

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2013, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

**Board Members Present:** Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Poletto, Councilman Salvi, Councilman Casale and Councilman Sullivan.

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi, and Town Clerk, Susan Quest-Sherman.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All joined in for a salute to the Flag.

Supervisor Herrington explained that this was just an informational meeting and no actions will be taken.

The Town of Poestenkill put in public water by hooking up to the Town of Brunswick's infrastructure. The line is 1 mile long within the Town of Brunswick. The Town of Poestenkill also put in fire hydrants and improved the pump stations. Poestenkill also pays the town \$.85 per thousand gallons of water. Now that the water line is in there is an opportunity for the residents to hook up to Public Water.

Mr. Mark Kestner made a presentation about a proposed water district.

Mr. Lindsay Kestner explained the Areas to be considered for connection. This would be a Special Benefit District. It is a majority rules vote. There are benefits to hook up to the system. Public Water has quantity and quality benefits. Fire protection will be enhanced and this may decrease your fire insurance costs. If houses are using water softeners they will no longer be required as Troy's Water is not hard. If the water district is formed the Town will waive the hook up fee, and will supply the meter and the meter horn if you hookup in the first year.

Costs to the residents: Construction cost are estimated to be \$435,000.00. The Town would issue a 20 year bond. That would cost a home owner \$6.27 per 1000 dollar assessment. Water usage charge is presently at \$4.73 per 1000 gallons of water. Total median estimated cost is \$662.00 per year which would equal to \$1.81 a day. That would equate to 2 bottles of water a day.

If the decision is to move ahead then a Public Hearing would be held.

Supervisor Herrington explained that residents cannot hook up without forming a District.

**VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:**

Steve Heiser, White Tail Circle, asked for a clarification of the costs. Work sheets will be available for individuals to estimate their actual costs.

Supervisor Herrington pointed out that Spring Landing would need to put in a 4,200 feet of pipe. This would need to be put out to bid.

Sharon Moran asked how much it would cost her to hook up to her house.

Mr. Kestner says an estimate would be \$20-25 dollars be foot. This can be lowered if residents use the same contractor or dig the trench themselves.

Mr. Moxie asked if people had to hookup.

A resident doesn't have to hookup but would have to pay for the district.

Kevin Heines 1230, Spring Ave asked what the charge to hook up after one year and what the residents had to do with their existing wells.

Mr. Kestner stated that there would be a charge of \$425 for hookup after the year and home wells could still be used for outside watering but would have to be disconnected from the home.

Eric Wilson, 8 Creek Road, asked about the possibility of the Town contributing the money received from Poestenkill towards the water district.

Supervisor Herrington and Councilman Poletto explained that the money from Poestenkill covers the additional chlorine for the system. The system is breaking even.

Steve Heiser asked what happens after the bond is paid off.

Mr. Kestner explained that the \$ 6.27 per thousand of assessed value charge would go away there would still be a usage charge and maintenance fee.

Mr. Heiser also asked if the residents could contract with the Town's Contractor to have their laterals put in.

Mr. Kestner explained that it could be done but it would generally be more expensive for the home owners as prevailing wages need to be applied. He mentioned that you have to a written contract and exactly what the person expects with regards to replanting of trees or grass.

Supervisor Herrington would like to see about a landscaper.

Mr. Lindsay Kestner mentioned that the town can limit the amount of trench that is open at any time and what is expected of the finished surface.

Councilman Sullivan stated that because of interest rates prices will never be lower than they are right now.

Mr. Lindsay Kestner explained that the town is a medium income town so grants are scarce.

Councilman Casale asked what happens if the project bids come in too high.

Mr. Kestner stated that then there would be another Public Hearing.

Supervisor Herrington mentioned that the majority of the cost is related to Spring Landing.

Mr. Kestner mentioned that all districts have contributed to the system.

Moxie asked how many people are in the district.

Councilman Poletto stated that this would add 87 properties.

Mr. Roy Morris, Spring Landing, voiced concerns about the amount of water in the Tomhannac Reservoir and the age of the infrastructure.

Ms. Lynn Morris asked about the voting process.

Mr. Lindsay Kestner explained how a district can come into being. One way is by resident petition with majority rule (50% plus one of the properties and 50% plus 1 of the assessed values). Another way a district can be formed is by Town Resolution. This meeting is to determine interest.

Mr. Bill Bradley, Water Superintendent for the Town is also in attendance to answer questions.

Mr. Kestner reminded everyone to pick up a work sheet.

Mrs. Amy Rodwell, White Tail Circle, wanted to know how it is decided whether this goes out to a Public Hearing.

Mr. Bradley stated that some kind of district will be formed as the line and the fire protection is already in place. This is to determine the extent of the district. It is his recommendation that this goes out for a Public Hearing.

Councilman Salvi mention that two streets behind Duncan's wanted water and two streets didn't. Now the two streets outside the district would like to be added and the price is much higher.

Mr. Gilchrist explained the Formation of Special Service Districts. One way is for the residents to petition the Town Board with a plan. An alternative to the process is for the Town Board to examine alternatives and present it to the residents. There will be a mandatory Public Hearing, and hearing opposition the Board can still move forward but then it is subject to permissive referendum. A permissive referendum allows 5% of the eligible voters to petition for a vote of all residents (one vote per property) of the district.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Poletto made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Quest-Sherman  
Town Clerk

Note: An audio compact disc of this meeting is available in the Town Clerk's Office.