

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

BUSINESS MEETING:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 71 Resolution Amending Adopted 2021 Town Budget. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, 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. 72 Resolution Approving, and Authorizing Supervisor to Execute, 2022 Municipal Animal Sheltering Agreement. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, 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.

Prior to the vote, a brief discussion was held regarding any previous issues that may have come up dealing with the animal shelter. Other than everyone feeling the fees were high, Town Clerk Lewis noted that occasionally it was hard to contact a person to obtain updated status/fees in order to facilitate an owner's retrieval of their pet. So, in general, the relationship has been good.

Resolution No. 73 Resolution to effect Changes in the August 2021 Water and Sewer Rolls. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, 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.

Prior to the vote, Councilman Sullivan noted that Water Superintendent Bradley had informed him that some of the arrears posted were due to an electronic glitch when changing over to the new meters that resulted in over billing. The department is working on this.

PUBLIC HEARING: At 6:00pm, Supervisor Herrington opened a scheduled Public Hearing to accept public comment on the proposed Introductory Local Law No. 4 of the year 2021 entitled "A Local Law Superseding Town Law § 64(11) Regarding the Designation of the Official Town Newspaper of the Town of Brunswick and the Ability of the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick to Designate an Alternate Official Town Newspaper of the Town of Brunswick".

Town Clerk Lewis read the complete Notice of Public Hearing. The Notice had been posted on the Town Website, Town Hall bulletin board and published in The Record.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Doug LaRoque, 34 Richmond Rd. Cropseyville, and editor of the Eastwick Press, addressed the Board in support of the proposed Local Law. His publication is the official newspaper for 12 other municipalities and school districts in the area, all of which have designated alternate newspapers as well. As a weekly community newspaper The Eastwick Press is more flexible and less expensive. No matter who is chosen as the designated newspaper, it is always good to have the backup. Town Attorney Cioffi further explained that currently there is nothing in Town Law authorizing an alternate newspaper. The Town is allowed to modify state law by adopting this law. The proposed Local Law would also simplify rules in determining eligibility of papers considered.

CLOSING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Christian and unanimously approved. The Public Hearing closed at 6:10pm.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:30pm, Supervisor Herrington opened a scheduled Public Hearing to accept public comment on the proposed Introductory Local Law No. 5 of the year 2021 entitled “A Local Law Establishing the Residency Requirements for the Appointed Office of Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Brunswick”. Town Clerk Lewis read the complete Notice of Public Hearing. The Notice had been posted on the Town Website, Town Hall bulletin board and published in The Record.

Town Attorney Cioffi State Law would require the Highway Superintendent be a resident and elector in the Town of Brunswick. However, Municipal Home Rule Law gives the town authority to supersede this by adoption of a local law. This proposed Local Law as written, extends the residency to all Rensselaer County residents. If it were necessary, it could have included neighboring counties. But as he pointed out, you would want the Highways Superintendent to be reasonably close by.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None.

CLOSING:

Councilman Christian made a motion to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Sullivan and unanimously approved. The Public Hearing closed at 6:35pm.

Resolution No. 74 Resolution Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2021 Entitled “A Local Law Superseding Town Law § 64(11) Regarding the Designation of the Official Town Newspaper of the Town of Brunswick and the Ability of the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick to Designate an Alternate Official Town Newspaper of the Town of Brunswick”. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, 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. 75 Resolution Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2021 Entitled “A Local Law Establishing the Residency Requirements for the Appointed Office of Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Brunswick”. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Balistreri informed the board he has met with Mohawk Ambulance to look into having a dedicated ambulance in the town. Mohawk is working on some numbers for at least a BLS (Basic Life Support) unit available 24/7.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 211270 through 1211323 and No. 122421001 through 122421009 were presented. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 67,458.54
Highway	\$ 12,322.76
Water	\$ 6,349.70
Sewer	\$ 531.51
Special Sewer District	\$ 737.83

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Cipperly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk