

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Sullivan and Councilman Christian,

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

Supervisor Herrington called the Special Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The purpose of the Special Meeting was for presentation of the Supervisor's 2024 Tentative Budget to the Town Board Members by the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Lewis presented the 2024 Tentative Budget to the Town Board members noting that the Notice of Special Meeting had been posted on the town's website, the office building bulletin board and forwarded to The Eastwick Press.

Supervisor Herrington shared some information affecting the 2024 Tentative Budget. No tax increase is proposed. All employees will be receiving raises. Minimum wage has increased for the past 6 years and will again for 2024. This 5.6% increase puts a strain on the summer program. This past year the town employed approximately 125 camp counselors, beach workers and lifeguards. The high deductible health insurance will continue, helping to keep costs down. There will be an increase in funding for the Brunswick Community Library. An increase in the highway fund is due to the purchase of a new large truck, due to be delivered late in 2024. The increase is covered in the budget by sales taxes revenue and bank interest income. \$200,000.00 is added to the paving line from the fund balance for paving. The Water Department is continuing the replacement of old water meters with the new radio read meters.

Attorney Cioffi outlined the procedure for adopting the budget. After a review of the Tentative Budget by all board members, the Preliminary Budget will need to be approved, with or without changes, and a public hearing scheduled. It is required by law to hold this public hearing no later than the Thursday following the General Election. This would be November 9, 2023. The final budget will then need to be approved by November 20, 2023.

Town Clerk Lewis again confirmed he had received the 2024 Tentative Budget on October 2, 2023, has now presented copies to Town Board Members present at this meeting, will send copies via e-mail to absent Board Members and mail copies if requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Cipperly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk