

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 12, 2023, 5:30 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 J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 5:49 pm. The hearing was for the purpose of reviewing the Tentative 2024 Town of Brunswick Budget.

Becky Legacy, Accountant, and Pat Poletto, Assistant to the Supervisor, reviewed the 2024 Tentative Budget and once again there will be no tax increase. Mr. Poletto said we are under the Tax Cap by \$135,000 this year with total spending of \$10,142,866. The only place reserve funds need to be utilized is in the Highway funds to cover extra paving planned for next year. All staff are getting a raise in 2024. The payroll total is decreased for the Superintendent of Highway's budget because we do not have a Deputy Superintendent in that department. It's also getting tougher with Summer Camp. Minimum wage increases from \$14.20/hour to \$15/hour. We continue to support the Brunswick Library and plan to fulfill their budget request of \$152,000. The building was refinanced in 2015 which set the bond payment higher in the beginning and will go from \$80,000 to \$75,000 on principal for a few years and then will decrease again to \$70,000 until 2030. Sales tax is strong. Our assessor did a great job valuating recent projects in town. Interest income is increasing with strong investments. \$335,000 was budgeted for Highway Equipment for a new truck that will be delivered in the 4th quarter of 2024. We received \$492,643 for CHIPs money in 2023, which is the amount we have in the budget for 2024. We won't know exact numbers until April due to the NYS budget timeline. We are taking \$200,000 in reserves to help supplement the paving program. In the water fund, the biggest increase is the hospitalization and medical insurance due to staffing changes and their personal needs. The water meters are 40 years old and are outdated. The water department is changing out water meters so they can be read by radio, which also cuts down the man hours required for reading the meters, etc.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to close the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo
Deputy Town Clerk