



**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 09, 2016  
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL-ROOM 209  
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, First Selectman S. Dunn, and Treasurer J. Lucas

**Also Present:** J. Wahlberg, Consultant members of the public and press

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Rich Saluga, 32 Great Heron Lane

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to approve the January 27, 2016 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes as written.

The motion was amended by M. Zerbe, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to amend the motion to include; *M. Zerbe made a point of order motion that the Board of Finance does not have the authority to decide on the removal of the Controller as explained in Article 10 of the Board of Finance Bylaws to the January 27, 2106 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes*

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to approve the February 10, 2016 Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes as written. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to approve the February 25, 2016 Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes as written. Motion passes 5-0.

Chairman R. Gianazza introduced J. Wahlberg, Consultant

**COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** M. Mulvaney reported receiving correspondence from:

- Preston Powell
- Howard Lasser
- Rich Saluga
- Bill Tinsley
- Matt Grimes
- Irv Agard

**REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN:** First Selectman S. Dunn reported on Cadigan and Lake Lillinonah Parks, STEAP Grants, Special Assessment, Additional parking at Town Hall, and the Brookfield High School Project.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Jay Wahlberg gave the Board an overview of the Revenue & Expenditure Report for the month of February 2016.

**REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES:** No reports were given.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Four Corners Streetscape Update

Greg Dembowski gave the Board an update on the Four Corners Streetscape Project.

2. Town Pension Plan

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, that the First Selectmen 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. Motion passes 5-0.

3. Financing options for the remaining \$1.5M General Fund deficit discussion

Financing options for the remaining \$1.5M General Fund deficit were discussed. First Selectman S. Dunn provided his recommendations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• Police Department Outside Services Fund Requests

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, that the Board of Finance supports the recommendation of the Board of Selectman request for an appropriation amount of \$17,000 from the Police Department Outside Services Fund for purchasing ancillary equipment to fully equip one of the Private Duty Fleet Vehicles to function as a spare patrol vehicle, as outlined in Major Purcell’s memo dated 3/02/16. Motion passes 5-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, that the Board of Finance supports the recommendation of the Board of Selectman request for an appropriation amount of \$90,000 from the Police Department Outside Services Fund for contracting a professional “Space Needs Study and Concept Drawings” for the evaluation of the existing police headquarters building, as outlined in Major Purcell’s memo dated 3/02/16.

After discussion, Chairman R. Gianazza made a motion, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to defer the above motion until the next Board of Finance Regular Meeting, to discuss with the Police Department what they are asking for in more detail. Motion passes 5-0.

**OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:**

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, that the Board of Finance supports the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to investigate the \$3.3M with a scope, timing, and costs to be determined. Motion passes 4-0.

**Members Voting Yes:**

Chairman R. Gianazza

Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

M. Mulvaney

M. Zerbe

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Ron Jaffe, 21 White Pine Drive

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by S. O'Reilly, seconded by J. Rossi, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm