

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Christian, Councilman Sullivan and Councilman Casale.

Board Members Absent: Councilman Balistreri.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and instructed the Town Clerk to read the Notice of Public Hearing. The notice had been published in The Record and posted at Town Hall and on the Town website. The hearing was for the purpose of accepting public comment on the Preliminary 2019 Town of Brunswick Budget.

Mr. Patrick Poletto, Deputy Supervisor and Town Accountant, gave a brief overview of the Preliminary Budget. There will be no tax increase for 2019, the rate standing at \$3.31 per thousand dollars of assessed value for the General Fund. Historically, in the past 24 years the rate has only increased 43¢. The 2019 budget is the same as 2018 at 8.8 million dollars. Total spending is up about \$30,000.00 from last year. The budget for the General Fund will be \$1,954,871.00, Highway Fund \$2,299,775 and the Water Fund \$1,591,577.00. There will be a 2% pay increase across the board. The NYS Road paving assistance program is increasing to 256,000.00 and sales tax revenue is also expected to increase. The Brunswick Community Library stipend is being increased 7.4% to \$116,000.00. A few other budgeted items are: \$215,000.00 for a new plow/dump truck; \$40,000.00 toward stormwater separation work; and \$90,000.00 toward the rebuilding of the VanDerhyden Reservoir Dam. The stormwater and dam projects are being assisted by grants. The minimum wage increase, from \$10.40 to \$11.10, will impact the summer camp and beach operation costs.

Supervisor Herrington opened the meeting for public comment.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

Supervisor Herrington closed the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk