

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2021, 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: Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, shared his concerns about the dangers on the section of State Route 2 (Brunswick Rd.) between Eagle Mills and Brunswick Hills. He referred to a recent accident just west of his home where a tractor trailer loaded with gravel drifted off to the right then overcorrected and flipped spilling the whole load and blocking the road almost completely. Fortunately, no one was injured but he speculated what could have happened if there were any vehicle or pedestrians in its path. This isn't the first accident of this kind on this stretch. This is the only part of Route 2 that has the speed limit set at 55mph and he doesn't see why this is. The area is just as populated as other areas on this road, with driveways entering from both sides. Also from the bridge over the Poestenkill Creek up the hill towards Brunswick hills there is the only passing zone as the road passes through Brunswick. This area also has seen many accidents and is only going to get worse with the increasing truck traffic avoiding Route 7 and the major subdivision planned which will enter half way up the hill. He has attempted to obtain prior traffic studies which concluded change wasn't warranted, and had no luck. He would like to know if the data is actually complete, especially concerning the truck volume. He urges the Town Board to contact the NYS DOT and strongly push to lower the speed limit and remove the passing zone. He offered to personally gather petitions, documentation or do anything else which may help the cause

Mary Krinseski(?), 387 Brunswick Road, was in complete agreement with Mr. Tkacik, and as a comparison said that in her former job in the chemical industry, a "near miss" would put a halt to everything, because it only meant that that a fatality would follow if the problem wasn't resolved. She also implored the Town Board to reach out to NYS DOT to lower the limit and remove the passing zone.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2021 regular meeting and February 25, 2021 Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Due to Covid-19 pandemic concerns, department heads continue to have the option of not attending the monthly Board Meeting. The following reports for the month of February were

submitted by department heads in lieu of personally appearing to present orally, and copies were included in each Board Member's packet.

Highway: Terry Scriven

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

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.

Attending the meeting:

Town Clerk: William Lewis*

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of February. \$6,277.23 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$4,368.00, Community Center fees \$900.00, Dog License fees \$327.00 and \$682.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 8 new reservations. The center is currently operating at ½ capacity allowing no more than 50 persons to attend functions. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley*

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of February. Monthly water sampling was completed. Other work included: Repaired two separate water main breaks, one on Fox Hollow and the other on Muriel Drive. Responded to a few complaints regarding higher than usual water bills, which could simply be that people have been home more; Worked with attorney Gilchrist to complete an agreement with North Greenbush for servicing water to lots in their town (Sharpe Road development) and including them for storm water district inclusion. He has started the review of the proposed Hannaford Market's storm water plan and finds it severely lacking. They haven't taken into consideration the whole 200 acre storm water shed which contributes to that site and are not documenting the discharge area at 32 Otsego Ave. among other issues. Work will continue to address this. There was a small problem with the water billing this cycle. The return address was not printed on the bills. They were able to communicate this with the customers. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of February. The report showed \$9,563.00 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 9 building permits were issued or renewed, 39 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 317. The department had 3 code call outs with inspections, 4 code complaints, 7 code complaint inspections and 26 fire inspection. An additional 5 follow up inspections were completed. 2 additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 11 Planning

Board projects open or approved and 6 with the Zoning Board. No additional vacant/abandoned properties have been identified. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 33 Resolution Accepting Bid, Awarding Contract, and Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Contract on Behalf of the Town of Brunswick – Grinding and Removal of Brush and Wood at Town Landfill on Old Siek Road. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 34 Resolution Reappointing Member to Board of Assessment Review 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 Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 35 Resolution Appointing Sole Assessor. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 36 Resolution Appointing and Fixing Compensation of Temporary, Part-Time Employee – Water Department. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 37 Resolution to Accept the Water and Sewer Maintenance Roll for the Period of 07/01/2020 through 12/31/2020 – February 2021, Water and Sewer Roll. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 38 Resolution Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 2 of 2021. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dave and Sonie Hunn wrote a note to Supervisor Herrington thanking him for the phone call when their father's military banner was installed. They also thanked Tracy Broderick for her diligent work on this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 210194 through 210297, No. 21921001 through 21921011 and No. 30521001 through 30521006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 124,099.38
Highway	\$ 88,656.84
Water	\$ 15,689.20
Sewer	\$ 1,277.23
Special Sewer	\$ 1,087.83
Special Fire	\$ 1,717,253.76

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, had previously inquired about a landscaping business operating across the street. Charles Golden, Code Enforcement Officer, had visited the site and Mr. Tkacik thanked him for looking at it. While he is not opposed to the business operating there, he was somewhat concerned that it could sprawl out of control, and should a site plan be required? Also, was use allowed in an R-15 zoned area? Another concern was possible contamination to water supplies due to runoff from the operations. Supervisor Herrington agreed that this should be looked into more carefully, especially the zoning issue. He also made an observation that meeting minutes have not been produced/made available in a timely fashion as well as notices for special meetings.

Marthe Ann Gabey, President, Brunswick Community Library Board of Trustees, was happy to report that the Library will be opening for appointment only in library browsing on Monday March 15th. Safety protocols will be in effect, Appointments may be made by phone, Face Book or website, brunswicklibrary.org

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk