



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 4:00 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Sandy Brodeur, Ken Dykstra, Sharon Loughlin via Zoom, Other Members of the Public via Zoom

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. L. Brodeur made a motion to move line item 9. Executive Session: Discussion on Open Litigation to last (item 11); J. Voccio seconded; motion passed.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes of 4/13/23: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/13/23 meeting and the minutes of the 4/13/23 special meeting; J. Voccio seconded the motion; both minutes of 4/13/23 were approved.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Appointments: None

5. Old Business

a. Green Building: A. Tanner said the contractors came today, and there is talk that the trusses may be compromised, and we are waiting for a report to see how we can proceed. He also said the estimate for the asbestos of \$41,000.00; he questioned the contractor about whether this needed to be done at the prevailing wage, and the contractor is supposed to get back to him.

b. Earth Day: A. Tanner stated Earth Day was pretty successful; that we collected 1,100 lbs. of garbage and we still have people collecting through the end of April.

c. Generator: A. Tanner stated the generator project is moving along, though it might take a year to get the generator, and there is a big back up on switches as well, so it is subject to the supply.

d. Invitation to Bid Trash and Recyclables: A. Tanner stated we have gone out to bid on this until May 9th and have had quite a bit of interest on both sides.

6. New Business: None

7. Discussion on Financials: No discussion

7. Approve Invoices: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1507, dated 4/28/23, \$887.45 (credit card); J. Voccio approved. L. Brodeur asked if R. LaBonte's wages for building things for Fear Night were being allocated to Spooky Nights. A. Tanner stated he would discuss this with the new Recreation Director. J. Voccio asked about the bathroom supplies and A. Tanner stated that they redid the bathroom in the Highway Garage. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1508, dated 4/28/23, \$1,051.61; J. Voccio seconded; motion passed. Motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1506, dated 4/27/23, \$40.00 (Transfer Station credit card machine); J. Voccio seconded; motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1525, dated 4/27/23, \$64,146.80; J. Voccio seconded; motion passed.

8. Other Business: Discussion was had about how to cut \$15,000.00 from the BOS budget. J. Voccio made a motion to cut \$7,000.00 for the early voting which will not be implemented this year, \$7,159.00 from the Recreation Director's salary, and the

remainder of \$850.00 from United Services; L. Brodeur seconded; and the motion was passed.

9. Other Business: L. Brodeur asked what the status was on the ARPA money, and A. Tanner said he would reach out to the Town Attorney on this. J. Voccio talked about the town and couple of folks who were just kind of flip in terms of cutting to the quick and addressing the budget, and how when Parks and Rec was discussed, everyone said we have a new Rec Director so we should accept the budget as is, but the same courtesy was not provided to the Fire Company that has a new chief, the Treasurer in the District which has a new President. He said that we do need to scratch the surface and try to be fair. He said for years, the Town picked up the tab on the Fire Company operations was so that they can keep the expenditures as fair as possible and just have the District pay the bare minimum of what they needed to pay under the District. He also said the fire trucks go outside of the District and outside of the Town, and he does not think that the District should be paying for operations when the Town had traditionally picked those up. He also talked about reaching out to the State Highway and about putting up additional signage on 205. A. Tanner said there may be a grant for putting up hazardous signs. J. Voccio also said that he heard the Safer Grants were approved for the federal budget so that grant will be available if we so choose. A. Tanner discussed the \$230,000.00 in taxes for the Solar Generator project, that instead of paying the Town, the State wants the money to go back to the State and they would divvy it out to the different towns, and that he went to Hartford a week or so ago and had a meeting with some of the legislators about it. J. Voccio stated that the Vachon Chevrolet is being sold.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Executive Session: Discussion on Open Litigation: L. Brodeur made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss Open Litigation; J. Voccio seconded; and the Board went into Executive Session at 4:47 pm. S. Brodeur left the meeting; K. Dykstra and L. Mileski remained. A. Tanner made a motion to return from Executive Session; L. Brodeur seconded the motion; and the Board returned from Executive Session at 5:11 pm.

12. Adjourn: A. Tanner made a motion to adjourn; L. Brodeur seconded; meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary