

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Finance Meeting Agenda Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:00 pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Building and via Google Meets

Present: Sandra Brodeur, Dave Lee, Heather Allen, Cindy Dehner, Lance Metzger, Lisa Mileski,

Recording Secretary

Absent: Andrew Dionne, Excused

Also Present: Joe Voccio, Shelley Cates, Lou Brodeur

Via Zoom: Carrie Barna, Sherry MacFarland, Jessica Solis, Cynthia Rushworth, Carrie Juhasz,

Sharon Loughlin, Matt Nemeth

1. Determination of a quorum and Call to Order: S. Brodeur determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- 2. Public comment: None
- 3. Review of Capital Budget proposal: L. Brodeur presented all of the capital requests and stated whether they were denied or approved by the Capital Expenditure Committee.
- 4. Discussion: The Board Members discussed the capital requests and L. Brodeur answered questions. D. Lee made a motion to accept the requests as presented for consideration and further discussion; H. Allen seconded; and the motion passed.
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Status of repairs to Community Center lighting, curtains, etc.: S. Brodeur stated that the lights were repaired, though it still was not too bright in there.
 - b. OSHA results: S. Cates stated that A. Tanner had informed her that the OSHA fine of \$7,150.00 was decreased by 60% though she did not have a final figure.
 - c. Review financial policies from the Town of Haddam to possibly modify for the Town of Brooklyn (after budget has been approved): This was not discussed.
 - d. Update on Day Street: S. Cates stated that A. Tanner is waiting for a report from the Civil Engineer.
 - e. Other Old Business: None

6. New Business

- a. Fire Commissioners will present their budget on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Copies of their request will be posted online with the agenda prior to the meeting: S. Brodeur reiterated this.,
- b. Any idea when the Town will be ready to present their budget? This is to be decided by the Board of Selectmen.
- c. The Town Forum is Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm. There will be a "class" on FOIA at the beginning of the forum. It would be very beneficial for all members to attend if possible: S. Brodeur reminded everyone present about this meeting and encouraged all to attend.

- d. Review financial statements: D. Lee stated that based on his review of the financials, it appears that we will be 1% in excess of revenue; that there will not be a lot leftover.
- e. Other new business? D. Lee stated that the Long Range Capital Planning Committee met this evening and more will be forthcoming.
- 7. Selectmen's Report: No report due to A. Tanner being absent.
- 8. Liaison Reports: H. Allen stated that she attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting and they spoke about Day Street, OSHA, the Town Forum, and about the Health Department Lease ending and the Town perhaps moving its offices there. She also said that United Services gave a presentation. C. Dehner stated that she did not go to the Board of Education meeting but talked with M. Lyons who advised the BOE has been busy working on the budget. There was no report from A. Dionne on the Parks and Recreation meeting as he was absent. D. Lee said the Water Pollution Control is plugging along; and that the Fire Commissioners did not meet. S. Brodeur said the Housing Authority had a very productive meeting.
- 9. Public Comment: C. Juhasz, 38 Day Street, Brooklyn, talked about "public comment" being discussed at the Town Forum during the FOIA presentation. C. Barna, 367 Stetson Road, Brooklyn, mentioned that there may be grant opportunities for the digitization of records.
- 10. Adjournment: D. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting; H. Allen seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary