



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT 06234

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ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 3, 2023, 5:30 pm
Community Center and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, K. Dykstra, David Lee, Lyn LaCharite, Lisa, Mileski, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Bill Skeene, Steve Breen

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the minutes of February 28, 2023 were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion:**
 - a. **Unallocated Fund Balance:** The unallocated fund balance is \$174,000.00.
 - b. **Applicants Shortage of Funds:** The tennis court project, South Street play scape project, and the ambulance are all short of funds.
 - c. **Update on Processing Request:** A. Tanner suggested we file for the Steap Grant due on August 18, 2023 for the South Street playscape and then transfer the amount allocated for that to the other projects. A. Tanner said they cost for the tennis courts with black asphalt, which has no warranty, was \$260,000.00, but with the post-tension concrete, which has a ten year warranty, it is \$396,000.00; and the South Street playscape is \$300,000.00; and we allocated \$260,000.00 for the ambulance but we will need \$320,000.00 to \$360,000.00,
 - d. **Remaining Fund Allocations:** The Board will decide after receiving the determination of the Steap Grant. A. Tanner said the funds have not been sent out because no one is making a request for the funds and that Mortlake is the only one that sent it in, and we asked for more information.
5. **Public Comment:** S. Breen made a comment that it seems it has been a for the Town Hall to move very slowly on things.
6. **Adjourn:** D. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting; L. Lacharite seconded the motion; and the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

Application (electronic submission)

Name of Organization: Town of Brooklyn

Address: 4 Wolf Den Road, P.O. Box 356, Brooklyn, CT 06234

Tax Status (check one)

☐ Tax-exempt charitable organization (501(c)(3))

☒ Governmental unit

☐ Other Tax-exempt (specify status)

☐ Federal, State, Local

☐ Church/Religious organization

☐ Unincorporated association

☐ Other (specify) _____

Organizations Contact Person: Austin Tanner

Contact Persons Title: First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn

Contact Persons E-mail Address: A.Tanner@brooklynct.org

Contact Persons Phone Number: 860-779-3411, ext. 11

Outline the history, geography covered, focus area, persons served and purpose of your organization

Describe in detail how the pandemic has affected your organization and those served by the organization

Federal Grant Experience

Please List Other Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act (Cares Act) / Paycheck Protection Program (Ppp) And Or American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Your Organization Received (Including From Other Governments), The Amounts And What It Is Was Used For:

Name of Grant Project/Request

COVID Loss During Period

Dollar Amount Requested

\$100,000.00

Own Funds Invested in this Project and the Source of those funds

Reserves from reserve account

Details of Grant Request

With people staying home during COVID, the gallons into the Killingly sewer systems went from 116,294,600 to 130,763,700 plus the cost from Killingly to operate the system went up from \$460,875.00 to \$702,246.00 and our share went up proportionally from \$506,035.00 to \$702,246.00.

Cite Specific language in the ARPA that supports your request for funds, list the supporting expenditure category, and why you feel that your request fits ARPA requirements

Eligible uses one listed as (1) public health; (2) public emergency; (3) loss of revenue; (4) water and sewer. These all fit this request.

Explain in detail the purpose of the funds, how they will be expended, who will benefit, what geographic area will be covered, what impact the funds are intended to have, and how you will evaluate and measure success

The funds will be used to cover cost to Killingly Sewer Authority that we did not have enough reserve to cover.

Period Funds will cover and be spent (from and to)

The increase of gallons and cost covers the period 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

What is your plan for continuing your program(s) in the future, including funding sources?

Increases in the assessment to sewer users has already been done to address future increases in expenses.

Do you have any other information to add

The Sewer Authority is an essential infrastructure to Brooklyn and it is imperative to keep it viable and prepare for future cost and infrastructure. The Authority is independent but the Town is ultimately responsible for any debt, so it is the Town's best interest to assure the Authority is economically viable.

SUBMIT

ARPA FUNDS

\$	1,224,051.60	FY20-21 deposit
\$	34.26	FY20-21 interest
\$	1,241.49	FY21-22 Interst
\$	(100.00)	recording secretary
\$	(82.00)	adverstising
\$	(6,676.00)	Neccog FY21-22
\$	1,218,469.35	

\$	1,224,051.60	FY22-23 Deposit
\$	2,011.29	FY22-23 Interest
\$	(1,262.50)	recording secretary
\$	(77.40)	advertising
\$	(4,394.52)	Neccog F22-23
\$	(478.50)	legal
\$	(4,564.00)	Neccog F23-24
\$	1,215,285.97	

\$	2,433,755.32	A9 + A18 Balance
\$	(16,000.00)	amvet
\$	(5,000.00)	BBA
\$	(10,000.00)	Library
\$	(150,000.00)	BOE HVAC
\$	(135,000.00)	BOE Phone
\$	(264,845.00)	BEMHS Radios
\$	(80,000.00)	Economic Development
\$	(50,000.00)	Catch Basins
\$	(225,000.00)	Paving
\$	(50,000.00)	IT Server
\$	(300,000.00)	South Street
\$	(260,000.00)	Tennis Court
\$	(200,000.00)	Waterline
\$	(9,700.00)	EBFD Jaws of Life
\$	(99,239.00)	EBFD SCBA
\$	(260,000.00)	Mortlake Ambulance
\$	(50,000.00)	Mortlake FY21-22
\$	(70,000.00)	Mortlake FY20-21
\$	(4,600.00)	QVSCC
\$	(5,000.00)	TVCCA
\$	(15,000.00)	4H
\$	174,371.32	Unallocated funds as of 8/1/2023

