

**FINAL
BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013
TOWN HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM #209
7:00PM**

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

Present for the Board: Chairman J. Friedrich, Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, R. Jaffe, J. Tomaino, R. Appleby, and Ex-Officio B. Davidson.

Also Present: Town Controller W. Leverence, Selectmen H. Lasser and G. Walker, Board of Education Chairman R. DiStephan, Board of Education Vice Chairman J. Miller, and members of the public and press.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Propper, 51 Great Heron Lane regarding SRO's in schools; Rich Saluga, 32 Great Heron Lane shared his proposal for modifying the budget.

AUDIT RFP DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION: A motion was made by R. Jaffe, seconded by J. Tomaino, to recommend that the RFP be sent out for bid. Motion was passed unanimously.

2013-2014 BUDGET DISCUSSION: A motion was made by R. Jaffe, seconded by Vice Chairman I. Agard, to accept the Town of Brookfield's expense adjustments reported by Town Controller W. Leverence. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Secretary P. Kurtz, seconded by R. Appleby, to take \$200,000 out of Fund Balance towards this budget.

R. Jaffe called the question.

Motion failed 4-2. Members voting yes: R. Appleby and Secretary P. Kurtz. Members voting no: Chairman J. Friedrich, Vice Chairman I. Agard, R. Jaffe, and J. Tomaino

A motion was made by Vice Chairman I. Agard, seconded by Secretary P. Kurtz to take \$100,000 out of Fund Balance towards the budget.

R. Jaffe called the question.

Motion passes 4-2. Members voting yes: Chairman J. Friedrich, Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, and R. Appleby. Members voting no: R. Jaffe and J. Tomaino.

A motion was made by Chairman J. Friedrich, seconded by R. Appleby, to reduce the budget, all inclusive, to \$395,000.

Motion passes 4-2. Members voting yes: Chairman J. Friedrich, Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, and R. Appleby. Members voting no: R. Jaffe and J. Tomaino.

A motion was made by Secretary P. Kurtz, seconded by R. Appleby, to move \$11,500 from the contingency line into the Candlewood Lake Authority line. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman I. Agard, seconded by Secretary P. Kurtz, to add \$13.00 to the contingency line of the Municipal Budget for a:

Municipal Budget in the amount of \$20,705,000 and an **Education Budget** in the amount of \$38,295,000. Total Budget in the amount of \$59,000,000. Motion passed 4-2. Members voting yes: Chairman J. Friedrich, Vice Chairman I. Agard, Secretary P. Kurtz, and R. Appleby. Members voting no: R. Jaffe and J. Tomaino.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Howard Lasser, 116 Tower Road regarding budget; Ray DiStephan, 11 Old Woods Road regarding budget; Rich Saluga, 32 Great Heron Lane regarding tax increases and budget.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Tomaino, seconded by Secretary P. Kurtz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.