

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

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

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Maureen Madden, 385 Brunswick Road, asked the Board to adopt a Resolution supporting a petition that has been circulating which asks the NYS DOT to reduce the speed limit on a 1.5 mile section of Brunswick Road from 55mph to 40mph. This section is between Eagle Mills and Brunswick Hills, which are both posted at 40mph. 108 signatures have been collected to date. While acknowledging that of course traffic has increased over the years in general, and the addition of spillover traffic avoiding Route 7, motorists seem to have a "speedway mentality" with aggressive and distracted driving prevalent. It is not uncommon to see people passing on the left or in no passing zones just due to impatience. Another issue is the increase of heavy trucks coming through which are a big risk doing 55mph (or more) in a residential area. There have been several incidents involving the loaded trucks. Fortunately no one has been injured so far. Pulling in or out of driveways or Engel's Farm stand is getting dangerous. On top of that there is a proposed development, Brunswick Acres, which would exit onto Brunswick Road right into the only passing zone from Eagle Mills to Troy. This just asking for trouble. This has become a real quality of life issue for the neighborhood. She believes that the DOT won't consider a change unless the Town Board backs the request/petition with a Resolution. She supplied the Town Clerk with a copy of the petition with signatures to review.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Board Meeting and the April 26, 2022 Special Meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of April. \$25,419.40 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$4,400.00, Community Center fees for \$1,050.00, Beach Pavilion fees for \$200.00, Dog License fees for \$307.00 with \$662.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 7 new reservations - it is booked all weekends through August - and the Beach Pavilion had 3. Registrations for Summer Camp have picked up, and to date there were 50 children enrolled. There was a discussion between board members and Mr. Lewis about the fact that on Primary Election Day, Tuesday June 28, there is a concert scheduled at the park where the Community Center is located. The building serves as a poll location and the logistics of keeping the polls accessible needs to be addressed. This could mean cancelling the concert if traffic control wasn't feasible. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Terry Scriven

Mr. Ed O'Donnell, Deputy Highway Superintendent, gave the report for the month of April. Work included: hauled cardboard/recyclables; cut brush on roadsides; picked up brush and leaf bags from residents; hauled materials for ballfields; repaired backstop at ballfield; swept and patched roads; inspected and cleaned catch basins; repaired lawns; removed sanders from trucks; washed trucks; ditched and repaired pipe on Old Siek Rd.; hung Veterans Banners Mr. O'Donnell also noted that we did have to send the plows and sanders out for the early April storm that came through. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of April. All required water testing for the month was completed. Notices were sent out regarding the Total Trihalomethanes Disinfection Products (TTHMs) recorded last month, which were marginally high requiring notifications. There is no health threat. This occurs when treatment of higher levels of organics present in the water becomes necessary. He has continued to monitor four major projects in town. A few water shutoff notices have been sent to customers refusing to comply with the water meter replacement program. A large amount of administrative time is spent on the program, as about one third of the customers respond right away. Then it can take three or four follow up notices for the other two thirds to comply. He also reminded everyone about the rate changes for water and sewer: Water will be \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons with a minimum fee of \$75.00 covering the first 15,000 gallons and sewer at \$.50 per gallon with a \$12.50 minimum. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of April. The report showed \$8,204.65 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 22 building permits were issued or renewed, 85 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 385. The department had 1 code call out with inspection, 6 code complaints, 6 code complaint inspections, 4 follow up complaint inspections and 4 fire inspection. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 13 Planning Board projects open or approved and 8 with the Zoning Board. He advised that Harbor Freight will be starting sheetrock installation and Hannaford has begun electrical installation. At the Aldi's project, dynamic compaction of the ground needs to be completed and their design reviews and permitting are in progress. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of April. He worked with the engineers and consultants to prepare the April 26 presentation of the draft Zoning Law amendments and is working on the proposed Local Law concerning these amendments; attended internal meetings regarding an unsafe structure issue; prepared documents for and attended a Special Meeting addressing the unsafe structure matter; reviewed MHHS request to amend our 2022 contract; prepared Resolutions for this meeting; prepared a resolution accepting proposal for engineering services for the Planning and Zoning Boards; worked with the Supervisor's Office and the Town Highway Department regarding purchase of a new asphalt re-claimer hot box through a cooperative contract; prepared resolutions and filing documents concerning two proposed Local Laws; worked with the Supervisor's office and the Town Clerk on personnel matters; worked

with the Building Department on FOIL requests and outstanding code violations and complaints; performed legal research and advised town officials and employees on legal matters and documents as requested. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the month of April. On April 26th she hosted a meeting of Rennselaer County local town historians at Town Hall. This was the first meeting since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. The turnout was lower than expected, possibly due to the spike in Covid cases the prior week. Those attending reported that generally, it has been slow for historians and historical societies the past two years. The upcoming American 250 celebration, set for 2026 was discussed. While Schaghticoke and Hoosick have nearby Revolutionary War sites (the Knickerbocker Mansion and the Bennington Battlefield) with programs and volunteers, at the ready, other communities have yet to develop plans for the celebration. She then read a portion of the legislation establishing the New York State 250th Commemoration Act Commission that recognizes New York as playing a significant role in the American Revolution between 1774 and 1783. The entire document is six pages long. She intends to explore topics Brunswick may consider for our Town's participation in the America 250 celebration. She suggests establishing a committee to this end. The recently released 1950 Census Report appears to be searchable now by name. It may be accessed on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and she is willing to assist residents with research. On May 1st she attended the 96th birthday and retirement celebration honoring Phil Leonard, 20 year Town Historian for the Town of Hoosick. He was known for his storyboards and exhibits telling of the history of the Hoosick Falls area. He was also helpful in the acquisition of the Miller home in Hoosick Falls, which became the Louis Miller Museum, and is home to the local historical society. Mr. Leonard's works are preserved at the museum. Last month she responded to two inquiries. One about Eagle Mills history and one regarding Forest Park Cemetery. Motion to accept the reports was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Copies of the written reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of April. Revenues for the month were \$5,270.33. Expenses were \$2,098.21. 19.21 tons of materials were recycled and 19.57 tons landfilled for the month. He reported that one of the cardboard balers is out of service due to problems in the electrical box. He is looking into having it repaired, possibly by Albany Hydraulics. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of April. Easter Story Walks have launched and egg hunts will run through April 16th. Last month there were 3,669 physical checkouts, 12 pickup appointments, 2,537 walk in visitors and 2,690 digital checkouts. 1,017 people participated in various programs and 27 passports were processed. Programs offered: shoulder pain workshop; tech help workshop; college art 101. On May 20th they will host a Community Folk Dance with live music and instruction by Peter, Paul and George. This will include several dance styles with the telling of the history behind them. Garden Day will be back on June 4th, and she thanked Herrington Farms for their support of this fundraiser. Program schedules (new and continuing), special events and news items are available at www.brunswicklibrary.org. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 40 Resolution Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Agreement for Professional Engineering Services – Planning Board Engineer. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 41 Resolution to Effect Changes in the February 2022 Water and Sewer Rolls. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 42 Resolution Adopting 2022 Highway Plan. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 43 Resolution Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2022. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 44 Resolution Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2022. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Nay; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 45 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Acceptance of Quotation for Purchase and Delivery of One (1) new, 2021 KM International Model KM8999TEDD four ton, Trailer Mount, Electric Brake, Diesel, Dumping, Asphalt Hotbox Re-claimer with options, Pursuant to Soourcewell (Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) Cooperative Contract. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Nay; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 46 Resolution Approving and Authorizing Supervisor to Execute Memorandum of Agreement. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Nay; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Grace Reynolds, 141 Carrolls Grove Road, sent a note thanking the Highway Department for the great job picking up the brush she put out this year, even cleaning up the last of the branches from the ditch.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 220393 through 220479, No. 42922001 through 42922011 and No. 51322001 through 51322007 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	79,685.86
Highway	\$	37,775.24
Water	\$	16,516.26
Sewer	\$	513.03
Special Sewer	\$	917.03

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, asked that the road paving schedule be posted on the Town's website.

Caroline Trzcinski, Carrolls Grove Road, voiced her opposition to the electronic sign due to be installed at the entrance to Town Hall, especially since there is also one directly across the road at the Center Brunswick Fire House. She feels this is too much of a distraction. Supervisor Herrington and Councilman Sullivan both felt that the newest signs are much easier to read, therefore less of a distraction, and will be a good tool to help keep residents informed about town functions or alerts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Sullivan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk