 2-5-minute speech ready to explain what they're currently working on.

Dale walked the Aztec property with Neil who will meet with his team and come up with a plan for testing and remediation. Mass Development has grant money available so the quicker they can get organized the more money will potentially be available to the Town. Eric Hevy asked that Dale keep him updated on the test information and plans so that he can let the Tectron's architects know as that will also affect their plans.

VII. Announcements: Dale read letters from Charter/Spectrum explaining changes in channel lineup.

There being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded, motion to adjourn at 6:40PM. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Earnest-Interim Administrative Assistant