



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 31, 2022

4:00pm via Zoom &

Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, and Joe Voccio, Sara Deshaies; substitute Recording Secretary

Also Present: Gill Maiato, Sandy Brodeur, Rushie Bean via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:01pm
2. **Approve Minutes 3/24/22:** L. Brodeur made motion to approve the minutes of 3/24/22 as presented. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:**
 - BRRC - (BOS appointment) Appoint Joe Voccio as a regular member, replacing Bob Benson, with a term expiring 3/15/2027 – L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint, A. Tanner seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
 - IWWC - (BOS appointment) Appoint Adam Tucker as a regular member with a term expiring 9/1/2023 – L. Brodeur made motion to appoint, A. Tanner seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
 - PZC - L. Brodeur made a motion to add appoint, as an alternate, Gill Maiato to Planning & Zoning Commission. A. Tanner seconded. Term to be determined. Motion passed 2-0.
5. **Discussion 2021-22 Financials:** A. Tanner asked if anyone had any questions. None.
6. **Discussion on 2022-23 Budget:**
 - Salary Study – Last done in 2006. A. Tanner thinks maybe salaries are out of sync with neighboring towns. L. Gilpin, in HR, thinks the Town can write job descriptions for each position to do a comparison study. The cost would be \$150 per role. Approximately \$5,000 total. A. Tanner made a motion to add \$5,000 to budget for salary study. L. Brodeur seconded. Motion passed 2-0.
 - Heath Services – Many services asking for funding. Discussion took place. A. Tanner will look into histories. No decisions made.
 - Library – Budget submitted but not yet approved. Increase of \$7,600 due to kid program and salaries. Accepted. J. Voccio suggested a meeting to discuss the funding source.
 - Ransomware – J. Voccio had asked if the Town has a provision for the deductible. \$7,900 in the line item.
7. **Discussion on Capital Committee:** First meeting tonight. Fire Dept and Patty Buell from the school. Next meeting is April 11 or 14 Town Rec and Highway Dept., 3rd meeting to discuss it all and make finalizations. Presentation for the Board of Finance is April 28. J. Voccio asked if painting of Town Hall was folded into capital projects. Austin said painting and repairs are covered. Shutters are not but they weren't part of the original design.
8. **Discussion on Building Committee:** J. Voccio talked to Patty who will get a schedule.
9. **Discussion on Charging Stations:** L. Brodeur is in favor. A. Tanner talked to Eversource. Town will get \$20,000, and cover 100% installation and 50% equipment. Amperage is in question. Town will get 3 stations. Discussion took place on where to put them. A. Tanner is still waiting for a call back from Eversource. AT asked if money should be put in the budget for the units at \$2700 each. L. Brodeur stated that Ops lost revenue may cover it. S. Brodeur asked who would maintain the units. A. Tanner stated that has not been determined. J. Voccio suggested they add the money in Capital. Discussion is ongoing.
10. **Discussion on Hazardous Waste Day:** A. Tanner said there was \$10,000 last year and tried to remove it. Sherry Voight, Brooklyn citizen, sent an email asking for \$20,000 to protect the Town drinking water supply. Discussion took place on ways to dispose of hazardous waste. No decision made. Discussion ongoing.
11. **Discussion on Salem Village Tax Assessment Adjustment:** Time for appeal has expired – The assessor has been talking to them. Discussion was had about them not having the funding for the new valuation. They are requesting a decrease in taxes from \$77,447 to \$68,266 which is less than the year before. Discussion ongoing.
12. **Single Family Dwellings:** Report included.

13. **Calls For Service:** None.
14. **Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve voucher #1415 dated 3/31/22 in the amount of \$187,807.88. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 3-0. L. Brodeur questioned Page 15 – J&S Radio Replacement strobe lights, roads and drainage and drug & alcohol testing. He thinks this got changed to the wrong account. He also questioned Page 25, office supplies and bottled water for town hall. A. Tanner stated Town Hall and Green building use bottled water. A. Tanner to check with Shelley about the page 15 item J&S. A. Tanner asked for a vote on unquestioned bills. All in favor, 3-0.
15. Other Business – L. Brodeur had a request to add Tatnic Hill Rd to the next meeting for improvements, including drainage, widening. Discussion began about NECCOG list of infrastructure monies mentioned by other Town Selectmen. Discussion will continue.
16. Public Comment - None
17. Executive Session –
 - Land Purchase Discussion - Golf Course
 - Legal Discussion - JMN right-a-wayL. Brodeur made a motion to end Executive Session. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
18. Adjourn – A. Tanner made a motion to adjourn at 7:11pm, L. Brodeur seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies, Substitute Recording Secretary