

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2023, 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 Deputy Town Clerk, Rebecca Del Gaizo.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12th Town Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Deputy Town Clerk: Rebecca Del Gaizo

Ms. Del Gaizo gave her report for the month of January. \$6100.46 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$2583.00, Community Center fees for \$2250.00, Dog License fees for \$463.00 and \$770.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 15 new reservations and bookings are well into May of this year. Our share of \$590.00 in DEC sales was \$16.71. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Mike Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave his report for the month of January. Work included: five snow events; plowing; salting; clearing sidewalks of snow; daily ice patrol; brush cutting and clearing from the ice/snow storm; road patching; cleaning ditches; picking up Christmas trees; assisted the Water Department; installed military banners; painting the shop offices; truck maintenance. 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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of January. All required water testing for the month was completed. City of Troy has had some issues with lead in water service lines. Troy tested 60 homes and 4 had elevated lead levels. Troy received a grant from the NYSDOH. Brunswick is not eligible based on the criteria required. Annual testing indicates no elevated lead levels in Brunswick. For the first time in 11 years, the portion of the water department budget allocated to purchase water from Troy will not be adequate. An estimated 10% of homes in Brunswick are not properly connected to the water meters. The Water Department is surveying hydrant usage, leaks in the system, and homes with higher than normal usage. 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.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of January. The report showed \$2,621.36 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 8 building permits were issued or renewed, 129 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 312. The department had 4 code call outs with inspections, 7 code complaints, 6 code complaint inspections, 7 follow up complaint inspections and 3 fire inspections. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 3 Planning Board projects open or approved and 2 with the Zoning Board. 5 FOIL requests were received as well as zoning inquiries. 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 January. Prepared resolutions for tonight's agenda; attended and participated in meetings with staff and outside counsel on various matters on January 17th, 24th, 30th, 31st, and February 6th; worked with the Highway Superintendent on a personnel matter; worked with the Supervisors Office regarding purchasing; worked with the Building Department on several outstanding code violations and complaints; participated in internal discussions regarding large scale solar installations and matters to be pursued during the moratorium on these installations; worked with the assessor regarding formalities required to appoint a new member to the Board of Assessment Review; worked with insurance carrier's council on insurance coverage issue; worked with outside council and board members regarding amendments pertaining to cannabis; 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 Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick gave her report for the month of January. She conducted research on the Vista Grande farm located in Cropseyville, which was quite the farm in its heyday. One of the farm owners was Charles Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez was born in Spain and moved to the area in the 1920's. He became the owner of the Boston Meat and Grocery Store where he would sell his dairy goods. There were 3 stores total; 1 on Pawling Avenue and 2 in North Troy. Mr. Rodriguez started the Vista Grande farm in 1926, which became a nationally famous dairy farm for its Ayrshire cows. Since his death in 1959, the farm has been divided and sold several times. Ms. Broderick received a call from a woman looking to locate family buried in Forest Park Cemetery. Ms. Broderick plans on showing her the plot locations in the spring. She has also been assisting the Water Department in locating curb boxes that are shown on older town maps. The road numbers have changed over the years, so further research will be necessary. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster was unable to present his report for the month of January. He has submitted his written report for review. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of January. Last month there were 3452 physical checkouts, 2,032 walk in visitors, 3,235 digital checkouts, 191 Wi-Fi users (22/day average), assisted with 113 technical usages and 258 reference questions were addressed. 475 people participated in various programs, and 31 passports were processed. There is a Valentine Card Making event set for February 8th and a Valentine \$5/bag Book Sale on February 13th and 14th. They will be holding an Adult Clothing Swap on Monday, February 20th. Clothing donations can be dropped off Monday, February 13th through Friday the 18th. 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 Cipperly 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. 23 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK. 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. 24 RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE BRUNSWICK FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, INC. ("FIRE COMPANY") WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 UNDER THE LENTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan, 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 Abstain; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 25 RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF CENTER BRUNSWICK, INC. ("FIRE COMPANY") WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 UNDER THE LENTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri, and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, 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. 26 RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. ("FIRE COMPANY") WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 UNDER THE LENTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. 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 Absent; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 27 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE WATER AND SEWER MAINTENANCE ROLL FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/01/2022 THROUGH 12/31/2022. 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. 28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ORDER AND PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN OF BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. 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:

John and Marie Clinton, 80 Bott Lane, wrote a letter to the Highway Department thanking them for quickly removing branches and replacing a mailbox damaged during a recent ice storm. They also wrote a letter acknowledging the Town Clerk’s Office for helping them obtain their marriage license.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Cipperly reported on the Public Safety Meeting attended by five local fire departments. John Large from Mohawk Ambulance, and Regional Representative, Mary Wilke, also attended. Recruitment and retention was discussed amongst other topics. He said it was well attended and well received.

Supervisor Herrington and Deputy Town Clerk Del Gaizo are considering updating the resident beach pass stickers to also allow access to the recycling center as well. This would help ensure only town residents are utilizing the recycling center.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 230089 through 230194 and No.12023001 through 12023009 and No.230323001 through 230323006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	100,508.22
Highway	\$	113,077.92
Water	\$	8,084.72
Sewer	\$	689.43
Special Sewer District #6	\$	945.86
Special Fire	\$	175,600.00

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Melissa Jeromineck, Bald Mountain Road, wishes to express support for a neighbor who is trying to subdivide their land. Supervisor Herrington advised her it is a Planning Board issue. She would also like to see Bald Mountain Road get paved.

Jennifer Mann, 91 Hill Road, thoroughly enjoyed the Owl and Raptor event at Brunswick Community Library. The event was funded by a grant from Stewarts. She asked Mr. Bradley about water testing in Brunswick. Mr. Bradley stated they are required to test water regularly and there are no known lead level issues in Brunswick.

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, asked if there are any sidewalk plans for McChesney Avenue. He expressed concerns over pedestrians' safety walking from the various apartment complexes on McChesney Avenue to Hoosick Road. Code Enforcement Officer Golden states the proposed medical building has plans for sidewalks on their property. Mr. Tkacik believes this is a piecemeal approach. Supervisor Herrington reminded him the property where sidewalks could go are either private or county owned. NYS installed the sidewalks along Hoosick Road and assigned the Town to maintain them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Cipperly made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo
Deputy Town Clerk