

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 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 7:00 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 Cristian made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9th Town Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of May. \$43,259.53 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Summer Camp registrations accounted for \$36,950.00, recycling fees for \$4,082.00, Community Center fees for \$1,050.00, Pavilion fees for \$200.00, Dog License fees for \$333.00 and \$641.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 7 new reservations and bookings are filling up for the rest of the year. The Beach Pavilion had two new reservations and it is also booking quickly. Our share of \$2,604.00 in DEC sales was \$143.00. We seem to be one of the few providers of licenses in the immediate area so sales are brisk. The Summer Camp Program registration is over and if the payments are received from the wait list we were able to cover, there will be 142 children participating this year. Beach passes are in high demand as opening on June 27th approaches. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Cristian. 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 May. Work included: roadside brush cutting and mowing; monthly residential brush pickup; sports fields mowing; road patching; patching water main repair areas; road ditching; catch basin cleaning; hauling millings to Keyes Lane for a parking area; beach cleanup and repairs; recyclables hauling; military banner installation and repairs. 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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of May. All required water testing for the month was completed. The men worked with the Highway Department on the Mountain View paving project, setting valve box risers and manhole rings. There were several call outs for sewer issues along North Lake Ave. and there seems to be an increase in problems there. He plans to arrange a camera inspection to determine if there are root blockages or repairs to be made. The immediate issues were taken care of with the vacuum truck. They have been locating and

mapping curb boxes in areas with a higher probability of having lead service, to meet the documenting requirements of the State by the October 2024 deadline. It appears there is potential funding available towards dam rehabilitation and water quality projects and the Town has engaged Laberge Engineering for application assistance. Meter reading will be starting soon for the August billing. Hydrant flushing will take place between July 31st and Aug 8th. In answer to a question from Councilman Cipperly, Mr. Bradley informed that the October 2024 deadline mentioned concerning lead abatement was for completion of the inventory. 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.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of May. The report showed \$11,147.86 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 42 building permits were issued or renewed, 50 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 341. The department had 3 code call outs with inspections, 15 code complaints, 10 code complaint inspections, 7 follow up complaint inspections and 0 fire inspections. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 5 Planning Board projects open or approved and 6 with the Zoning Board. 8 FOIL requests were received as well as zoning inquiries. New home construction is on pace with last year's numbers. 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 May. He attended and participated meetings with staff and outside counsel at Town Hall, by conference calls or video meetings on May 15th, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 20th and June 2nd and 5th; prepared the resolution for this evening's meeting; worked with outside counsel on pending litigation; worked with a law firm engaged by our insurance carrier concerning recently commenced litigation; worked with various departments on a comprehensive FOIL request; worked with the Building Department on outstanding code enforcement matters; worked with town officials regarding amending the water transportation agreement with the Town of Poestenkill; worked on a report required by our auditors to complete the Town's 2022 audit; 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 May. Since the town beach will be opening soon, and summer day camp will begin, she thought a brief history of both would be appropriate. Yje City of Troy had decided to abandon the reservoirs on North Lake Ave, and use the Tomhannock Reservoir for their water supply, putting the former on the market asking \$253,000. In August of 1963 the town applied for a state grant to help with the purchase and development of the land as a town park. The Brunswick Reservoir, the larger of the two bodies of water, covers about 36 acres and was constructed in 1840. The smaller Vanderhyden Reservoir is about 15 acres and was constructed in 1858 and an earthen dam separated the two. Frank Bentley, Highway Superintendent at the time, constructed a road on the dam allowing access the beach area. A parking area, 400 feet of beach, a 34 foot dock, picnic areas and bathrooms were constructed. The beach opened in June 1968 and could accommodate up to 200 people. Before the beach opened, the Summer Day Camp was held at two locations, Tamarac School and George Washington School. A few interesting activities at the time were trampoline, gymnastics, archery, badminton and horseshoes. Children would be bused to Lake Lorrain in Pittstown for swim lessons. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan 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 May. Revenues from bags sold, light iron, cardboard and miscellaneous appliances/electronics totaled \$4,551.06. Expenses were \$1,329.40 for landfill fees and \$430.50 for single stream recyclables.. 25.64 tons of materials were recycled and 15.64 tons landfilled. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. 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 May. Last month there were 3638 physical checkouts, 2,581 walk in visitors, 3,460 digital checkouts, 175 Wi-Fi users (22/day average), assisted with 150 technical usages and 359 reference questions were addressed. 618 people participated in various programs, and 16 passports were processed. Though technically June, they held a Garden Day last Saturday which raised almost \$2,000.00 for the library. Thanks go out to Laughing Cow and Engelke Farms for plant donations and Herrington Farm for donating mulch. Coming up in July: the Summer Reading Program will begin; July 8th The Society for Creative Anachronisms will be back with their medieval renaissance fair; July 10th and 11th Children's Clothing Swap; July 22nd Civil War Day. 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. 39 RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND FIXING COMPENDATION OF JUSTICE COURT CLERK. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Herrington shared that Mohawk Ambulance informed him that they recently had two calls come in simultaneously, and were able to respond from the Brunswick Station with two ambulances. They reached both locations within six minutes!

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 230499 through 230598, No.52623001 through 52623009 and No.60923001 through 60923006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	149,680.81
Highway	\$	127,725.71
Water	\$	21,996.48
Sewer	\$	795.70
Special Sewer District #6	\$	610.19
Special Fire	\$	86,216.65

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Lluis Torrent, Atlas Renewals, had questions concerning the moratorium on commercial solar installations. He understood that progress was being made and asked if any meetings on this issue are open to the public or if participation in proceedings is possible. He would like to be kept informed of developments and his company would be more than willing to provide input to these meetings, either personally or with documentation.

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, thanked the Town for posting the CDTC Hoosick Rd. survey information on its website. He inquired when the survey will end and has he also heard correctly that there will be pop up informational meetings? According to the published information the survey will run till the end of July and there will be project representatives to answer questions outside Price Chopper on Saturday, June 10 from 1:00 3:00 pm. Mr. Tkacik was also supportive of the Town's effort to secure DEC grant monies toward the Vanderhyden Dam repair.

Paul McKeon, 168 McChesney Ave., spoke to the board about his complete frustration with the ongoing motorcycle activity directly behind his and his neighbors' homes. He is "at the end of his rope". This has been occurring for months, and even though there was a brief lull after the State Police confronted the group, they have been back with a vengeance and he feels they are intentionally harassing residents in retaliation for calling the police. He had audio recordings with him and shared copies of police reports with the Town Board. He was told by the police they don't have a lot of options/laws to stop this unless possibly there was a clear indication of "no trespassing" marking the property. He asked if the owner of the property could be contacted and either install no trespassing signs or even designate him as a representative in their interest to address the issue. Another idea he had brought up before, is the installation of some kind of fencing to keep them out, perhaps snow fence. Again this would depend on the property owner's approval/involvement. Supervisor Herrington asked Mr. Golden, Code Enforcement, to contact the property owner for help to resolve this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William j. Lewis
Town Clerk