

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Sullivan.

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Paul McKeon, McChesney Ave, advised the board of youth riding dirt bikes on Town property at the new walking trails. He said the dirt bikes are becoming quite the nuisance and are a safety hazard.

Edwin Fong, Keyes Lane, also spoke about the dirt bikes in the hiking trails area. He showed the board videos of the riders and described the problems they are causing.

George O'Connor, Shippey Lane, asked about the solar moratorium, specifically the status of Atlas Renewables. He also asked about another project off of Pinewoods Ave.

Elizabeth Carter, Carrolls Grove Rd, heard rumors of a Target coming to town. She also heard Hannaford is selling to Target. Supervisor Herrington advised these are only rumors. She also asked if there are signs stating dogs must be leashed at the new walking trails.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Not available.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of April. \$31,765.39 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$2,699.00, Community Center and Pavilion fees for \$1,300.00, Summer Camp registrations totaling \$26,425.00, Dog License fees for \$368.00 and \$972.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 6 new reservations and the Beach Pavilion had 4. Bookings are well into July of this year for the Community Center. Our share of \$2,291.00 in DEC sales was \$123.00. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 April. Work included: patching; brush pick up; removing plows and truck clean up; assisted the Water Department with water main repairs; installed/repaired military banners; trucking sand and mixing salt for next year; general sweeping; helped recycling ship cardboard; gradall ditching on Vista Lane and Black Cherry Lane; mowing ballfields; working at ballfields on parking lots; painting and making tables and benches for sports fields; sweeping Mountainview; doing catch basin work in Mountainview; tree trimming in the Mountainview area too; and dirt roadwork including trucking materials and working the machines. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and

seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley was unable to attend the meeting. When available 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 April. The report showed \$19,440.11 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 24 building permits were issued or renewed, 37 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 328. The department had 3 code call outs with inspections, 2 code complaints, 2 code complaint inspections, 2 follow up complaint inspections and 2 fire inspections. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 5 Planning Board projects open or 8 approved and 5 with the Zoning Board. 7 FOIL requests were received as well as zoning inquiries. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. 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 April. He attended and participated meetings with staff and outside counsel at Town Hall or by conference calls or video meetings on April 3, 5, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 11; worked with outside counsel on a litigation matter; prepared the resolutions on tonight's agenda; worked with various departments on responding to a comprehensive FOIL request; worked with the Town Clerk and Supervisor's Office on a municipal shelter agreement; working with other town officials and representatives of the Town of Poestenkill regarding an amendment to the water transportation agreement between the towns where Brunswick transports water purchased from the City of Troy to the Town of Poestenkill; working with the attorney for Center Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company who has urged the Board to approve the financing of fire rescue trucks and financing that will be tax free; working with the Supervisor's Office in the regards for the necessity of an amendment to the 2023 Annual Budget with connection with payment for a new dump truck and plow for the Highway Department; worked with counsel for the Town's insurance carrier in connection with representation for the town on some recently commenced litigation; 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 Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick gave her report for the month of April. The Winship family came to Brunswick in the 1860's from Connecticut. The family home is located on Pinewoods Avenue near the intersection of Maple Ave. Locals know it as the "Nichols House". Dr. Cornelius Winship was the local physician and surgeon for Eagle Mills when it was still known as Millville in the 1800's. When his son Frank graduated medical school, he joined his father in the family practice. After his father's death in 1888, Frank Winship took over the family practice and continued to serve the community for 53 years. During his time as doctor, he helped people during the Great Fire of Eagle Mills that happened on May 8th, 1911. He assisted the wounded from the devastating fire that started in a local church after a gasoline water heater exploded. That fire destroyed 13 buildings. The Winship family had two teams of horses. The doctor had an assistant who took care of the horses and would sometimes go with him on his calls. In the winter the doctor would travel by bobsled when the roads were snow covered. When he couldn't go any further by horse, the assistant would make tracks through the snow to the patient's home with the doctor following, sometimes in snowshoes. In later years, he was one of the first people in Town that owned a Ford car. The Historical society was given two letters from the family dated in

1883-1906. The letters contained information on the patients they treated and how much they charged. If the doctor came to your house for a visit, he charged you \$1.50, but if you want to go see him, its only \$0.50. Dr. Frank Winship was also the Health Officer for the Town of Brunswick for 25 years and he was involved in the campaign to eradicate the diphtheria by holding clinics for the town children. He retired in 1941 due to poor health. He passed away in 1945 at the age of 84. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his his report for the month of April. Revenues totaled \$2,087.90 and expenses \$2620.90. 32.14 tons of materials were recycled and landfilled. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 April. Last month there were 3,634 physical checkouts, 2,456 walk in visitors, 3,373 digital checkouts, 177 Wi-Fi users (20/day average), assisted with 103 technical usages and 408 reference questions were addressed. 806 people participated in various programs, and 32 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 supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 35 RESOLUTION AMENDING ADOPTED 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET (HIGHWAY FUND). The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 36 RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2023 TOWN HIGHWAY PLAN. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 37 RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF, SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW MARION METRO STAR CUSTOM RESCUE FIRE TRUCK (YEAR AND VIN T/B/D) IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$777,699.00 BY THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF CENTER BRUNSWICK, INC., BY WAY OF ITS EXECUTION OF A PROMISSORY NOTE AND A LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$777,699.00 WITH THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 38 RESOLUTION TO EFFECT CHANGES IN THE FEBRUARY 2023 WATER AND SEWER ROLLS. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Christie Fronhofer, thanked the board for voting down the Dollar General. Her family hiked the new walking trails at the Community Center and really enjoyed it.

Kathy Hoffman, thanked the Highway Department for assessing the ditch situation at Vista Road. The crew did a great job and it seems to be working well.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 230401 through 230498, No.42823001 through 42823009 and No.51223001 through 51223006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	101,943.50
Highway	\$	299,834.10
Water	\$	13,638.55
Sewer	\$	470.87
Special Sewer District #6	\$	694.38
Special Fire	\$	76,901.74

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jennifer Mann, 91 Hill Road, asked how to get the paving schedule. Supervisor Herrington said he can give her a copy tonight.

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, talked about the CDTC traffic study and asked how long the survey is available and if the town is going to promote it.

Jack Nelson, wanted to thank Mr. Bayly and his crew. Black Cherry Lane hasn't looked this good in five years. The ditching work helped with water issues. This has positively affected the neighborhood. He added the dirt bike riders are also using the sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo
Town Clerk