



# TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Capital Committee  
Special Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, March 31, 2022  
6:00 pm via zoom &  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

**Present:** Lou Brodeur, Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Matt Allen, Rick Ives,  
via Zoom, Sara Deshaies, substitute recording secretary

**Also present:** Jimmy Graef, Sandy Brodeur, Steve Breen, Patty Buell

1. **Call to order:** LB called the meeting to order at 5:58pm
2. **Take attendance & establish quorum:** Quorum established
3. **Public comment:** None
4. **Setup criteria to process capital requests:**
  - a. Review present list,
  - b. Set priority for each request as to need and importance,
  - c. Make list of possible requests to send to ARPA committee.
5. **Review the 2 requests from the Fire Commissioners for the Mortlake Fire Company. Chief Steve Breen will explain and answer questions:**
  - a. Overhead doors: \$27,000 – Overhead door motors, tracks and, openers. Mortlake has 9, most of them in service since the 80s. Failures are more frequent and parts are becoming scarce. Fire Dept wanted to put it in their operating budget and spread the cost over a few years. Fire Commissioners recommended an to appeal to Capital Committee for the funds. L. Brodeur mentioned that an electrician to disconnect and reconnect the wiring. Overhead Door will not do that. A. Tanner mentioned Capital project is better. J. Voccio asked if the drains are doing ok, S. Breen said yes. S. Breen mentioned that there are timers and sensors on each door as well for safety.
  - b. Replace existing Hurst Tools (Jaws of Life) with battery powered units: \$58,400 – Extrication tools are dated to 12 years is the most recent, for one set. The rest of the equipment are from the 70s. If a tool fails have no replacement parts. Hurst doesn't support them anymore. Looking into E-draulic tools. Battery powered and is as strong as the hydraulic, and less weigh and easier to operate. No cords as tripping hazards. Use of extrication has increased in recent years. Bought battery powered cutters to test. A. Tanner asked about the battery installation, S. Breen said it's a pop in and has plug in 110v capability. M. Allen asked about lifespan, S. Breen said 15-20 years. R. Ives asked if the \$60,000 is a hard number, S. Breen said yes. Looking into E3 spreader package which includes E3 combi tool, E3 ram, chain set for spreaders. A. Tanner asked if East Brooklyn has these. East Brooklyn has hydraulic, not portable. Delivery time would be six months from order time.
  - c. Began discussion on 5-year plan. Next year (2023-24) says Hurst Tool replacement. The thought was to split the cost across a few years. Full complement of tools over a period of time. 2024-25 - breathing air compressor is very old, over 30 years. While it still works, parts are become scarce if not unavailable altogether. That would cost about \$105k for compressor and bottle fill station. 2025-26 - looking to replace Ladder 190, 2000 Pierce 105 ft aerial. Certain to replace with similar. Danielson replaced with a similar truck just under \$1,000,000 3 years ago. Cautious with \$1.2 million estimate. 2026-27 - Replace Service 190 F350, skid unit in the back. It tows the trailers, the UTV, HazMat spill response trailer, also carries brush and medical equipment, support vehicle, \$60,000 may conservative.

6. **Review the school boiler request (\$400,000) and phone request (\$50,000):** Superintendent Pat Buell to give us an update on these two requests and price quotes. P. Buell presented the list of items wanted. Most critical at the top. She explained that there is significant wear and tear on the boilers. Both sets boilers at the middle and elementary schools needing replacement as well as the related pumps, water and oil hot water heater at the middle school is needing replacement as well. In preparation for this meeting bids were considered, oil burning are a lot more economical. Phone system is antiquated. Phones and parts are hard to get. Complete overhaul, units out, wiring and switches needed. Once it's all set up, we can make changes ourselves. The point was also made that for emergency purposes, you cannot know exactly from where on campus a 911 call is placed. That is not compliant with the law. Original system is analog. Any upgrades made tried to patch digital with analog. Whole system will cost approx. \$125,000. Possible e-funding for air conditioning system. Esser funding could be used for air conditioning system. J. Voccio is wondering if this should be held over for the final decision-making meeting later this month or if there is a way to move it from capital to expedite the process. Asbestos abatement is included in AC bids but the bidders will not be doing the abatement. R. Ives said there was a quote amount of \$300,000 a couple years ago. P. Buell said it's a couple years old. Guidance was given that waxing floors and painting the walls is safe enough to leave in place. Unless construction needs to happen, the schools won't need it.
7. Decide how many meetings we need to get ready for our presentation to the Board of Finance on April 28, 2022. Lou said 3 meetings including this one should be sufficient to accomplish goals before meeting with Board of Finance.
8. Set next meeting date for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. That will be Hwy Dept and Parks & Rec. Then one more meeting to iron out details. Presentation to Board of Finance will be April 28<sup>th</sup>.
9. Public comment: None
10. Adjourn: J. Voccio made a motion to adjourn at 7:02pm. M. Allen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies, substitute recording secretary