

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Adam Elabd, Troy, NY, addressed the board concerning his desire to move his family and business to Brunswick. He owns a small, mostly wholesale business, producing Kombucha, a fermented tea beverage marketed for its health benefits. He is currently leasing basement space in the former St. Paul's Church in Troy and would like to purchase a property on Garfield Road in Brunswick which includes a home and large barn as well as 30 acres of land. He would move his family to the home and use the barn for production. In time he would also like to use the farmland to grow their own foods for the product. The issue at hand is that the current Zoning Law does not allow this type of commercial use in this area. He came to the meeting to inquire if there were any options available, and also to get a general sense from the board of their feelings toward this project. After a few questions about the fermenting process, potential traffic and if he had intentions to sell retail, the board members generally felt this was a reasonable, low impact use, but due to the Zoning Law may not be possible. Attorney Cioffi advised Mr. Elabd that there may be the possibility of applying for a Use Variance or a Planned Development District, neither of which guarantees approval. Pursuing either would take time for application approvals, public hearings and board reviews. They also carry their own rules and restrictions on proposed and future uses of the property. Mr. Elabd thanked the Board for their time and will continue looking into it.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Christian made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Herrington noted that he was hoping for future meetings to return to normal, allowing the department heads back to present their reports and answer any questions which may come up. 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.

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Highway: Brandon Hill

Supervisor Herrington took a moment to touch on a few projects the department had been working on, including: Paving Bulson Road; Preparing Smith Hill road for future paving; mowing roadsides and sports fields; Continued with brush and yard waste pickup; Catch

Basins; Hauled Cardboard and metals for recycling; Installed Veterans banners;
Maintained Town Beach property; Assisted Rensselaer County with paving.

Water & Sewer Report: Bill Bradley

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Town Clerk Lewis, at the request of Ms. Zankel, mentioned two items. First, Tamarac School held its 2020 graduation on July 10th and the ceremony is available to view on YouTube. Next, that Brunswick has a 70.3% response rate for the U.S. Census, which is second only to East Greenbush in Rensselaer County. Everyone is urged to respond.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Library Report: Sara Hopkins

Motion to accept all reports as submitted was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The motion was therefore approved. Copies of the written reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 51 Resolution Appointing Member to Zoning Board of Appeals. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 52 Resolution Declaring Item to be Surplus Property. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 53 Resolution Adopting Rensselaer County Muti-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 54 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Payment In Lieu of Taxes and Stormwater Management Agreement. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Cristian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 55 Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow Funds. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Recusing. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Councilman Cipperly shared a letter he received. The Hoffman family (address unknown) wrote thanking the Town for opening the Town Beach this summer. They use it often every year and relatives who visit love to use it also. During a normal year having the pavilion for parties is a plus and the Summer Day Camp is a valuable program for families. Thank you so much for opening this year!

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark Balistreri wished to acknowledge and thank the people who have helped with the Veterans Flags project. Tracy Broderick, Judge Terry Buchanan, Councilman Christian and the Highway Department have been instrumental in the success of the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brittonkill School has asked for use of the soccer complex parking lot for students during the upcoming school year. Similar requests have been made in the past and there was a question of the Town's liability if used. In addition to the basic problems that can occur with any parking lot, people would need to be crossing Route 2 which is heavily travelled. Councilman Balistreri noted that the school is also asking parents to voluntarily drop off and pick up their children to alleviate crowding on buses. This will only add to the traffic issues at the site. The request will be looked into further.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 200695 through 200822, No. 72420001 through 72420009, No. 80720001 through 80720006 and No. 62620001 through 62620009 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	\$ 98,970.96
Highway	\$ 247,113.05
Water	\$ 7,138.62
Sewer	\$ 330.81
Special Sewer District	\$ 456.10
Special Water District	\$ 32,070.00

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk