

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
November 14, 2024 6:45 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New York, at the Brunswick Town Office, located at 336 Town Office Road in said Town on November 14, 2024, at 6:45 P.M., for the purpose of considering the matter of contracting with the Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., for fire protection to be furnished by said Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., to the Fire Protection District established in said Town of Brunswick, and known as the Mountain View Fire Protection District, as follows: For the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$184,000.00; for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$184,000.00; and for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$184,000.00.

At Supervisor Herrington's request, the Town Clerk read the complete Notice of Public Hearing into record. The Notice had been posted on the Town website, the Town Hall bulletin board and published in The Eastwick Press.

Paul Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company, said they do a great job utilizing shared services. He said the fire company is considering downsizing equipment through the sale of a rescue truck. He also commented how difficult it is with recruitment and retention. Mr. Richardson said the costs of everything are just outrageous and they try to keep the budget down whenever they can. This year \$25,000 is allocated for the operating budget, which could cover equipment costs, and an additional \$6,500 for truck repairs. He commented about the high expenses for truck repairs and maintenance. He said with new rules coming from PESH and OSHA comes more expenses. He said they try to do whatever they can to keep costs down, noting they do not have the commercial tax base as in other parts of town to help alleviate the tax payer burden. The fire company has FAST (Firefighter Assist Search Team) members that require 2 Scott packs each, which are very costly. Insurance rates are up because of a cancer rider added to the insurance plan to protect the members.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo
Town Clerk