

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2022, 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 7:00 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Christine Fronhofer, 72 Oneida Ave, thanked Supervisor Herrington and Highway Superintendent Mike Baly for their outstanding help with traffic control allowing the neighborhood to hold its annual Halloween parade and festivities. Residents decorated their homes, set out candy and treats and children were able to safely go house to house trick or treating without having to deal with the ever increasing traffic in the area. Thanks also to the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department.

BUSINESS MEETING:

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of October. \$8,158.87 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$6,098.00, Community Center fees for \$1,050.00, Dog License fees for \$454.00 and \$556.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center is steadily booking for 2023 with at least one or more reservations in every month. Hunting license sales have slowed but usually picks up as opening day approaches. Our commission on \$5,588.00 in DEC sales was \$239.00. 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 his report for the month of October. Work included: brush pick up; leaves and lawn waste bags pickup; mowed roadsides; patched and ditched roads; maintained and replaced culverts; worked on beaver dam near Route 2 ballfields; began installing plows and miscellaneous shop work. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian 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 October. Water and Sewer fee collection ended October 26th and the amount to be relieved is about the same as last year. He outlined the requirements for the new NYS regulations for lead water service lines, including; inventory all water and sewer line; verify if lines are/are not lead or if the material is unknown; establish a plan for replacement of Town lead service lines; revise water sampling procedures to meet new regulations; prepare public notifications and sample notifications. Inspections and plans need to be in place by October of 2024. The Jet truck is still down have some seriously plugged lines and may seek assistance from Troy while it is being repaired. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 October. The report showed \$9,713.15 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 24 building permits were issued or renewed, 139 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 339. The department had 1 code call out with follow up inspection, 6 code complaints, 6 code complaint inspections, 13 follow up complaint/code call out inspections and 0 fire inspection. 1 additional vacant/abandoned property was identified. There are 5 Planning Board projects open or approved and 5 with the Zoning Board. 13 meetings were attended. 5 new FOIL requests were received. On the current major construction projects: Aldi's is expecting significant completion, however there is a delay on the power wall (main electrical box). They have contacted National Grid asking for temporary hookups. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of October. He prepared notices for Public Hearings and a Special Meeting;; prepared resolutions for this meeting; worked with the Supervisors office on a personnel matter; attended and participated in meetings with staff and outside council on various matters October 17th, 26th, 27th, November 2nd, 7th and 9th; participated in conference calls on October 17th and 27th with staff and outside council; worked with the Building Department concerning outstanding alleged code violations, complaints and other matters involving the department; worked with the Supervisors Office preparing RFP documents for auditing services; worked with the Supervisors Office on purchasing and personnel matters; worked with the Building Department and other departments on FOIL requests; reviewed and commented on title reports, proposed easements and proposed road dedication documents concerning the Hannaford project; consulted with outside council and others regarding the Decommissioning Bond for the CVE solar project on Belair Lane; 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 Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick gave her report for the month of October. She is still working on the mysteries of the unmarked graves and the roadway situation at Forest Park Cemetery as mentioned at last month's meeting. She will be taking some measurements and refer to some maps she has to straighten things out. The annual Cemetery walk went well with 80 people attending. In the Historian's collection she came across the Pittstown Sentinel newspaper from the 1970's that covered Brunswick, Pittstown, Poestenkill and Schaghticoke. She has found some interesting articles and ads which she is cataloguing. She is continuing research into older businesses that were in town and will be reaching out to people who may be familiar with them. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 October. Revenues for the month were \$5,881.96. Expenses were \$1,893.63. 18.94 tons of materials were recycled and 14.48 tons landfilled for the month. 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.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of October. Their Fall Fest was a great success and included 4H, Moody Farms, four local authors and cat adoptions. The next big event will be their “Haunted Trail” event October 24th through October 31st and they are asking for candy donations as well as volunteers to help decorate the library grounds. Last month there were 3,704 physical checkouts, 2,593 walk in visitors, 3,075 digital checkouts, 198 Wi-Fi users (22/day average), assisted with 125 technical usages and 487 reference questions were addressed. 967 people participated in various programs/events including the Haunted Trail (582), and 12 passports were processed. 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 Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 70 Resolution Directing Re-levy of Unpaid Vacanti Building Registration Fees. 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 Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 71 Resolution Modifying and Revising the 2023 Preliminary Budget and Finally Adopting the Said Preliminary Budget as the 2023 Annual Budget of the Town of Brunswick. 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.

After discussion and unanimous approval, a Public Hearing for the 2023 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Brunswick was scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Brunswick Town Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

Resolution No. 72 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Excavator for Town of Brunswick Highway Department. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Herrington shared that he has had meetings with CDTC regarding the traffic situation on Hoosick Road and the upcoming studies that will be performed. In these discussions it was recommended that a small Citizens Committee should be formed to work with the project personnel to offer opinions or address concerns during this study. He volunteered Christy Fronhofer, who lives in the Sycaway neighborhood greatly affected by increased traffic. She seemed willing to take this on.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 221022 through 221125, No. 102822001 through 102822009 and No. 111122001 through 111122006 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	\$	83,400.94
Highway	\$	115,251.43
Water	\$	31,715.94
Sewer	\$	399.65
Special Sewer	\$	777.61

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, asked about the meeting concerning ambulance service in town. Councilman Balistreri offered that at that special workshop meeting, a representative from Cambridge New York, who is familiar with the issues, discussed the pros and cons of hiring out or funding a town ambulance service. There will be much to consider going forward and the Safety Committee will continue to meet. He was also looking for more information on the financial details of the PILOT programs set up for the solar installations approved in town, before the upcoming Public Hearing on the possible moratorium of these commercial projects. Next he wanted to stress that the Town should be planning ahead for business development on McChesney Avenue, which wasn't done for Hoosick Road. Also what type of businesses we want should be address now not after it's too late?

Harry Efstathdis, formerly of Brunswick, spoke in favor of business development in general, on the grounds that any municipality, not just Brunswick, needs the tax revenue for one, and also needs to provide residents with the opportunity to shop and conduct business locally. He mentioned a few ideas about traffic solutions including movable lane dividers that would let the rush hour traffic use more lanes in the congested direction of travel.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington asked for a moment of silence for all the veterans' and their families who have so honorably served our country. He then asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk