

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi, and Town Clerk, Rebecca Del Gaizo.

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

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 6th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting on April 11th, 2024, and Public Hearing April 11th, 2024. Motion was seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: Rebecca Del Gaizo

Ms. Del Gaizo gave the report for the month of April. \$31,937.23 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$3,657, Community Center fees for \$1,400.00, Dog License fees for \$453.00, Summer Youth Program registration fees for \$25,400 and \$827.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 7 new reservations and the Pavilion had 2 new reservations. Our share of \$2,346.43 in DEC sales was \$115.57. 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.

Ms. Del Gaizo attended the New York Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference in Albany on April 21-24. The Town Yard Sale is scheduled for June 1st with June 8th as a rain date and will be held in the Town Hall parking lot. Participants must register at the Town Clerk's office.

Highway Superintendent: Michael Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave his report for the month of April. Work included: brush pickup; ditching; patching; recycling pulls; spring brush/leaves pickup; shop work; mowing; shop work; hanging and removing military banners; ballfield work; building picnic tables, benches and garbage cans; street sweeping. 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 was unable to attend the meeting. The monthly report was not available at the time of the meeting. A report will be filed in the Town Clerk's office when available.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of April. The report showed \$15,270.70 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 35 building permits were issued or renewed, 60 building/property inspections were performed, and active permits totaled 331. The department had 1 code call out with inspection, 9 code complaints, 9 code complaint inspections, 3 follow up complaint inspections and 7 fire inspections, and 0 additional vacant/abandoned property was identified. There are 8 Planning Board projects open or approved and 6 with the

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Zoning Board. 8 FOIL requests were received as well as zoning inquiries. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of April. He attended and participated in meetings with staff and outside counsel on various matters at Town Hall, and by conference calls or video meetings on April 15th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th and May 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2024; attended and participated in the Special Meeting on May 6th, 2024 and prepared the notice for said meeting; prepared the resolutions and other documents pertaining to tonight's meeting; worked with outside council on several matters including litigation; worked with the building department on pending and prospective enforcement matters; worked with the Supervisor's office on personnel matters; worked with various departments on responding to outstanding Freedom of Information Law requests; completed four hours of continuing legal education; performed legal research, provided legal opinions and prepared legal documents 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 was unable to attend the meeting. The monthly report was not available at the time of the meeting. Should it become available, it will be on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of April. Revenues totaled \$4,272.17 and expenses \$2,037.85. 35.77 tons of materials were recycled and landfilled. 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 April. Last month there were 4,115 physical checkouts, 2,627 walk in visitors, 3,789 digital checkouts, 149 Wi-Fi users (19/day average), assisted with 106 technical usages and 403 reference questions were addressed. 841 people participated in various programs, and 17 passports were processed. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2024

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC BIDDING VANDERHEYDEN DAM WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2024

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF HOOSICK ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY FINAL REPORT, DATED MARCH 2024, AND PROPOSING INITIAL ACTIONS TO COMMENCE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN CONTAINED The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Cipperly 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 Aye; Councilman

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 240435 through 240538, No. 42624001 through 42624009, and No. 51024001 through 51024006 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	\$	88,954.37
Highway	\$	70,062.57
Water	\$	10,935.69
Sewer	\$	660.24
Special Sewer District #6	\$	433.78

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jennifer Mann, Hill Road, thanked Supervisor Herrington and Highway Superintendent Mike Bayly for getting the dumpster set up on Route 2 for Earth Day cleanup. She said it filled up quickly with furniture and debris. Ms. Mann said a group helped clean up the woods and trails nearby. She wanted to acknowledge the residents on Route 2 who went down before the scheduled trash pickup and made a huge impact cleaning up the area before the group arrived. She also urged the board to carefully and slowly consider the proposed Chick-Fil-A project and/or a moratorium on commercial development in the Hoosick corridor. Supervisor Herrington told Ms. Mann the Town Board is open to participating in a committee regarding the traffic issues on Route 7/Hoosick Road. He offered the committee to use the Community Center when it is available.

Mary Beth Bruno, Lumax Run, spoke about a realistic simulated traffic experience on April 26, 2024. She helped organize around 96 cars, which is the proposed amount of extra vehicles due to the Chick-Fil-A, to drive up and down Hoosick Road during evening rush hour. She also asked the Board to consider a commercial development moratorium for the Hoosick Road corridor.

Andrea Wedler, Settlers Lane, brought her concerns about the lack of ambulance service in town. She recently experienced an emergency where the ambulance was coming from Albany, taking over 25 minutes to arrive. She said the Town doesn't have adequate ambulance coverage. Councilman Cipperly responded saying he had looked into the situation and plans to bring it up at the next Safety Committee meeting. There is an issue with staffing and unloading in a timely manner at the hospitals. The Safety Committee will discuss the current situation and possible options to correct the problem.

Jim Tkacik, Brunswick Road, commented on the Hoosick Road commercial corridor situation. He asked the Board to rethink the planning principles. Mr. Tkacik commented how if we continue approving all commercial applications, Brunswick will consist of acres of concrete instead of vegetation. He also commented about the Planning Board agendas not being posted on the website in a timely manner. He was advised they are posted as soon as the Town receives

them. Mr. Tkacik said the Town needs a proper website and suggested the Town Clerk manage it.

Debbie Lajeunesse, Hoosick Road, commented she participated in the simulation of projected Chick-Fil-A traffic and it took 17 minutes to drive from Walmart to Walgreens and back. She added she likes the idea of a roundabout.

Sue Vitolins, Miller Road, asked how the public can stay informed about implementing any changes as recommended by the CRTC. Supervisor Herrington reminded her any changes that can be done will take some time to implement.

Mary Beth Bruno said the Town should look at variances proposed and really consider the atmosphere of the town. She said she does not want the town to look like Central Ave. She said Hoosick Road effects all residents and doesn't want the town to have a negative image or have people avoid Hoosick Road due to traffic.

Kim Jensen, Roberts Drive, said the Chick-Fil-A projects 142 cars entering on a Saturday mid-day yet there are 1-2 cars at the East Greenbush location during similar times. She suggested it might not be sustainable and can lead to a vacant building not matching Brunswick characteristics. She added the Clifton Park location is in a shopping district that is designed to handle the additional traffic without it going into nearby neighborhoods.

Bridgett McGrath, Pinewoods Avenue, asked when property owners are notified of vacant property fees. Supervisor Herrington advised her to call the Assessor for more information.

Supervisor Herrington read a statement concerning a commercial moratorium. He stated the Town Board is not interested in pursuing a commercial development moratorium at this time as it could have devastating effects on our tax base and sales tax revenue. He added the Town intends to make changes recommended by the CRTC and will continue to work with NYSDOT to make physical changes and improvements on Hoosick Road to improve conditions. The statement is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo
Town Clerk