

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
PUBLIC HEARING  
DECEMBER 8, 2011, 6:30 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 opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. and instructed the Town Clerk to read the notice of Public Hearing which was published in the Troy Record and placed on the Town Sign Board and on the website.

The Purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider contracting with the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for fire protection in the Fire Protection District.

John Mainello gave an overview of the Fire Company's Budget. The Prepared Budget Notes will be annexed to the Hearing Minutes. The numbers were for three years but the Hearing Notice was only for the years 2012 and 2013.

The Company is considering have a fund drive. Capital Improvements planned are replacing the filling system for the air tanks and eventually replacing the roof. There will be an increase for auditing which is now required by the State. The Company now has an Apparatus and Equipment Replacement Plan.

NAPA has changed the filling station requirements to implementing safety measures. A new station will work faster. The new system will be about \$54,000.00 and the fire company is seeking a grant. Even with the grant it will cost the Fire Company about \$9,000.00.

Councilman Sullivan asked if the audit was available and how membership is doing.

Rick Ellison explained that there have been 20 new members over the past 4 years and have retained about 15 of them. Some are RPI students and are only available during the school year.

Councilman Poletto asked about the LOSAP program and if that helped to retain members.

Councilman Sullivan mentioned that the Fire Company might want to bid out their insurance business. He also thanked the Fire Company for their attendance to the Brunswick Public Safety Committee Meetings.

Supervisor Herrington opened the meeting for Public Comment.

**VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:**

None.

Supervisor Herrington thanked the Fire Company for their service to the community.

Councilman Casale liked seeing the Fire Company represented at the Parade in Troy every year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Poletto made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Salvi. Approved. The hearing adjourned at 7:00 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.