

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis*

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of September. \$7,379.10 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$4,609.00, Community Center rental fees for \$1,200.00, Dog Licensing fees \$684.00, and \$885.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway: Brandon Hill

Mr. Hill was unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Highway Superintendent Ed O'Donnell gave the report for the month of September. Department work included: Patched, graded and mowed roads; Hauled leaves and brush from Town facility; Picked up bagged leaves; Hauled cardboard and appliances for recycling; Repaired/replaced pipes in six locations; Closed up the Town Beach; Applied top soil and seeded basketball area at Keyes Lane; Mowed ballfields; Ditched roads; Replaced stop signs; Winterized and stored sweepers. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of September. His work included; Working with the Supervisors office on employee matters; working with various departments on FOIL requests; worked and attended meetings regarding CSEA union negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement; Attended meeting and worked on the development of a Defense and Indemnification Local Law; Attended meetings and worked on preparation of the 2021 Budget; Prepared legal notices for hearings; Worked on pending assessment litigation; Attended discussions and prepared documents and notices concerning Mandatory Referendums on the Town's amended Length of Service Program for firefighters; Performed legal research regarding speed limits and traffic issues; Performed legal research for various employees and officials.

Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel*

Mrs. Zankel was unable to attend the meeting. Town Clerk Lewis read a brief notice she had sent announcing that the annual Forest Park Cemetery Tour would not be held this year due to the pandemic. She wished to thank all those that have volunteered their time and assistance in the past and will continue to assist families with relatives interred there or for historical research on an individual basis. Her full report will be filed in the Town Clerk's office upon receipt.

The following reports for the month of September were submitted by the respective department heads in lieu of personally appearing to present orally, and copies were included in each Board Member's packet.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Library Report: Sara Hopkins

Motion to accept submitted reports was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. Copies of the written reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 61 Resolution Appointing Superintendent of Highways. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 62 Resolution Approving 2021 Tentative Budget as 2021 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

By law, a Public Hearing on the adopted Preliminary Budget is required. It was discussed and unanimously agreed to hold the Public Hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at the Town of Brunswick Town Hall, commencing at 5:30 p.m. A notice of said hearing will be published and posted.

Supervisor Herrington spoke briefly about the proposed Budget. There is a 1.9% increase, which to his knowledge, is only the 6th time in 27 years of his administration. Due to the pandemic there has been a substantial loss of revenue from mortgage filing fees, court fees and sales tax.

At the same time health insurance is up 6%. Having run the Town like a business over the years, it has been possible to accumulate a surplus fund, some of which has been proposed to be utilized in the 2021 budget, and some expenses are also being cut. Despite all this, services to our residents have not been and will not be affected, there are no layoffs of employees anticipated and the Town is running well.

Resolution No. 63 Resolution and Order Establishing Extension of Town of Brunswick Consolidated Water District in Connection with the Sharpe Road Subdivision. The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution and Order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 64. Resolution and Order Establishing Sharpe Road Subdivision Brunswick Drainage District. The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Sullivan introduced Local Law #2 of the year 2020 entitled "A Local Law Providing for the Defense and Indemnification of Officers and Employees of the Town of Brunswick" After discussion it was unanimously agreed to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law on November 12, 2020, at Brunswick Town Hall, commencing at 6:30 p, m.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 200956 through 201053, No. 91620001, No. 91820001 through 91820009, and No. 10220001 through 10220006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 88,647.47
Highway	\$ 15,123.85
Water	\$ 454,345.64
Sewer	\$ 51.12

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of Senator Joseph Bruno, who passed away October 9th at home with his family at his side. He noted that “Joe” had been a true supporter of upstate New York and his own community of Brunswick He was good friend to many on the current Board and a close neighbor to several in the room. He was proud of his community and always said he was from Brunswick, not Troy as in his mailing address. Supervisor Herrington’s motion to adjourn in Senator Bruno’s honor was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk