

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2011, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None.

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

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

**VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:**

Amanda Engelke, Garfield Rd., would like the Town to build tennis courts instead of the proposed football field.

Councilman Poletto mentioned that there is a tennis court at the Community Center which has very limited use.

Supervisor Herrington explained that the current football field has a water problem.

Ms. Engelke would also like to have a parade and fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Salvi explained that the State Police wouldn't shut down Rt. 2 for the Town's Bicentennial and the Town and the Historical Society has had fireworks at the Soccer Field.

Councilman Casale mentioned that there were only about 25 people at the last fireworks display.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Councilman Poletto made a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings, seconded by Councilman Salvi. Approved.

**REPORTS:**

*Town Clerk:* Susan Quest-Sherman

The Town Clerk submitted a written report for the month of September, a check for \$8,283.36 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. A motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report was made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Highway Report:* Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy read his report for the month of September. The Town should be hearing from FEMA soon. Councilman Salvi made a motion to accept the report seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer Report: Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy read his report for the month of September. Notices will be prepared and sent out to homeowners in the Mountain View area to smoke the system. There was a large water break in the stream in Cropseyville due to the storm. Councilman Salvi made a motion to accept the report seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Superintendent of Utilities & Inspection: John Krieger

Mr. Krieger presented his report for the month of September. A check for \$3,204.00 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. Motion to accept the Superintendent's report was made by Councilman Poletto, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of September. Aside from routine matters labor negotiations are on-going and there is a scheduled mediation on Wednesday. He has continuing to work with the Assessor on tax challenges. Two settlements are proposed in the Resolutions. Motion to accept Mr. Cioffi's report was made by Councilman Casale, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of September. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Poletto and seconded by Councilman Salvi. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster presented his report for the month of September. Motion to accept Mr. Engster's report was made by Councilman Salvi, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Brunswick Community Library: Mr. Paul Engster

Mr. Engster submitted the Library report for the month of September. Councilman Poletto made a motion to approve the report seconded by Councilman Salvi. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 69** Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of Stipulation of Settlement in Connection with Tax Assessment Review Proceedings. The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Poletto and seconded by Councilman Salvi was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Salvi, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Poletto, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 70** Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of Stipulation of Settlement in Connection with Tax Assessment Review Proceedings. The foregoing Resolution offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Poletto was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Salvi, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye;

Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Poletto, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 71** Resolution Declaring Items to be Surplus Property. The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Sullivan was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Salvi, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Poletto, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 72** Resolution Approving 2012 Tentative Budget as 2012 Preliminary Budget of the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Salvi, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Poletto, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Poletto made a motion to pass Local Law No.2 for the Year 2011 – A Local Law to Update the Zoning Map of the Town of Brunswick, seconded by Councilman Salvi. The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Salvi, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Poletto, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Local Law was thereby adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Herrington received a letter from Ed Martin, Associate Executive Director of ARC of Rensselaer County thanking him for the action of the Town after Hurricane Irene.

Supervisor Herrington also received a letter from Warren Rymiller thanking him for the honor of being recognized with a stone at the Memorial Park.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**WARRANTS:** Warrants No. 9161101 through 9161111, No. 9301101 through 9301113, No. 111069 through 111077, No. 111078 through 111234 and No. 10141101 through 10141111 were presented. Councilman Poletto made a motion to approve the warrants except for No. 111082, 111083 and 111084 seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. Councilman Poletto made a motion to approve Warrant No. 111082, 111083, and 111084 seconded by Supervisor Herrington and put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Salvi, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Abstaining; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Poletto, Voting Aye. The warrants were thereupon approved.

**FURTHER COMMENTS BY VISITORS:**

Megan Masion Ruthman, a Sugar Hill Resident for 7 years is impressed with Town Services including the Library and the Music in the Park. She would like to see the Town Beach open in May through October for fishing.

Councilman Salvi explained that Lifeguards work in 20 minute shifts and there are 5 stations.

Councilman Poletto explained that we had extended openings but people were coming into feed the ducks.

Councilman Salvi explained that if swimming was not allowed then only three people per shift would be required.

Opening the beach for picnicking and fishing will be looked into.

Councilman Poletto mentioned that there is fishing at Cooper's Pond.

Ms. Masion Ruthman is also concern with traffic on McChesney Ave. Ext.

Mr. Kestner explained that DOT is comfortable with Rt. 7 that it can handle additional traffic. Traffic lights timing might need to be adjusted.

Rev. Chuck Haynes, Westlane Rd., asked if the Budget was passed.

Councilman Poletto explained the Budget Process. The Supervisor's Tentative Budget was given to the Town Clerk who presented it to the Town Board. The Resolution tonight Adjusts the Tentative Budget making it the Preliminary Budget. Then there is a Public Hearing. The Budget must be passed by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Haynes would like for the Budget to be put up on the Website.

Ms. Kathy Betzinger, Valley View Dr., asked about the flooding in Mountain View area and smoking the system. She asked if residents would be fined.

Councilman Poletto explained that the Town is not trying to fine violators we just need to fix the problem.

Councilman Salvi explained that the problem happens every time there is heavy rain. The Town just needs to get the storm water out of the sewer system.

Mr. Kestner explained that residents have hooked their sump pumps and roof leaders into the sewer system. The Sewer is not sized to handle both storm and sanitary water.

Mrs. Betzinger asked how the Public will be involved with the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Herrington explained that there will be Public Input and Hearings. The Plan is just at the Preliminary stage.

*Councilman Poletto scheduled a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for Thursday, November 10,*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Supervisor Herrington wanted to adjourn the meeting in honor of Bernie Barber, a long time employee of the Town Beach and a long time Residents. Councilman Salvi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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.