



BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 7:00pm
Town Hall Room 209

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

Present for the Board: Chairman G. Rooney, Vice Chairman E. Koch, Secretary B. Ruocco, D. Devorsetz, R. Roudenis, M. Cappiello and First Selectwoman T. Carr

Also Present: Town Finance Director M. Marien, Town Treasurer J. Lucas, Selectman H. Shaker, Superintendent J. Barile, BOE Chair B. Belden, Police Chief J. Puglisi, Captain M. Donadio,

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Harry Shaker, 87 Long Meadow Hill Road

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Eve Sturdevant, 3 Rajcula Farm Road
- Andrew Koehm, 5 Fernbrook Drive
- Nina Mack, ZBA Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: A motion was made by Secretary B. Ruocco, seconded by Vice Chairman E. Koch, to approve the BOF July 13, 2022 Regular meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN: First Selectwoman T. Carr reported on the following; financial status in Town, school security, revaluation, STEAP Grant – Brookfield Market area, Browfield’s RFP, electrical vehicles, communication upgrade system grant, municipal tax service (MTS)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:

- **BOE Financial Report** – BOE Chair B. Belden provided the BOF Financial Report to the BOF.
- **Revenue and Expenditures-** Town Finance Director M. Marien presented Revenue and Expenditures for the month of July 2022 as well as a 2022-2023 Budget Update.
- **Capital Projects Status** – Town Finance Director M. Marien reported on Capital Project Status
- **Audit update** – Town Finance Director M. Marien provided an Audit Update.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

- **Audit committee** – No report for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: No report for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Police Outside Services Fund Request for Equipment** – Chairman G. Rooney made a motion, seconded by Secretary B. Ruocco, that the Board of Finance approve the request for an appropriation of \$141,025.59 from the Police Outside Services Fund to purchase replacement rifles, accessories and weapons storage lockers for the Police Department as outlined in Chief John Puglisi’s letter date June 1, 2022. Motion carries 6-0.
- **Board of Education Appropriation Request** – A motion was made by Chairman G. Rooney, seconded by M. Cappiello, that the Board of Finance approve the transfer for the year end of June 30, 2022 from the Town contingency line #105-9800-58414 to the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$63,416.72 and forward the transfer request and approve it as per letter from Mr. Robert Belden dated 7/27/22. Motion carries 6-0.

OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: There was no Other Items To Come Before the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BOE Presentation on School Security - A motion was made by Chairman G. Rooney, seconded by R. Roudenis, to enter into Executive Session and to include Dr. J. Barile, BOE Chair B. Belden, the Board of Finance, Town Finance Director M. Marien, and Police Chief J. Puglisi. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman made a second motion to enter into Executive Session and to include Z. Nanassy, Police Commissioner, Captain M. Donadio, Selectman H. Shaker, and Treasurer J. Lucas. Chairman G. Rooney revised his second motion, seconded by R. Roudenis, to include in Executive Session; Captain M. Donadio, Selectman H. Shaker, Chief J. Puglisi, Town Treasurer J. Lucas, Town Finance Director M. Marien, Superintendent J. Barile, BOE Chair B. Belden, Police Commissioner Z. Nanassy, and the Board of Finance. Motion carries 6-0. Executive session began at 8:14pm. The Board of Finance exited Executive Session at 9:15pm and resumed their meeting..

BOE Presentation on school security –A motion was made by Chairman G. Rooney, seconded by R. Roudenis, that the BOF approves hiring two SRO officers hired by the Brookfield Police; one for each elementary school. Funding is as follows; the operating expense for the BOE recommended plan and an interim plan, including funding any excess overtime in the Police budget at year end, in a total amount not to exceed \$251,515.67 subject to the Town Meeting and that we recommend these monies come from ARPA funding. Included in this motion, I would like to approve the Capital expense of the BOE recommended plan in the amount not to exceed \$163,998. The recommended funding comes from a transfer in YE 2022 from the “under-expended line items in the Town operating budget transferred to line “Transfer to Capital Nonrecurring,” based on the approval of the hiring of the SRO’s. Motion carries 6-0.

A motion was made by Chairman G. Rooney, seconded by Vice Chairman E. Koch, that the BOF approve the hiring by the Brookfield Police of one Armed School Security Officer (ASSO) for after school hours at Brookfield High School and the hiring by Brookfield Public Schools of 5 additional unarmed security personnel for the monitoring of cameras, check-in at front doors, and patrolling the campus at each school. This will be funded as follows; the operating expenses in a total amount not to exceed \$344,718.38. This funding would come from ARPA and be subject to a Town meeting. We would also approve the Capital expenses for the BOE recommended plan in the amount not to exceed \$3,460.00. This funding would come from a transfer of YE 2022 from the under-expended line items in the Town operating budget transferred to line “Transfer to Capital Non-recurring,” subject to the approval of the hiring of the ASSO officers by the Town Meeting. Motion carries 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Chairman G. Rooney, seconded by Secretary B. Ruocco, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.