

**MINUTES OF THE
BROOKFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY APRIL 21, 2011

TOWN HALL

Members present: Paul Ayers, Robert Barnes, Mary Beth Harrity, Jerry Johnson, John D. Holdcraft, Cindy Mundell, Ian Von Hold Tim Roughan.

Members not present: Roger Lafleur

Michael Seery, Peter Martell, Herb Chaffee and Cindy Thompson.

Called to order: 7:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance

No video

Paul motioned to let Michael Seery speak freely, Ian second.

Michael explained expenses for Town Clerk. Removed dog license software not needed. Elections and Registration down from \$7000.00 to \$5200.00. Mandated police detail gets detail pay. Michael gave breakdown. Clerk get a stipend for amount of voters and details brings it close to this amount. Doing the math this number is too low. Change to \$6000.00 to be safe. Paul Motioned to change amount to \$6,000 from \$5,200.Election and Registration. Ian second. So voted.

Transfer Station: Michael went over budget. Single stream is now at \$7,000. Total expense is \$105,200 now reduced to \$94,140.00, total of \$125,640.00 for budget. Reduction \$12,169.00.

Landfill Liability will be an Article: \$20,400.00 (400 each mowing multiply by three for 18 years) This may be reduced if Solar goes on part of the landfill.

Average of \$96,000 up until now \$86,000. Running about average. Roughly about \$19,000 deficit. Based of FY12.

BOH clerk wages will go from \$2041.00 to 3000.00 (increase in hours not hourly pay) This will increase total to 12,573.00 to 13,532.00.

Discussed pro and cons of single stream. Anyone using the recyclables needs to purchase a dump sticker.

ZBA clerk. \$300.00 for salary for clerk. Around \$13.00 an hour, 3 to 4 hours a meeting. Three meetings left. Math comes to \$156.00. Clerk needs to catch up on minutes and filing. We can create that fund legally and transfer legally.

Paul motioned to approve ZBA clerk salary from the Reserve Fund Mary Beth second. No discussion. So Voted

Mary Beth motioned to allow Peter Martell to speak freely, Tim second. No discussion. So voted.

Peter went over budget, level funded. Peter gave breakdown for air tanks that will be needed. Do three to four a year we will be better off. Tires needed will be part of this article. Tires are old, dry rot. Not safe. Spares also needed. Total is \$4760.00

Peter went over need for new vehicles. Would be helpful to start putting money into Fleet Account for futures purchases. The 83 truck will need a new pump in the future, 8,000 to 10,000 to repair. The truck is 28 years old more repairs will be needed.

Fire Extinguishers replacement. Highway, Police and Fire.

Highway: \$384.00

Police: \$205.00

Fire: \$1221.00

Total: \$1810.00

Paul motioned, Tim 2nd 205.00 for Police: No discussion. So voted.

Paul motioned, Tim 2nd 384.00 for Highway: No discussion So voted.

Paul motioned, Tim 2nd \$1221.00 for Fire: No discussion. So voted.

Dave questioned utilities amount around \$300.00 a month.

Motioned to approved Fire Department Budget, second. No discussion. So voted.

Paul motioned Tim second to let Herb Chaffee and Cindy Thompson to speak freely. So voted

Highway Budget: Overtime for \$4000.00 voted at special town meeting. My need to decrease this 4,000.00. 175,333.00 seems to be the correct number. Some confusion with numbers on spread sheet. Betty's numbers do not match Herbs numbers. Herb said Betty can't do his budget. Herb mentioned confusion with Betty. Betty questioned a battery purchase. She thought he was buying a battery for a Lincoln car. This was a Lincoln battery, not for a Lincoln car.

Jerry to check with Betty about the 9,048.00 Highway Driveway Construction. Cindy Thompson said this is not an article. Highway Road Construction is and Vehicles purchase is not.

25,000 and 28,000 for articles (new vehicle purchase line)

Jerry to ask Betty for numbers for these lines to compare to. Wait until next meeting to confirm.

Diesel account: \$20,000

Gas account \$24,000

Dave asked for numbers for utility's. Cindy Thompson doesn't have the numbers.

Shade Tree: \$2400.00

Tree removal: \$7,650.00

12 to 20 trees need to be done.

This covers about 8 days of work. If we hired out it would be \$1,500.00 a day.

Sidewalk account: \$1000.00 Level fund. 10 tons. 100 feet of sidewalk.

Robert motioned to go past 9:00Pm Dave second. No discussion. So Voted.

Dump body is 30 years old on 1981 Mack, rotted. Really can't be repaired. Tailgate is going to fall off. Herb has two estimates for new dump body and hoist for it. \$6485.00 and number two \$7277.00.

Request is for \$6485.00 for dump body and hoist kit from the Reserve Fund. Ian motioned, Tim second to transfer money from the Reserve Fund. No discussion. So voted

Herb wants a new person for the Highway Department at \$29,000 and change. Benefits about 4,000 and change. (\$14.00 hour) \$29,239.00. This would eliminate the need for and extra person to plow.

Jerry asked were would this new person fit into priorities. Equipment is priority. Discussed savings with new person.

Tim motioned to adjourn, Paul second. So voted. Adjourned at 9:35PM