

## TOWN OF BROOKLYN P.O. Box 356 - Route 6 and 169

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Resource Recovery Board Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 9, 2023 Clifford B. Green Building and Zoom

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Ken Dykstra (jointed late), Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary **Also Present:** Andre Beaudoin, Sandy Brodeur

- 1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
- **2.** Approve Minutes of **12/08/22**: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/08/22. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3. Public Comment: None
- 4. Power Outage 02/03/23: This outage affected the Landfill. Though a generator was provided for the scale, there was no heat and no compactor. Discussions were had about having a plan in place for future power outages that could last for days and maybe installing a generator large enough to cover the Highway Garage and Landfill or running a line with a switch. A. Beaudoin stated they have been searching for a compactor repairman as ours retired. L. Brodeur said he would research this. K. Dykstra jointed the meeting at 7:40 pm
- Credit Card Machine: A. Beaudoin states the credit card machine is up and running but that debit/credit cards must be swiped twice for each transaction (one for the 3% transaction fee). A. Tanner will discuss this with S. Cates.
- 6. Landfill Attendant Report: A. Beaudoin states that Casella Waste has gone up on the rates again and the Town has now acquired about 80 (out of Town) new customers, some of whom are asking about recycling. He states the green bags are great and he has sold many of them. A. Tanner stated \$22,500 was budgeted for the year for the bags and we have already taken in \$22,576. Take 2 is doing a good job but not always reliable. State requires that everything be covered by tarps, including the metal. K. Dykstra suggested that maybe the Town's fees may need to go up, and L. Brodeur suggested that we look at the complete program on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 7. Other Business: J. Voccio mentioned a meeting with Democratic Town Committee where Earth Day was discussed. He brought up providing free bags on Earth Day so that trash along the highways can be picked up. People who need to do Community Service can do this. A. Beaudoin asked if we could provide services to the elderly in our community to help them dispose of trash and bulky items. K. Dykstra asked if the nip funds could be used, and A. Tanner stated we took in like \$10,000-\$15,000 and that it has to be used for specific purposes.
- 8. Public Comment: None

**9. Adjourn**: L. Broduer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary