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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 27, 2022
4:00pm Hybrid via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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2022 FEB -2 PM 12:24
TOWN OF BROOKLYN, CT
L. Brodeur
Recording Secretary

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Bucky Lohbusch, Bill Skene, Mike Gaudreau, Felix Ramos, Sandy Brodeur and Jim Warren

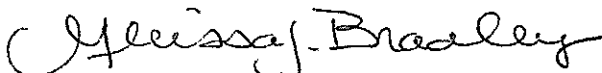
1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/13/22 for discussion. J. Voccio seconded the motion. A. Tanner clarifies item #9 should read: The original quote was \$54,000, then added the bus garage side which then went up to \$71,000. The same company came back out to update his quote and it is now \$127,000. Motion passed with the noted clarification 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:**
 - **Planning & Zoning:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Matthew Nemeth as an alternate member with a term expiring 10/1/2024 to Planning & Zoning commission for discussion. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Discussion was held at a previous meeting regarding appointing a resident to a board who is involved in litigation with the Town. That appointment was tabled. This applicant is also involved in litigation with the Town. Discussion ensued. Vote 2 (A. Tanner & L. Brodeur) – 1 (J. Voccio) J. Voccio expresses the same process was not followed as earlier in the month.
 - **BEMHS:** J. Voccio made a motion to appoint Shawn Lisee as an alternate member with a term expiring 1/1/2024 to Homeland Security; Move Richard Dvorin from an Alternate member to a regular member with a term expiring 10/27/2023; and appoint Bill Wheaton Jr. as a regular member with a term expiring 10/27/2023. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Parks & Recreation:** 1 regular member opening expiring 1/1/2026 – 2 candidates: Jim Warren & Amanda Simoneau
Mike Gaudreau states he is in favor of appointing Jim Warren to Parks & Recreation. He has been an active part of our community, along with children who participated in Rec activities and sports. The commission has also discussed his appointment to the board, and they were in favor.

Jim Warren states he was not involved in the lawsuit and had nothing to do with it. He continues with discussions on his involvement in Town including coaching and helping out Recreation on numerous occasions and is looking forward to continuing. L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Jim Warren to Recreation as a regular member with a term expiring 1/1/2026. J. Voccio seconded the motion. A. Tanner believes it is only fair to look at the other applicant as well. J. Voccio states he is not against Ms. Simoneau, this appointment was tabled earlier in the month only because of Mr. Warren's involvement with the Fire Department, which he is no longer apart of. If another opening should arise, Ms. Simoneau should be considered. A. Tanner did speak with Mike Gaudreau and always considers the chairman's recommendation. The previous comment made regarding a husband and wife on the same committee was solely to allow a more broaden outlook. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Discussion on Financials:** A. Tanner reports 1.5 million was collected in taxes this week so the revenue number on the reports will increase. At a previous meeting, the miscellaneous revenue line item was questions. This was an insurance payment for the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center. Rushie Bean will be printing a report from the activities account in Recreation so the in's and out's are clear. Bucky Lohbusch clarifies there is a revenue and expenditure account, the board should be seeing both.
6. **Discussion on TAR Funds:** A deposit of \$121,650.45 was received. This is one of two for the year.
7. **Discussion on ARPA Committee:** A meeting with the sub committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 3rd at 7pm. There is also a free CCM webinar the same day at 11am. A. Tanner will be attending and checking to see if others can attend as well. Recreation will discuss projects they may request, including the tennis courts, a pickle ball court and Park maintenance.
8. **Discussion on Paid Staff Committee:** This sub committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1st at 7pm.
9. **Discussion on Purchasing Ordinance:** L. Brodeur suggests this item is tabled until after the Board of Finance meeting. The current ordinance requires quotes over \$2,000 and the proposed ordinance lists \$500-\$2500. This may be written incorrectly. The purchase order verbiage is not followed exactly, this may need to read differently.
10. **Discussion on Land Purchase:** Discussion was held at the last meeting regarding a triangle piece of land behind Job Lot that an adjoining neighbor is interested in buying. He offered \$10,000 to purchase it. The lot is now a buildable lot. This number is lower than expected. L. Brodeur made a motion to table this discussion. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
11. **Discussion on Little League:** Felix Ramos, President of Brooklyn Little League, addresses the board. A doner has donated money to the little league to improve the fields. They ask for a reassurance the fields will be used as fields in a long-term scenario. The fields belong to the Town, not the little league. This includes the fields behind Saveway and Riverside Park. J. Voccio feels this should be discussed with the Parks & Rec commission and then brought to the Board of Selectmen. Mike Gaudreau agrees to put this on their next agenda.

12. **Discussion on 2022/23 Budget Workshops:** Departments and commissions have been requested to submit their budgets. Workshops will be discussed and scheduled.
13. **Calls For Service:** No discussion
14. **Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1346 dated 1/27/22 in the amount of \$69,076.13. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1347 dated 1/27/22 in the amount of \$82,035.54. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Question is raised regarding long term debt; The interest was paid. Motion passed 3-0.
15. **Other Business:** A. Tanner had Service Master give a quote to clean the water stain on the rug at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center and the entire building. The cost is approximately \$1300.00. Austin would like to do the entire building at this cost. The Selectmen agree. J. Voccio states with the upcoming storm, he is available to help in anyway if needed.
16. **Public Comment:** Mike Gaudreau thanks the board for allowing him the time to speak and for appointing Jim Warren to Parks & Rec.
Bucky Lohbusch states the trees at Prince Hill are down and some additional ones that posed a threat.
17. **Adjourn:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary