

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Herrington

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

Deputy Supervisor Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Betty Fucci, 36 Killock Avenue, is still not satisfied with the Town's handling of her water runoff issues from next door construction and stated that it is against the law to direct waters onto another property. She felt attempts to help so far have made the problem worse. She stated her sump pump discharge had been blocked and a pipe is directing water directly at her septic system. She also stated that it is against the law for a property owner to direct water onto another's, and we seem to be ignoring it. She is not pleased with the way she feels she is being treated.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Not approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of December. \$7,211.01 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$4,942.00, Community Center fees for \$1,050.00, Pavilion fees for \$200.00, Dog License fees for \$344.00 and \$674.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 7 new reservations and the beach pavilion 2. Bookings are well into 2022. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Terry Scriven

Mr. Scriven was unable to attend the meeting. His report for the month of December has been received. 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 December. All required waiver testing for the month was completed. He continues to monitor the Leon project (Aldi's, KFC and Wendy's) and the Hannaford project. Blasting will be started at the Leon project around the 24th of this month. Residents who would like to be contacted about scheduled blasting should leave their cell phone number to receive text messages. Work is still ongoing with the electronic at sewer #6. Weather permitting, water meter replacement will continue. Quarterly water reports on Trihalomethanes were a bit high, mostly due to last year's rainfall bringing in more dissolved organics. The readings are below the limit for a violation. Remediation is being taken. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. 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 December. The report showed \$9,267.50 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 14 building permits were issued or renewed, 99 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 365. The department had 1 code call out with inspection, 6 code complaints, 6 code complaint inspections, 3 follow up complaint inspections and 1 fire inspection. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 12 Planning Board projects open or approved and 4 with the Zoning Board. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. 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 December. He had attended and participated in weekly meeting in regards to the Zoning Law updates as they pertain to two and multi-family housing construction; prepared Resolutions for the 2021 Year End Special Meeting on December 30th, the 2022 Organizational Special Meeting Held on January 3rd and for this evenings meeting; prepared notices for, attended and participated in 2 Public Hearings regarding Local Laws #4 & #5 held on December 30th; worked with the Planning Board attorney and an applicant regarding a pending application for a waiver of subdivision; worked with the Supervisors Office regarding a potential new phone system; worked with the Supervisors Office regarding personnel matters; prepared and reviewed various legal documents, and performed legal research and advisement as requested by town officials and employees; Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel was unable to attend the meeting. Her report for the month of December has been received. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of December. Revenues for the month were \$5,162.00. Expenses were \$1,838.00. 21.43 tons of materials were recycled and 13.57 tons landfilled for the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of December. They will be collaborating with the DEC on a fishing pole loaning program, and have poles to loan out just like books! They had a wrap party featuring a local clogging group and held several holiday themed fundraisers which were a great success. Last month there were 3,017 physical checkouts, 17 pickup appointments, 1,820 walk in visitors and 2,302 digital checkouts. 545 people participated in various programs, down a little partly due to the resurgence of the Covid variant in the area. Program schedules (new and continuing), special events and news items are available at www.brunswicklibrary.org Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 23 Resolution Accepting Proposal, and Approving and Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Temporary Agreement for Professional Engineering Services. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nancy McCloskey, President of the Sycaway Seniors, on behalf of the 46 members, sent a note thanking Supervisor Herrington for the Town’s support throughout 2021.

Haley Murphy sent an e-mail complementing the Highway Department for the great job plowing Muriel Lane.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Cipperly has been contacted by a representative of the local Trout Unlimited chapter and the RCCA trying to gauge any interest in public fishing access in town before they meet with the State regarding fish stocking. They are trying to get a meeting together and he would be willing to attend,

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 220001 through 220091 and No. 10722001 through 10722006 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:

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| General | \$ | 253,522.11 |
| Highway | \$ | 162,166.22 |
| Water | \$ | 43,545.62 |
| Sewer | \$ | 2,557.40 |
| Special Sewer | \$ | 1,561.58 |
| Special Fire | \$ | 10,706.50 |

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, inquired about the status of the zoning revisions and if there were a timeline for completion. Mr. Cioffi answered that there were ongoing meetings every week, and while diligently working, a completion date could not be set. Mr. Tkacik revisited his previous thoughts about addressing the utilization of the McChesney Ave. commercial zone. Looking forward, would there need to be road and infrastructure improvements and are there any meetings planned. He thought that improvements could be funded to some degree by the Federal infrastructure money which should be available. Councilman Sullivan responded that the funds were not likely to be substantial at the town level and there were several immediate needs including water tower repair or replacement, Van Der Hayden dam replacement and others. Lastly, Mr. Tkacik expressed his concern that there was not enough transparency when projects, proposed laws or business affecting town residents are in the works. Public forums/meetings

should be held on these issues. He also wanted to know how the energy saving program has been progressing and asked that more information be available to town residents on this and all projects or upcoming proposed legislation so they are aware of, become familiar with and have an opportunity to become involved in discussions on these important topics.

Alexander Bringsjord, no address given, asked about the status of the housing development on route 2 between The Highlands and Brunswick Hills (Brunswick Acres). It seems to have come to a halt. No new information was available. He also asked if there was any information about any construction plans involving the lots that are for sale on the upper section of Route 7 coming towards Town Office Road. Again, to date there is no information on plans for these properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Cipperly made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk