

MINUTES OF
THE BROOKFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 7th, 2010

Members present: Paul Ayers, Robert Barnes, Mary Beth Harrity, John D. Holdcraft, Gerald Johnson, Roger Lafleur, Cindy Mundell and Ian VonHold

Members not present; Timothy Roughan

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM

Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of October 7, 2009 minutes, Paul motioned, Roger 2nd, Dave questioned about chip seal, Jerry thought that was a different meeting, Dave OK with that. So voted by all members present.

Review of August 5th, 2010 minutes, error on Vice Chair. Wait until next meeting to show correction.

Old Business

Letter given to everyone concerning position of Acting Chief Mr. Blood.

MRT letter, not done yet may have at next meeting.

Overhead projector: Available at Elementary School Library and Conference Room.

Open Meeting Laws: Certificate from Ian, Roger and Tim. Jerry will email them again to sign and turn in.

New Business:

Town Website and E-Mail addresses:

Due to new open meeting laws, all emails between members can be captured through some central depository, this has been implemented. Jerry informed the members this is voluntary. Rudy Heller is at the meeting. Roger motioned, Paul 2nd to let Rudy speak. So Voted. Rudy went over new laws concerning emails. If there was ever a request to see certain emails, if you are using your home or work email address, your private emails will be seen also. Jerry gave us email addresses with passwords, these passwords are to be changed before new email start. Mary Berth suggested getting email on how to set this up.

Warrant:

Rudy commented on Oct. 14th and 26th informational meeting on Articles.

AC members encouraged to go but not sit together. No deliberation. Not as a committee.

Rudy said Special Town Meeting will most likely be at the Elementary School.

Article #1: Advisory Committee's Expense Account. \$629.00 from 2008. Paul motioned, Roger 2nd to recommend payment. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #2: Highway Department Expense \$77.00 Backflow test. Discussion. How often this test is done? Once a year?? Paul motioned to recommend payment. Mary Beth 2nd. Robert Barnes abstained. So Voted by members present.

Article #3 Planning Board advertising.\$159.80 bill date 06/302010. Paul motioned to recommend payment. Roger 2nd. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #4: Legal Services 2,750.99 for June 2010. Roger motioned to recommend payment. Paul second. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #5: Right to Farm By-Law: Pass Over

Article #6: Tax Amnesty Program. Rudy explained waiver % and fiscal years involved. Take time to think about pro and cons. No vote taken.

Article #7: Tantasqua Regional Transportation: Between 16,000 - \$17,000. Paul motioned to recommend. Roger 2nd. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #8: Library \$1616.00 needed. This was an adding error. Roger motioned to recommend. Paul 2nd, but decide were money comes from. So voted by all members present.

Article #9: Computer maintenance. Roger motioned to recommend. Paul 2nd. So voted by all members present.

Article, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Pass Over. May be coming off Warrant.

Article #14: Purchase on Prouty Street. \$160,000 Rudy explained need for extra money for closing ect. Roger motioned to recommend. Paul 2nd. Discussion: ? Real estate taxes. Not known. So voted by all members present.

Article #15: \$27,335.00 Police Vehicle. Combine with Article #16 \$4,498. Roger motioned to recommend 15 and 16. Paul 2nd. So voted by all members present.

Article #17: Highway Department concerning Herb Chaffee, had surgery, going to light duty. Needs laborer. Tranfer \$2000 to the Highway Department Expense Account and the sum of \$4,000 to the Highway Department Overtime Wages Account. Need more information from Cindy Thompson. No vote taken, pass over.

Article #18: Roof Repairs. \$3000 more needed for written report. No vote taken, pass over.

Article #19: Unemployment account \$15,000 No vote taken pass over.

Article #20: Treasurer/Tax Collector transfer. \$5000. Ian motioned to recommend, Paul 2nd. So voted by all members present.

Article #21: Legal Expense. Discussed how Town Council works and charges for services. No vote taken, pass over.

Roger motioned to go past 9:00pm, Paul 2nd. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #22: Veteran's Case Worker Account \$5,000. Ian motioned to recommend, Paul 2nd. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #23: Elementary School. Debt/ Interest saved. Roger motioned to recommend, Dave 2nd. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #24: Elementary School Debt/Interest saved. Roger motioned to recommend, Mary Beth 2nd. No discussion. So voted by all members present.

Article #25: Police Department transfers \$15,000. Ian motioned to recommend, Mary Beth 2nd. So voted by all members present.

Article #26: Jerry made an announcement that is article is about a position not a person, if we say someone's name we will be breaking the law.

Tax Collector to become elected instead of appointed. Discussed pro and cons. Roger motioned, Paul 2nd. Jerry, Mary Beth, Roger, Ian and Paul voted to keep Tax Collector an appointed position. Robert, Cindy and Dave voted to support Article for Tax Collector to become elected. Split 5 to 3.

Article #27: Stabilization Account. Pass over.

Article #28: Tax Levy. Pass over.

Discussed next meeting date and time: Thursday October 21st 7:00pm at the Elementary School.

9:15pm Cindy motioned to adjourn, Roger 2nd. Meeting adjourned.