

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Christian.

Also Present: Town 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:

Helen Rezey, 6 Green Street, aired her concerns regarding the increased traffic in her neighborhood and its effect on the residents of the area. People are using the area streets as a shortcut, and are speeding, ignoring signs, exhibiting road rage towards pedestrians. At times drivers intimidate residents, targeting them with their vehicles or throwing items at them as they pass (speed) by. She recounted several instances to the board. Residents cannot safely take a walk, walk their dogs or bicycle anymore. Garbage is also being dumped as they pass through. Another issue is that large trucks are still coming through the neighborhood, including from Sycaway Creamery, even though she had been informed this wouldn't happen. She asked for more signage such as stop signs and truck restrictions, lowering the speed limit and possibly have one way streets. Supervisor Herrington assured her that all this is being looked into and going forward there is a \$10,000.00 escrow from the Hannaford Project, slated to be used for studying and addressing these issues in this neighborhood.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 11th Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of August. \$7,841.68 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$4,114.00, Community Center fees for \$1,650.00, Dog License fees for \$355.00 and \$1,772.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 11 new reservations and is reserved every weekend through November. We field multiple calls about availability daily, and are informing residents to book *at least* 3 months in advance, or more (6 months?) if possible. The Town Beach officially closed August 31st and by all accounts the season went well. Hunting license sales continue to be brisk and our commission on \$7,274.00 in sales was \$412.00. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Mike Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave the report for the month of August. Work included: completed monthly brush pick up; mowed and cut brush along roadways; mowed Town properties including sports fields; continued road paving and patching including driveway tapering; cleaned catch basins; completed a major culvert project on Robin Lane; installed military banners; did some carpentry and odd jobs at the shop during rainy weather. He thanked Rensselaer County, the towns of Schaghticoke, Pittstown and Grafton for helping with the paving this summer. As part of shared services, we will, and last month did, supply services in return. This system has been working

very well for all involved. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. 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 August. All required water tests for the month were completed. Water bills just went out and the billing period has begun. There have been a number of complaints about higher bills which he believes could be a combination of the recent rate hike and the dry summer. The new Neptune metering system will be able to instantly data log water usage for up to 90 days, which will assist in determining when/if water loss was occurring. He included a sample of the data printout in his report. A substantial amount of illegal water draw offs have been discovered in the course of meter replacements and closing inspections. Documents finalizing infrastructure dedication for projects are being drawn up. Hannaford is planning on opening in a week or so and Aldi's is putting up steel. The departments Jet Truck (high pressure drain/culvert cleaner) is down and the parts are available to repair. While costing around \$5,000.00, a new truck costs upwards of \$400,000.00, so hopefully this will be a lasting repair. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden, gave the report for the month of August. The report showed \$9,025.50 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 30 building permits were issued or renewed, 155 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 379. The department had 2 code call outs with follow up inspections, 12 code complaints, 12 code complaint inspections, 1 follow up complaint inspections and 0 fire inspection. Two additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 9 Planning Board projects open or approved and 7 with the Zoning Board. 15 meetings were attended. He wanted the Town Board to know that his office has seen a large increase in OFIL requests. With Town Attorney Cioffi's assistance, they have been able to weed out some of the ones looking for info to sell or distribute to their advantage/profit. However some legitimate requests still require exhaustive research. On the current major construction projects: Harbor Freight is open; Kentucky Fried Chicken plans to open Sept 13th; Aldi's is setting steel; Wendy's backfilling is complete and they plan to be open by the end of the year. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of August. He prepared notices, attended and participated in a Special Meeting; prepared the Resolutions for this evening's meeting; attended several meetings with staff concerning a personnel matter; attended and participated in meetings with staff and outside council on various matters on August 12th, 15th, 21st, 31st September 7th and today, September 8th; worked with the Building Department concerning outstanding alleged code violations, complaints and other matters involving the department; attended a CLE webinar conducted by The New York State Association of Towns regarding the annual budget process; worked with the Supervisors Office on personnel matters; worked with the Building Department and other offices on several FOIL request responses; performed legal research, provided legal opinions and reviewed or prepared legal documents as requested by town officers and officials. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick gave her report for the month of August. She has been working with the Brunswick Historical Society on a new exhibit about the local schools that used to be in town and those that remain. They have an 1876 map to help. She is also researching some older businesses that used to be in town. One is the former Danish Chicken Farm, now the Brunswick Business Park on Brick Church Road, and another being Wagar's Butcher shop which was located on Brunswick Road near Garfield Road in Eagle Mills. She has been in contact with Mary Silver regarding the ground penetrating radar for use in Forest Park Cemetery. Mary is hoping to get there within the next few weeks. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Copies of the written reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of August. Revenues for the month were \$4,427.34. Expenses were \$2,241.89. 21.43 tons of materials were recycled and 25.26 tons landfilled for the month. He had some good news to share about television recycling. Many years ago the town began participating with the DEC as an electronics collection site and televisions/CRTs were accepted for a fee. That contract is going to be terminated, and starting January 1, 2023, we will accept them for free and the fees will be paid to the DEC directly by the original equipment manufacturer. 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.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of August. They have completed their Summer Reading Program. There were 270 registered in in the program, reading 5,478 hours and receiving 357 weekly prizes. Last month there were 4,419 physical checkouts, 6 pickup appointments, 2,563 walk in visitors, 2,919 digital checkouts, 204 Wi-Fi users (28/day average) and 120 technical usage and assistance. 523 people participated in various programs/events and 18 passports were processed. The library will hold its Fall Fest Saturday September 24th from 12-4 pm with live music, local farm stands visiting authors, book sale, bake sale and much more. 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 Balistreri 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. 60 Resolution Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 7 of 2022.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly; Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Absent Councilman Sullivan; Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 61 Resolution to Accept the Water and Sewer Maintenance Roll for the Period of 1/1/22 Through 6/30/22 – August 2022 Water and Sewer Roll. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly; Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Absent; Councilman Sullivan; Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Cipperly advised everyone that the new trail system, which runs from the Community Center on Keyes Lane to the Highland Creek development on McChesney Avenue, is completed and the trails marked. Map kiosks to be installed at both ends have yet to be built and installed. Supervisor Herrington thanked Councilman Cipperly and Bill Bradley, Water Superintendent, for their time and work on this project.

Supervisor Herrington inquired about the Town Beach. Town Clerk Lewis advised that it seemed to run well this summer with no major issues. Also Summer Camp went well, with only one participant deciding after two days not to continue. Resident passes were in high demand, especially when the heat wave hit.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 220813 through 220904, No. 81922001 through 81922011 and No. 90222001 through 90222007 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	\$	112,434.26
Highway	\$	199,329.49
Water	\$	15,474.71
Sewer	\$	831.89
Special Sewer	\$	797.58
Special Fire Districts	\$	10,706.50

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, thanked the Town for participating in the hazardous waste day with Rensselaer County. He found the drop site very well organized. The only issue he noticed was that it was not publicized well and the registration process could be difficult. He inquired about the number of vehicles, and Tom Engster, Recycling Coordinator, said it was approximately 100.

Betty Fucci, 36 Killock Avenue, asked if the drainage issue the Town agreed to address at her property was going to be taken care of soon, before it was too late in the season. Mike Bayly, Highway Superintendent, advised that he had been over to the area and shot some elevations in preparation for the project and should be able to start work in a few weeks once the road paving is finished up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Balistreri made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk