Attendance

Roland Sickenberger	**Selectmen**	**x**
Eric Von Bleicken	**Selectmen**	**x**
Brad Merkel	**Selectmen**	**x**
Ron San Angelo	**Town Administrator**	**X**

TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TUESDAY, April 2nd, 2024 – 6:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION at 6:00 PM.

1. Minutes of March 19, 2024, for approval.
   Motion to approve and sign the minutes of March 19, 2024.

   Motion Made by Eric Von Bleicken
   Motion Passed 2-1 Brad Merkel abstains.

2. Appointments – Appointment of Senior Center Director Kelly Hitt.

A) Motion to appoint Kelly Hitt to serve on the S.C.M Elderbus, Inc., Board of Directors.
B) Motion to appoint Jane Dolan to the Board of Registrars for the term April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 and Deborah Provencher for the term April 1, 2024, - March 31, 2026Motion to Appointment Kelly Hitt

   a. The motion was made by Eric Von Bleicken and was seconded by Brad Merkel. They are all in favor. Motion carries 3-0.
   b. Motion made by Eric Von Bleicken to appoint Jane Dolan and Deborah Provencher second, by Brad Merkel – all in favor motion carries 3-0.

3. Select Board Member Brad Merkel - Discussion on the Use of ARPA funds.

   174,180.16 left minus the outfitting of the Sgt Police car- which cost $16,000
   There is a possibility of getting 114,000 from a grant with DEP, back from the initial 140k withdrawn. Bonuses will need to be paid with the senior center (COVID) money. Money is needed for the highway department for the town beach issue with the recreation committee and the clicker possibility (regional agreement possibility). Selectmen Merkel wants to use the remaining money for building expenditures and to update town buildings.

   A) Motion to make 5,000 with ARPA funds for the town committee, with the addendum that Heather gets actual costs for the clickers. Motion passes 3-0 for clickers.

   Temporary storage is still possible for all files with the tow; storage is a massive issue between town departments. Honeybee Orchards- It is possible for Rich to look out for public safety. (Honeybee has been sold)

4. Codifying of Town General By-Laws
   Motion to expend $7,500 of ARPA Funds to codify the Town of West Brookfield's General By-Laws and place the funding into a new account Codification of General By-Laws.

xx. Article 20 Move to consent Eric Von Bleicken and Brad
    1. One vote to move all articles for town meeting- motion made by Eric Von Bleicken second Brad Merkel- 3-0 all articles move to town meeting.

7. Police Policies and Procedures.

   Motion to approve the following West Brookfield Police Department policies.

   a. A) 4.02b Authority and Responsibility
   b. B) 4.02c Department Organization and Direction
   c. C) 4.04 Internal Affairs
   d. D) 4.05 Professional Conduct
   e. E) 4.06 Accountability and Discipline Motion

   The motion to approve the policies as written, made by Brad Merkel and seconded by Eric Von Bleicken, carries 3-0.

8. Discussion/Possible action – Sale of old fire chief automobile to another town. Motion made to sell the fire chief's car to the North Brookfield Deputy Fire Chief for $2,000 North Brookfield. Motion Eric Von Bleicken and Brad Merkel 3-0 motion carries.
9. Skip Nine
10. Proposition 2 ½ Override – General Discussion
    a. 2 ½ meeting is appointed 16th April. It's been advertised on the website and TA Facebook and put on highway signs.
11. Treasury Warrants – Vote Expected
    a. Motions to be made as presented: Motion Eric Von Bleicken, second by Brad Merkel—3-0 carries.
12. Other business
    -Lighting for the senior center, same cost savings as the elementary school is upcoming projects.
13. Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm Eric Von Bleicken and Brad Merkel – Motion carries

4/16/24
Authorized Party for the BOS

Heather E. Gough
Town Clerk
May 9, 2024 3:00pm
Date Time