

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Brooklyn Middle School on December 20, 2017. First item on the agenda was to choose a Moderator for the meeting. Robert Kelleher nominated Drew Dionne, seconded by Richard Ives. Being no further nominations, Drew Dionne was duly elected. Mr. Dionne read the call of the meeting.

Item #2- To consider and act upon the adoption of a Brooklyn Code of Ethics ordinance. (Copy Attached) Michael Niejadlik made a motion to adopt, seconded by Richard Ives. Ethics Board member, Attorney John Harris reviewed the ordinance and pointed out 2 corrections. In Sec.2-40.11 (B) change "city" to "Town". In Sec. 2-40.13 changing "of" to "if". A motion to approve corrections was made by Richard Ives and seconded by Jeffrey Otto. A vote was taken and approved. Several questions were answered by Attorney Harris. Mr. Robert Kelleher reviewed many issues he was concerned with and made a motion to amend to delete Sec.2-40.9 B C & D from the ordinance. Seconded by Richard Ives. Attorney Harris reviewed the reasoning for the sections in the ordinance. A vote taken with the following results: YES 46 to delete- NO 71 to leave in. A motion to move to a vote was made by Jules D'Agostino, seconded by John Chagnot. A vote was taken and the motion did not pass by a 2/3 vote. Discussion ensued. A motion to table this item indefinitely was made by Louise Morrison, seconded by Jason Denolfo. A vote was taken and approved to table item indefinitely.

Item#3- To consider an act upon the following Resolutions:

- A. The Town Meeting of the Town of Brooklyn hereby resolves to authorize the transfer of \$66,766 from the Town's undesignated reserve fund to the School-expense line item of the 2016-2017 budget to use towards balancing the school budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. A motion to accept was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Richard Ives. A motion to amend the amount of \$66,766 to the correct amount of \$69,766 was made by Richard Ives, seconded by Lou Brodeur. Vote taken and approved. A motion to approve with corrections was made by Richard Ives, seconded by Lou Brodeur. A vote was taken and the Moderator declared the item approved unanimously.
- B. The Town Meeting of the Town of Brooklyn hereby resolves to authorize the transfer of \$400,686 from the Town's fringe benefit budget to the School-expense line item of the 2017- 2018 budget to use towards balancing the school budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. A motion to accept was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Richard Ives. A vote was taken and Moderator Dionne declared the item approved.
- C. The Town Meeting of the Town of Brooklyn hereby resolves to appropriate up to \$486,632 from the Town's undesignated reserve funds to use towards balancing the school budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. A motion to accept was made by Jeffrey Otto, seconded by Richard Ives. First Selectman, Richard Ives reviewed the Town's budget cuts. Superintendent Patty Buell reviewed the School's budget cuts. A vote was taken and Moderator Dionne declared the item approved. A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Niejadlik, seconded by Kim Conroy. Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leona A. Mainville, MMC
Town Clerk