

**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014**  
**BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL, ROOM 209**  
**7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Phil Kurtz called the meeting to order at 7:04pm; beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present for the Board:** Chairman P. Kurtz, Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, Secretary R. Gianazza, S. O'Reilly, J. Rossi, R. Appleby, and Ex-Officio First Selectman B. Tinsley

**Also Present:** Town Controller W. Leverage and members of the public

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Davidson- 19 Cove Road  
Jane Miller- 115 Obtuse Hill Road  
Ron Jaffe- 21 White Pine Drive  
Kelly LoFaso- 5 Riverford Road  
Rich Saluga- 32 Heron Lane

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by R. Gianazza, seconded by S. O'Reilly, to approve the minutes listed below:

March 11, 2014 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2014 Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2014 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2014 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2014 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2014 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2014 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes

Motion passed as follows:

**Members voting yes:** Chairman P. Kurtz, R. Appleby, J. Rossi and S. O'Reilly

**Members abstaining:** Vice Chairman Ernie Nepomuceno and Secretary R. Gianazza

**COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- ✚ Kerri Colombo
- ✚ Pat Burnell
- ✚ Ronald Orban – 95 Stony Hill Road
- ✚ David & Erin Sweet
- ✚ Howard Lasser – 116 Tower Road
- ✚ Ron Jaffe – 21 White Pine Drive
- ✚ Bruce Siennick
- ✚ Jamie Klavans – 11 Willow Run
- ✚ Ray DiStephan
- ✚ Tom Murphy
- ✚ Angelina Prendi
- ✚ Michele Vaccaro

Mr. Gianazza said more correspondence was received and will be noted at the next Board of Finance meeting.

**REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN:** First Selectman B. Tinsley reported the approval of bonds, capital projects and the water line at Federal Road. He handed out a schedule of road paving.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Town Controller W. Leverence gave the Board an overview of the March 2014 Revenue and Expenditure Report. He projected the Board of Education would overspend its budget by approximately \$575,000. He also gave a grant status update and follow-up on questions asked of the Board of Education pertaining to New World Data. Mr. Leverence also discussed the CIGNA credit status, 2013-2014 Board of Education budget projections and fund balance utilization.

After a long discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, seconded by S. O'Reilly to instruct the Town Controller to suspend any and future funding for the Board of Education, with the exception of salaries and benefits, from now until the end of fiscal year 2013-2014.

Mr. Gianazza suggested that Board of Finance wait for information which was requested by Mr. Leverence on March 24<sup>th</sup> from the Board of Education and after further discussion, Vice Chairman Nepomuceno tabled his motion.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, seconded by Secretary R. Gianazza that the funding in the amount of \$235,000, currently reflected in the Board of Education budget, be moved into the Town budget, and that the funding for the pension contribution in the amount of \$500,000, currently reflected in the Town budget, be moved into the Board of Education budget. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion on the 2014-2015 Town Budget Discussion- a motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by J Rossi, to bring the Board of Education budget to a total of \$39,000,000.

Motion failed as follows:

Members voting yes: Secretary R. Gianazza and J. Rossi

Members voting no: Chairman P. Kurtz, Vice Chairman Ernie Nepomuceno, S O'Reilly and R. Appleby

After further discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, seconded by S. O'Reilly to put forth a budget to take to the Town meeting for a total of \$60,496,620, representing a \$38,580,470 budget for Education and \$21,916,150 for the Town for the 2014-2015 school years.

Motion passed as follows:

Members voting yes: Chairman P. Kurtz, Vice Chairman Ernie Nepomuceno, S O'Reilly and R. Appleby

Secretary R. Gianazza and J. Rossi

Members voting no: Secretary R. Gianazza and J. Rossi

A motion was made by R. Appleby, seconded by J. Rossi, Whereas, the Board of Selectman has recommended that the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$3,444,000 for **2014-2015 Capitol Projects**, hereinafter referred to as the **Project**, (summarized below) and issue its general obligation bonds, or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,518,400, to finance the **Project** (with the \$1,925,600 balance to be paid for by a Federal DOT Grant).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Finance, having reviewed the proposed **Project**, approves and recommends that the Town appropriate an amount not to exceed \$3,444,000 for the **Project**, and issue its bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,518,400 to finance a portion of the appropriation. Be it further resolved, that the **Project** be submitted to the Brookfield voters as a referendum question(s), the date of said referendum to be set at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

*The Board took a recess at 9:02pm and returned at 9:14pm*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Audit Subcommittee Report- Chairman Kurtz said the subcommittee will meet tomorrow at 5:30pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron Jaffe- 21 White Pine Drive  
Richard Malek- 4 Apache Drive  
Steve Dunn- 24 Lyndenwood Drive  
Kevin Sheehan- 51 Arapahoe Road

**OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:** First Selectman Tinsley said the Board of Selectmen recommended a bi-furcated vote and advisory questions to be on the ballot. Postcards will go out shortly. The Town meeting to set the voting date is Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Brookfield High School Auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by J. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gianazza, Secretary  
Brookfield Board of Finance