

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC HEARING
April 11, 2024 6:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

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

Absent: Councilman Christian.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Public Hearing to accept public comment on considering the contract with the Volunteer Fire Company of Center Brunswick, Inc., for fire protection to be furnished by said Volunteer Fire Company of Center Brunswick., to the Fire Protection District established in said Town of Brunswick, and known as the Center Brunswick Fire Protection District, as follows: For the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$415,860.00; for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$428,350.00; and for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$441,200.00.

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.

Jennifer Simmons, Treasurer of the Volunteer Fire Company of Center Brunswick, Inc., presented the annual budget requests. She said the 3% annual increase is due to the costs of required mandates including decontamination of turnout gear. There has been an 18% increase in number of calls between 2022-2023. She also stated grants are harder to get now and they apply every year.

Councilman Cipperly asked how much the turnout gear costs. Ms. Simmons responded it costs \$10,000 per person and each person needs two sets. They have a life expectancy of 10 years before it needs to be replaced, or sooner due to hazardous materials or fire damage.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. The public hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Del Gaizo
Town Clerk