

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Balistreri

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Cheryl Smith, 399 Carrolls Grove Road, voiced her concerns regarding the proposed Dollar General. She has concerns about the traffic, litter, crime, safety, etc.

Alex Hyra, 302 Carrolls Grove Road, spoke about crime concerns with Dollar General. He asked the board to take these concerns when deciding, and to vote no.

Jennifer Mann, 91 Hill Road, thanked the Highway Department for their great work during the recent epic snowstorm. She was away at the time, however the person taking care of her dog was having a problem getting up her road. Her friend spoke to a plow driver, who had been out plowing since 4am, and they came through and cleaned up the road.

Helena Fox, Inverness Drive, asked about signage on route 7. She requested a sign indicating a blind curve ahead be placed on route 7 near Arminghall Drive.

Charles Bulson, 63 Indian Creek Lane, asked about a permit application he has with the Building Department. He applied on March 11, 2022, and it has not been approved or denied. He has written the department and there has been no determination made. He also asked for the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the application and they have declined to hear the appeal. He wanted to know when he can expect a response. He was advised to talk to the Building Department.

BUSINESS MEETING:

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of March. \$4,957.69 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$3,009.00, Community Center fees for \$750.00, Dog License fees for \$442.00 and \$756.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 5 new reservations and bookings are filling up for the rest of the year. Our share of \$911.00 in DEC sales was \$54.00. Residents have been asking about the Summer Camp Program registration packets are complete and beach passes are in. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Mike Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave his report for the month of March. Work included: one snow event with plowing; roadside brush cutting; monthly residential brush pickup; repaired several mailboxes; patched roads; swept roads; repaired lawns damaged by plowing; assisted the Water Department with repairs; shop work; equipment maintenance. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian 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 March. All required water testing for the month was completed. There have been several small water main breaks, mostly due to poor installation practices in the past. Meter replacements and GPS mapping of infrastructure is continuing. He is sourcing a vendor to perform Hydrogen leak detection in the 16' mains in town. City of Troy has had some issues with lead in water service lines. He is preparing the bid package for the Vanderheyden Dam project, hopefully to be ready by the end of April. He is waiting for the City of Troy for the final agreement for sewer discharge connected to the Oakwood Properties development. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Cipperly 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 was unable to attend the meeting. A written report has been submitted and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of March. He attended and participated meetings with staff and outside counsel at Town Hall or by conference calls or video meetings on March 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 27 and April 3, 5, 11; worked with outside counsel on a litigation matter; participated in an informational session on using technology in the preparation of legal briefs March 15th; prepared resolutions for tonight's meeting; worked with various departments on FOIL requests; worked with the Supervisor's and Town Clerk's offices regarding a municipal animal shelter agreement; worked on some filing issues that arose with the Length of Service Award Program the Town participates in; 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 Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick gave her report for the month of March. She has been researching the Dunshire Langmore Farms, located on Route 2 in Cropseyville. The house was built in 1876 by John Eddy. Maps dates 1872 show John Eddy owning land on both sides of the road, being Langmore Lane and Hewitt's farm. When the Eddy family decided to move to Connecticut, they sold the homestead to their neighbors, the Klum family. In the 1930's Boris Dunham purchased the property. Mr. Dunham named the farm, the Dunshire farm. In 1945, Charles Moore bought the farm and it became known as Langmore Farms. They had their own pasteurizing plant and made their own dairy bar. Upon retiring, Clinton Crandall purchased the 300 acre farm in 1959. Mr. Crandall had plans of putting a shopping center with parking for 1,000 cars in what is today's Hewitt's Farm. The red farm that still exists has been home to many different business including ice cream store, restaurants, and even the Children's Academy. A motion was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his his report for the month of March. Revenues totaled \$3,252.75 and expenses \$3,340.35. 30.77 ton of materials were recycled and landfilled. CEE waste recycled was 1.253 tons. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. 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 March. Last month there were 4,043 physical checkouts, 2,160 walk in visitors, 3,421 digital checkouts, 180 Wi-Fi users (22/day average), assisted with 112 technical usages and 325 reference questions were addressed. 582 people participated in various programs, and 16 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 Cipperly 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. 29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TRUCK AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT FOR TOWN OF BRUNSWICK HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

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 Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 30 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES - CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY OF COMMERCIAL SOLAR COLLECTION SYSTEMS IN THE TOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TWELVE MONTH MORATORIUM PERTAINING TO SUCH SYSTEMS HERETOFORE ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD. 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 Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 31 RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING DECISION ON REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN ZONING SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF PRIMAX PROPERTIES, LLC, - PARCEL ID# 82.00-2-50.111. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Recusing; 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. 32 RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED 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 LENGTH 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. 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. 33 RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED 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 LENGTH 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.

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. 34 RESOLUTION APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE, 2023 ANIMAL SHELTER AGREEMENT. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Recusing; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Cipperly updated everyone on the new trail system between Keyes Lane and McChesney Ave Extension at Highland Creek. Bill Bradly also added information and displayed a trail map for all to see. There are several loops and a straight run between the two trailheads. The trail markers are all color coded to match the map and travel direction is determined by whether the markers are on your left- or right-hand side. It is a beautiful wooded/wetland area, and the public is encouraged to explore. No motorized vehicles or bicycles are allowed as they would damage the trails. Dogs on leash are allowed (pick up after them) and we ask that you respect the land and hard work that went into development by leaving no trace behind. Take out anything you bring in. Enjoy

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 230283 through 230400, No.33123001 through 33123009 and No.41423001 through 41423006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	235,870.97
Highway	\$	74,288.54
Water	\$	612,056.21
Sewer	\$	584.05
Special Sewer District #6	\$	784.78

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

William Demeris, Counsel representing Primax Properties, said the proposed Dollar General is in line with the Town's comprehensive plan. He requested the board to follow code provisions and refer the project to the Planning Board consideration.

C. W. Wilson, 269 Carrolls Grove Road, asked for clarification regarding denying the zoning change for the Dollar General project and asked hypothetical scenarios in case Dollar General proposes a smaller square foot store.

Helena Fox, Inverness Drive, asked if there are plans on redoing the roads.

Nancy Trzcinski, Carrolls Grove Road, asked if there is an entry/exit allowed on Carrolls Grove Road or if the entry/exit can be on Route 7.

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, said there is an approved 400-unit housing project PDD on Route 2 that still exists. He said statements that say Route 2 is protected from commercial business is false.

Jennifer Mann, 91 Hill Road, said a well connected Democrat can help with partnering with the State.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Sullivan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk