

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Christian 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 7:01 p.m.
All joined in with the salute to the flag.

Supervisor Herrington took time to explain in more detail the events that led up to the postponement of the June 11, 2020 Town Board Meeting. On June 8, 2020 the office was informed that an employee had tested positive for COVID-19. In consultation with the Department of Health it was determined and that all persons that had been in contact with this person within the past 10 days would have to quarantine until June 18, 2020 and be tested. This included almost the entire office staff. Additionally the office would have to be shut down completely and sanitized. No staff would be allowed in the building. In the interest of the health of the Town Board Members and staff, as well as the difficulty of preparing for the meeting, the decision was made to postpone it to a later date.

This meeting was live streamed, recorded and a transcript will be made available as soon as possible. Since the meeting is closed to the public, any person(s) wishing to comment will have the opportunity to do so via mail or e-mail before Board Meetings and within five (5) days after. Any such correspondence will be made part of that meeting's record and copies will be made available to all board members to review.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2020 regular meeting and the June 24, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of December. \$6,909.47 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$5,551.00, Community Center fees \$150.00, dog license fees \$287.00 and \$270.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 8 new reservations and very few weekend dates through March of 2020 are available. 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.

The following reports were submitted by the respective department heads in lieu of personally appearing to present orally, and copies were included in each Board Member's packet.

Highway: Brandon Hill

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Motion to accept all reports as submitted was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. Copies of the written reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Herrington noted that the Town Beach had been opened on July 1st and wanted to thank Becky Legacy and Tracy Broderick for their efforts toward preparing for and assisting with staff orientation and providing information for the procedures necessary to operate the beach in a safe manner during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He also noted that though the Town has a "rainy day" fund it is not a rainy several months fund. The pandemic has had a large influence on the Town's revenues from sales tax and court fees, so he is keeping an eye on park attendance and if low, may close the facility or shorten hours of operation.

NEW BUSINESS:

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 200630 through 200694, and No. 71020001 through 71020006 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	\$	50,534.33
Highway	\$	20,656.03
Water	\$	6,048.61
Sewer	\$	50.29

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Dylan Keenan, 62 Moonlawn Road, spoke regarding issues concerning a building permit he has had with the Code Enforcement Department, the Town Supervisor and the Town Board Members. He stated that his building project was improperly shut down: he was bullied and intimidated by the Code Enforcement Officer; was the victim of a physical confrontation with the Supervisor and has been stonewalled by the Town Board members in seeking an investigation into his complaints. He believes an independent third party should be investigating and that the actions he refers to should be grounds for removal for officials involved.

Supervisor Herrington made a lengthy response, essentially stating that he did not hold any ill will towards Mr. Keenan. He also questioned if this was more of a politically motivated issue on Mr. Keenan's part.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk