

A meeting of the Village of Brownville was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the Board Room at the Brown Mansion, Brownville, N.Y.

Present: Patrick Connor-Mayor
Steve Mott – Trustee
Mike Walrath - Trustee

Leo Thompson – Trustee
Bob Goutremout – Trustee

Also Present: Bill Pickett – Superintendent
Nick Brenon

Amber Klusacek – Deputy Clerk

Mr. Brenon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Connor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Trustee Thompson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Walrath to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted, carried.

Mr. Brenon Informed the Board about the 42 Annual General Brown Weekend. Many crafters and food vendors are attending. He asked for the usual road closures for the parade and soap box derby and permission to have the fireworks display. The Board approved all requests.

Trustee Mott feels the Village should start planning for the water tower replacement and main street water lines replacement. The Board discussed what engineer to hire. Trustee Walrath made a motion seconded, by Trustee Thompson to hire Bernier Carr & Assoc. All were in favor, carried.

Trustee Thompson inquired about the ongoing problem with 101 W. Main Street owned by Donald Terpstra. Mayor Connor informed the Board of a letter that was sent to the Jefferson County Attorney who handles Real Property Tax Foreclosures asking to expedite the foreclosure process. Trustee Thompson made motion to increase the following wages: Deputy Clerk \$15.00/hr., Recreation Director to \$13.00/hr. and the Recreation Assistant to \$12.00/hr. All were in favor except Trustee Goutremout who was opposed to this motion.

Superintendent Pickett informed the Board that our lawyer is working on updating the water contract with the Town of Hounsfield.

Mayor Connor discussed a letter he received from the Joint Fire District about a Knox Box. A Knox Box is a small lock box that goes on the outside of a building to hold the keys to the business. This would be helpful in an emergency during non-business hours so they can gain entry with little to no damage. The Board does not think this is necessary. Mayor Connor would like the clerk to send a letter to Fourth Coast informing them we have chosen another engineer.

Clerk West discussed the tax rate change in the proposed budget. The tax rate will be 6.10%

A motion was made by Trustee Walrath, seconded by Trustee Thomspson to close the Public Hearing on the Budget and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the 2019-2020 tentative budget be hereby adopted with the tax rate of \$6.10 per thousand dollars of the total assessed value of \$53,151,501. Village residents will pay a total tax levy of \$324,224.22. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Connor	Yes	Trustee Thomspson	Yes
Trustee Mott	Yes	Trustee Walrath	Yes
Trustee Goutremout	Yes		

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Mayor Connor and the Board reviewed the Bank Statements, canceled checks and bills. Trustee Thompson made a motion seconded by Trustee Mott to pay the audited bills Abstract #4A – \$860.24 and 4B# - \$60,797.81 and to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Annette West, RMC
Clerk-Treasurer