



**BROOKFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL – ROOM 209
7:00PM**

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

Present for the Board: Chairman R. Gianazza, Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, Secretary S. Hathorn, J. Rossi, M. Mulvaney, M. Zerbe, and First Selectman S. Dunn

Also Present: Town Treasurer J. Lucas, J. Wahlberg, Consultant, and members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Howard Lasser, 116 Tower Road
Rich Saluga, 32 Great Heron Lane
Ron Jaffe, 21 White Pine Drive

NEW BUSINESS

- 2016-2017 Town of Brookfield Budget Deliberation

After discussion,

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to accept the revenue stream as presented in the 2016-2017 Town of Brookfield Budget. Motion passed 6-0

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to reduce the Historic District, line item #5282, signs/display from \$500.00 to \$300.00.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe
M. Mulvaney

Vote was tied, First Selectman voted no. Motion failed 4-3. The Historic District, line item #5282, will remain at \$500.00.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to reduce line item #5283, to \$1,000. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
J. Rossi
M. Mulvaney

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to decrease line item #5295, to \$1500.00. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to reduce line item #5505 to \$0. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to reduce line item #5202, to \$2500.00. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
M. Mulvaney
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to decrease the Library Operating Transfer by \$61,000.

Secretary S. Hathorn modified the motion, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to decrease the Library Transfer by \$50,000. After discussion, Secretary S. Hathorn withdrew the motion.

The Board took a 10 minute recess from 8:13pm to 8:23pm.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to reduce priority #8, Public Works, replace hook lift/sand & salt spreader to \$0. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to reduce Police evidence records storage systems down to \$15,000. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to reduce Headquarters line item, Reserve for a new truck to \$75,000.

J. Rossi, modified the motion, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to reduce the Headquarters line item, Reserve for a new truck to \$50,000 for this year. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
S. Hathorn
M. Mulvaney
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Chairman R. Gianazza
M. Zerbe

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to strike \$2,500 from Capital List, I-Pad replacement. Secretary S. Hathorn stated this item does not qualify as a Capital asset per Town Policy. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to remove \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund for a New Library. Motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Chairman R. Gianazza, seconded by M. Mulvaney, to reduce the Whisconier Middle School line 20, Capital Expense, for Paving and Curbing Restoration \$20,000.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Mulvaney
M. Zerbe

Vote was tied. First Selectman voted no. Motion failed 4-3.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by J. Rossi, to reduce the Whisconier Middle School Capital Expenses for Paving and Concrete Restoration down to \$10,000. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
J. Rossi
M. Mulvaney

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to add a line item to include \$50,000 for the rental and installation, of portable classrooms at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School with a short term lease of 5 years.

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, to amend the motion to add a new line item to include \$60,000 for rental of portable classrooms at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School with a short term lease of 5 years.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Mulvaney

Members Voting No

Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
J. Rossi
M. Zerbe

Vote was tied. First Selectman S. Dunn voted yes. Motion passed 4-3.

A motion was made by J. Rossi, seconded by Chairman R. Gianazza, to reduce Paving at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School to \$10,000. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
M. Mulvaney
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe

A motion was made by Chairman R. Gianazza, seconded by J. Rossi, to remove \$4,000 from Huckleberry Hill Elementary School ceiling tiles.

Chairman R. Gianazza amended the motion, seconded by J. Rossi, to amend the original motion from removing \$4,000 for Huckleberry Hill Elementary School ceiling tiles to \$2,000. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
M. Mulvaney
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe

A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Zerbe, to remove \$20,000 from Districtwide Security Enhancements. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly
M. Mulvaney
Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe

Members Voting No

Members Abstaining

J. Rossi

A motion was made by Chairman R. Gianazza, seconded by Secretary S. Hathorn, to reduce the Board of Education Budget to \$40,000,000. Motion failed 2-3-1.

Members Voting Yes

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

Members Voting No

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe
M. Mulvaney

Members Abstaining

J. Rossi

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$40,381,472. Motion passed 3-2-1.

Members Voting Yes

Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Zerbe
M. Mulvaney

Members Voting No

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

Members Abstaining

J. Rossi

A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by M. Zerbe, to accept the total expenditures in the amount of \$63,243,256.

Members Voting Yes

M. Zerbe
Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Mulvaney
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

Motion passed 4-2.

M. Mulvaney amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Zerbe, to accept the total expenditures in the amount of \$63,243,256 to include the Education budget in the amount of \$40,381,472 and the Town operating budget in the amount of \$17,289,235 to include capital projects financing of \$1,159,874, and also to include debt service of \$4,412,675 which represents an anticipated mil rate of 2.45%. Motion passed 4-2.

Members Voting Yes

M. Zerbe
Secretary S. Hathorn
M. Mulvaney
J. Rossi

Members Voting No

Chairman R. Gianazza
Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly

OLD BUSINESS:

CAFR Discussion: A motion was made by Secretary S. Hathorn, seconded by M. Zerbe to extend the filing of the CAFR 30 days, not to exceed April 30th, to obtain further clarity. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Jaffe, 21 White Pine Drive

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by M. Mulvaney, seconded by Vice Chairman S. O'Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.