

ARPA Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 24, 2022
5:30pm via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Lyn LaCharite, David Lee, Ken Dykstra, and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur, Sandra Ahola, and Bill Skene

1. Call to Order – A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.
2. Approve Minutes 10/4/22 - Clarification that the school representative was Patricia Buell. Clarification that S. Brodeur was referring to LOCIP regarding catch basins and paving. L. LaCharite made a motion to accepted as revised. L. Brodeur seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Review Members Suggestion Funding from Items Moved Forward –
 - a. Under \$10,000 –D. Lee made a motion to approve all 4. J. Voccio seconded. Discussion took place about the various requests. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - i. QVSC - \$4,600
 - ii. Thames Valley Comm. Action - \$5,000
 - iii. Brooklyn Business Association - \$5,000
 - iv. EBFD Jaws of Life - \$9,700
 - b. School HVAC - \$150,000 – J. Voccio made a motion to approve the pre-grant proposal. K. Dykstra seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - c. Network Infrastructure - **\$50,000** – L. Brodeur made a motion to approve. L. LaCharite seconded. Discussion was had about the locations of the servers. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - d. Waterline Extension on South Main Street - \$200,000 – J. Voccio made a motion to postpone discussion on this item for this meeting. D. Lee seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - e. BEMHS Radios - \$264,845 – J. Voccio made a motion to approve. L. Brodeur seconded. Discussion was had about compatibility and lifeline. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - f. EBFD SCBA - \$99,239 – L. Brodeur made a motion to approve. L. LaCharite seconded. Discussion was had about quantity and compatibility. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - g. South Street Park - \$300,000 – D. Lee made a motion to approve. J. Voccio seconded. Discussion was had about getting input from the new Recreation Director and what should be included in the project. Motion passed 6-0-0.
 - h. Salem Village Doors - \$57,000 – D. Lee made a motion to approve. L. Lacharite seconded. Discussion was had about if this is an appropriate request for APRA funds. Motion defeated 0-0-6. All members were nays.
 - i. Economic Development Director - \$80,000 – L. LaCharite made a motion to approve. D. Lee seconded. Discussion was had about the need and whether or not it's realistic to create this position. Motion passed 5-0-1. J. Voccio was a nay.

- j. Mortlake Revenue Losses 20-21, 21-22 - \$120,000. J. Voccio made a motion to approve. L. LaCharite seconded. Discussion was had about how the amounts were determined. Motion passed 6-0-0.
- k. Brooklyn Library - \$73,029 – Amount requested has been lowered to cover electrical needs and handicap revisions only under \$10k. D. Lee made a motion to approve. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 5-1-0. K. Dykstra abstained due to conflict as a library board member.
- l. 4-H AM Project - \$15,000. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve. L. LaCharite seconded. Floor was opened to hear from the public. S. Ahola addressed the commission to justify their request. Surrounding towns have donated. Youth outreach was a priority during the Pandemic. All reserves were lost. They are trying to save their pond and that requires rehabilitation of the dam. Also, hurricane repairs are needed as well. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Meeting was called to an end due to time constraints.

- 5. Discuss Public Outreach – Will carry over to next meeting
- 6. Discuss Possible Future Requests – Will carry over to next meeting
- 7. Set Next Meeting Date – Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 at 5:30pm
- 8. Public Comment – S. Brodeur expressed her hope that the Town sit down and discuss exactly what the Economic Development Director would do.
- 9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary