

BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL Rm. 133
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman P. Kurtz called the meeting to order at 7:05pm; beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Board: Chairman P. Kurtz, Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, Secretary R. Gianazza, Dr. R. Appleby, S. O'Reilly, J. Rossi (arrived at 7:30pm), Ex-Officio B. Tinsley and Town Controller W. Leverage

Also Present: Members of the Public

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by Dr. R. Appleby, to approve the Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2014 as written. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Hal Kurfehs

A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, to move agenda item; New Business back to its regular order in the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN: First Selectman B. Tinsley discussed; Meadowbrook Manor Grant Status and the Pilot Program with Brookfield, Candlewood Lake Authority and State CT. DEEP.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: Town Controller W. Leverage gave the Board an overview of the Revenue & Expenditure Report for the month of December 2014.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Audit Subcommittee:** Chairman P. Kurtz stated that the auditors are still working on the draft audit. He also stated that an extension may have to be filed. First Selectman B. Tinsley stated he will not approve another extension. After discussion, Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno expressed similar dissatisfaction with the auditors timing and was not in favor of the auditors request for an extension. Chairman P. Kurtz will contact McGladrey to discuss finishing the audit for the January 31st filing deadline with no further extensions.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Item #1**

Board of Education \$400,000 Special Budget Appropriation Request:

A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by J. Rossi, that the Board of Finance approves a special supplemental appropriation of \$277,000 to be added to the Board of Education's current fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. *Funding for this appropriation to come from fund balance.*

After discussion, an amended motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by J. Rossi, that the Board of Finance approves a special supplemental appropriation of \$150,000 for the Board of Education. *Funding for this appropriation to come from fund balance.*

After discussion, Chairman P. Kurtz called the question, seconded by Secretary R. Gianazza. Motion passed 6-0.

Secretary R. Gianazza re-read the amended motion on the table. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes:

Chairman P. Kurtz
Secretary R. Gianazza
Dr. R. Appleby
J. Rossi

Members Voting No:

S. O'Reilly
Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno

• **Item #2**

A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by Dr. R. Appleby, that the Board of Finance approves a special appropriation in the amount of \$49,155 to cover the FY 2015 cost of Volunteer Fireman Property Tax Incentive. *Funding for appropriation by a dollar-for-dollar increase in the fiscal year 2015 revenues budget.* Motion passes 5-0-1.

Members Voting Yes:

Chairman P. Kurtz, Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, Secretary R. Gianazza, Dr. R. Appleby, and J. Rossi

Steve O'Reilly abstained.

• **Item #3**

A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by Dr. R. Appleby, that the Board of Finance approves a special appropriation in the amount of \$16,500 to cover the January to June 2015 expense of the Volunteer Fireman Cash Payment service award. *Funding for appropriation by the partial use of remaining cash in fund 38.* Motion passed 5-0-1.

Members Voting Yes:

Chairman P. Kurtz, Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, Secretary R. Gianazza, Dr. R. Appleby, and J. Rossi

Steve O'Reilly abstained.

• **Item #4**

A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by Dr. R. Appleby, that the Board of Finance endorses two recommendations of the retirement Benefits Advisory Committee:

OPEB Policy Resolution (attached)

OPEB Funding Plan (attached)

Motion passed unanimously.

• **Item #5**

BOF Budget Calendar

A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by S. O'Reilly, that the Board of Finance accepts the BOF Budget Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Secretary R. Gianazza, seconded by Vice Chairman E. Nepomuceno, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.