



BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL – ROOM 133
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman R. Gianazza called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Board: Chairman R. Gianazza, Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, J. Rossi, M. Mulvaney, M. Zerbe, S. Hathorn, First Selectman S. Dunn, Town Controller W. Leverage, and Treasurer J. Lucas

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to nominate S. Hathorn to the position of Secretary. Motion passes 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tim Deakin, 6 High Ridge Road

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi to approve the January 13, 2016 Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion passes 6-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to approve the January 20, 2016 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion passes 6-0.

January 27, 2016 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to table voting on the January 27, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes until next month's meeting. Recording Secretary will review the tape from this meeting.

A motion was made by Chairman R. Gianazza, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to amend the agenda to allow Greg Dembowski to give an update on the StreetScape project. Motion passes 6-0.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Secretary S. Hathorn reported receiving correspondence from the following:

- Irv Agard
- Jen Falci
- Howard Lasser
- Lou Menendez
- Glenn Rooney
- Rich Saluga

REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN:

First Selectman S. Dunn reported on; Meadow Brook Manor, Magic salt, Cadigan Project, DOT meeting, Commissioner of the Schools DAS Meeting, and Grants.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR: Town Controller W. Leverage gave the Board an overview of the January 2016 Revenue and Expenditure Report.

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Audit Subcommittee – This committee will meet when Financial Statements are in order.

RBAC Subcommittee

J. Rossi stated that the RBAC subcommittee made a recommendation that the First Selectman receive a stipend in lieu of a pension. Clarification is needed in the wording of this agreement – base compensation vs. base salary .

OLD BUSINESS

CAFR Discussion

First Selectman S. Dunn introduced Janette J. Marcoux, Town's Financial Advisor. She explained the various options available to the Board of Finance, and recommendations from Bond Counsel.

FOIA Request by Resident Rich Saluga:

Chairman R. Gianazza stated that the Board of Finance continues to follow up on Mr. Saluga's FOIA request. First Selectman S. Dunn stated that he will supply the breakdown of the number of hours worked by attorney, at what rate, photocopying and transportation fees.

NEW BUSINESS

GrantFinder Program

A motion was made by Chairman R. Gianazza, seconded by M. Mulvaney, that the Board of Finance approve the recommendation of the Board of Selectman to acquire the GrantFinder Program for the amount of \$600.00 to be funded from the Town Controller's Education Account #011715290. Motion passes 6-0.

Town Pension Plan

First Selectman Stipend in lieu of Pension and budget adjustment.

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by M. Mulvaney, that the Board of Finance supports the recommendation of the Board of Selectman request for Resolution for Amendment No. 7 of the Pension Plan. Motion passes 6-0.

2. Motion: That the First Selectman receive a “Stipend in Lieu of Pension” equal to 6% of the previous year's actual base salary, payable in a lump sum at the beginning of each calendar year. This resolution shall be implemented effective December 8, 2015 upon the First Selectman taking office.

The Board stated that there is a conflict in wording – base compensation vs. base salary. First Selectman Dunn will confer with the labor attorney regarding wording.

Irv Agard, 3 Cedar Hill Road explained how the RBAC committee arrived at the 6% level of the stipend.

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, to table this motion until the March Board of Finance Regular meeting.

CCM Newly Elected Workshop – February 20: First Selectman S. Dunn stated that any Board member who would like to attend this workshop contact Ginny Giovaniello, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman. Chairman R. Gianazza will forward information on the workshop.

OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

M. Zerbe stated he would like the Board to follow its bylaws and produce an agenda one week before the meeting.

Chairman R. Gianazza stated an AdHoc committee should be formed to come up with other options of addressing the bonding issue. Members of this AdHoc committee are Chairman R. Gianazza, Town Treasurer J. Lucas. M. Zerbe, and First Selectman S. Dunn. The town's input is welcomed. Chairman R. Gianazza stated he would like to have a copy of the recommendations from the Town's Financial Advisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ron Jaffe, 21 White Pine Drive
- Mario Nacinovich, 16 Overlook
- Jim Fisher, 12 Aramon Circle
- Bob Hattar, 6 Hidden Brook Drive
- Sean Ryan, 5 Joseph's Lane
- Eric Mayerson, 46 Secor Road
- Jerry Friedrich, 10 Cherokee Drive
- Steve Bedini, 22 Hickory Hill

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.