

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2025 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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

Also Present: Town Attorney, Dave Gruenburg and Town Clerk, Rebecca Del Gaizo.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to amend the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting on July 10, 2025, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Councilman Sullivan made a motion to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

Amendments include the following:

Amendments to Minutes of Town Board Meeting-July 10, 2025

(delete Arden Bull paragraph in the Town Clerk's Minutes and replace with the following)

Arden Bull addressed Town Clerk Del Gaizo and asked her if she has taken on a new job in addition to her position as Town Clerk. Town Clerk Del Gaizo initially responded "Possibly". When Mr. Bull further inquired of Town Clerk Del Gaizo as to whether she would continue to work full-time at the Town Office, Ms. Del Gaizo replied that she was "currently working remotely". Mr. Bull then inquired of Ms. Del Gaizo whether she was maintaining regular work hours at the Town Office during the week. Ms. Del Gaizo replied that regular office hours are being maintained in the Town Clerk's Office. When Mr. Bull further inquired whether she, herself, would be at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours, she replied that she will be working remotely but will be available 24-7. She elaborated that she would remain in her position as Town Clerk so that the Deputy Town Clerk she had put in place would not lose her job. Mr. Bull asked Ms. Del Gaizo if the Deputy Town Clerk was performing her (Ms. Del Gaizo's) duties while Ms. Del Gaizo was not there. Ms. Gaizo stated that she (Ms. Del Gaizo) is doing her job. Mr. Bull further inquired if he wanted to specifically see Ms. Del Gaizo at the Town Office, how would he arrange that. Ms. Del Gaizo stated that by Town Law, her Deputy can perform all of the duties of the Town Clerk, but that she (Ms. Del Gaizo) is already performing those duties and intends to continue to do so.

Mr. Bull inquired of Supervisor Herrington as to whether the Town is "double-paying" for the Office of Town Clerk by employing a Deputy to do the Town Clerk's work. Supervisor Herrington stated that the Town does not have to provide a Deputy Town Clerk but has always done so. He said that the Town Clerk's Office is very busy and is the "heart" of the Town Office. Supervisor Herrington stated that he has also heard that the Town Clerk has accepted other full-time employment with the State of New York, although she has not discussed it with him, and that she is no longer reporting for work at Town Office on a regular basis. Supervisor Herrington stated that the Town pays the Town Clerk a full-time salary of \$53,000.00 a year and the Deputy is paid about \$43,000.00 annually. Mr.

Bull asked if the Town intended to increase the Deputy's salary and decrease the Town Clerk's salary. The Supervisor replied in the negative.

Mr. Bull inquired of the Town Clerk whether she receives insurance from her Town employment. Ms. Del Gaizo stated that she has never received insurance or any other fringe benefit from the Town. Ms. Del Gaizo clarified that her Town Clerk salary is \$51,000.00 annually. Supervisor Herrington stated that she receives another \$2500.00 annually for her vital statistics duties.

Mr. Bull stated that he wanted to know how his tax money is being spent and inquired of Supervisor Herrington and the Town Board whether the Town Clerk's job will be different if she works for the State at the same time. Supervisor Herrington stated that his concern is that the Town Clerk's Office has always been open to the public all day. Now it will be closed for an hour a day because the Deputy will be there alone, and she has to have time to eat her lunch. And what will happen when the Deputy needs to take personal leave, or is out sick, or goes on vacation. He stated that he does not see how a Town Clerk can work remotely. Many people come to the Town Clerk's Office just to get documents notarized, which can't be done remotely. Ms. Del Gaizo stated that she will handle those issues when they arise, and the Town Clerk's Office will remain open. Supervisor Herrington stated that that was his only interest.

Mr. Bull went on to state that Brunswick is a very busy Town and asked Ms. Del Gaizo whether she would be in the Town Clerk's Office every day between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Ms. Del Gaizo replied that the Town Clerk's Office will always be open. She elaborated that there is no requirement that she work any specific office hours, and that it is not unreasonable for any employee to take time off from his or her job. She stated that she has only been working remotely for a handful of days and has been handling Town Clerk duties remotely, including replying to e-mails and processing death certificates. There has been no disruption of services. She knows of other Town Clerks who also work remotely, and she will provide those specifics. Supervisor Herrington observed that Brunswick is a busy town. This is not like Pittstown, for example, where the Town Clerk's Office is not open full-time. Supervisor Herrington added that he was at the Town Office the Wednesday before this meeting. He could see people going to up to the Town Clerk's Office all day long; people getting beach passes, people applying for residence certificates so they could attend HVCC, buying garbage bags, etc. Now, we seem to be saying we can just shut down the Office at will. He observed that people might get used to the Clerk's Office closing for an hour during the day, but they won't get used to it closing up for a day or week at a time. The Deputy will need to take time off for sickness or doctor appointments. If the Clerk's Office is closed, the people will blame him and the Town Board. He stated that he is not bothered by the double-dipping or the money aspect. His concern is that the residents will not be getting the services they deserve. The Clerk's Office needs to be staffed on a full-time basis.

Ms. Delgaizo replied that the Clerk's Office will remain open.

(delete last sentence of the paragraph that begins "Mary Ellen Adams" in the Town Clerk's Minutes and replace with the following):

... In response to Ms. Adams' comments, Supervisor Herrington denied that anyone was being "roasted". He reiterated that his concern is that the Clerk's Office will inevitably be closed from time to time with the Town Clerk working remotely. He stated that the focus of the Clerk's Office should be on serving the taxpayers. He recalled seeing former, long-time Town Clerk Joan Rasmussen sitting

at her desk in the old Town Office eating her lunch and getting up to attend to arriving Town residents having business with the Town Clerk's Office. He understands that people are different now. And he understands that people are entitled to take lunch breaks and take time off. But we want people to get the services they pay for with their tax dollars. He stated that we don't want the Town Clerk's Office to be closed during business hours even for an hour a day, but that's apparently the way it is going to be.

REPORTS:

Community Library: Sara Hopkins, Library Director

Ms. Hopkins presented the report for the month of July. Last month, there were 4,390 physical checkouts, 3,027 walk in visitors, 3,359 digital checkouts, 188 Wi-Fi users (20/day average), staff assisted patrons with 104 instances of technical support and 465 reference questions were addressed. 1631 people participated in various programs, and 9 passports were processed. The Summer Reading Programs continues through the end of August. There will be a school supply drive for Tamarac School through September 2, 2025. The library was approved for an AED grant by the Troy Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. Staff will be trained in October. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Clerk: Rebecca Del Gaizo

Ms. Del Gaizo gave the report for the month of July. \$8,207.77 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$4,676.00, Community Center rental fees for \$1,665.00, Dog License fees for \$334.00 and \$1,532.77 in miscellaneous fees. The Community Center had 9 new reservations. Our share of \$2,305.58 in NYSDEC sales was \$92.42. Ms. Del Gaizo noted the Town Beach closes on August 26, 2025. The Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for September 20, 2025, registration is required. Recruitment is underway for General Election inspectors. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Michael Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave the report for the month of July. Work included: brush pick up; paving; backing up blacktop; ditching; sweeping; gravel dirt roads; patching; recycle pulls; shop work; roadside mowing; ballfield mowing; long arm mowing; working on military banners; picking up bags; working on the culvert on Oxford Road; and catch basin repairs. Mr. Bayly praised the Water Department for their help with various projects. 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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley presented the report for July. North Lake Avenue is about to reopen with new guardrails being installed. The sewer lift station at Walmart has been delayed beyond the promised four month delivery date. The Water Department has been working with the Building Department to address groundwater management issues at the Marie's Muse project. Water bills are set for mailing next week. Hydrant repairs and meter replacements are underway. Pump stations have been running at record capacity due to drought conditions; near maximum pumping limits. Trout Unlimited awarded a \$180,000 grant to replace a culvert on Sweetmilk Creek Road to improve trout habitat. Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and

seconded by Councilman Christian.

Code Enforcement: Kevin Mainello

Mr. Mainello gave the report for the month of July. The report showed \$23,426.25 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 29 building permits were issued or renewed, 63 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 391. The department had 0 code call outs, 3 code complaints, 1 code complaint inspections, 0 follow up complaint inspections and 2 fire inspections. 0 additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 7 Planning Board projects open or approved and 4 with the Zoning Board. 9 FOIL requests were received as well as zoning inquiries. The Marie's Muse project is moving along with footings being poured soon. Mr. Mainello remarked that some newer homes being built in town are having framing issues with large open ceilings requiring special trusses and load bearing beams. He is making sure to inspect these homes before they get covered up.

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.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick presented on local families such as the Links and McGraths. She is preparing a project for the 250th anniversary of the U.S. highlighting local veterans. She shared research on Revolutionary War figures from Brunswick, including Major Banker, Adam Beam, and Abner Roberts. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. No report has been filed with the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster was unable to attend the meeting. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AND ORDER NO. 57, 2025

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RESOLUTION AND ORDER ESTABLISHING AN AMBULANCE TAX DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick received a Map, Plan and Report, dated June, 2025 proposing the establishment of an ambulance tax district which will encompass the entirety of the Town of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, said Map, Plan and Report, including estimates of cost, were prepared and submitted by the Town of Brunswick Public Safety Committee, and was duly filed in the office of the town clerk of the Town of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the proposed ambulance district are identified in

Appendix A, attached to this Resolution, and constitute the entire Town of Brunswick;
and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed said Map, Plan and Report, and
determined it to be in due form and complete, according to law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board duly adopted Resolution and Order No. 53 on June
12, 2025, duly scheduling a public hearing upon the proposal set forth in said Map, Plan
and Report, said hearing to be held on July 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing upon said petition was duly posted
and published according to law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board held the public hearing on said Map, Plan and
Report for the establishment of a town-wide ambulance district on July 9, 2025, and
heard all persons interested in the subject matter thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board closed said public hearing on said Plan on July 9,
2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has fully considered said Map, Plan and Report for
the establishment of a town-wide ambulance district, and has further considered all
comments received during the public hearing thereon, and has duly deliberated thereon,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED and ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick at
a regular meeting duly convened as follows:

1. The Town Board makes the following findings:
 - a) the proposal for establishment of a town-wide ambulance district in the Town of Brunswick is in accordance with applicable law, and is otherwise sufficient;
 - b) that all property and property owners within the Town of Brunswick are benefited thereby; and
 - c) that it is in the public interest to establish the proposed ambulance district in the Town of Brunswick
2. The Town Board hereby establishes the Brunswick ambulance district, to extend to all of the Town of Brunswick as shown on the map annexed hereto as Schedule A;
3. Costs to the typical residence is estimated to be \$146 per year;
4. The Town Clerk of the Town of Brunswick be and hereby is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution and Order in the office of the State Department of Audit and Control, Albany, New York, within ten (10) after the adoption of this Resolution and Order.

The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Cipperly was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: August 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 58, 2025

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RESOLUTION DECLARING ITEMS TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways having advised the Town Board that the following items, due to their age, condition, or design, are no longer appropriate for use by the Highway Department:

- 1985 International S-1900 Crew cab, 2WD
9ft dump body
VIN # 1HTLDUXN7FHA43499
Miles: 20,543
- 1995 Johnson sweeper V3000 sp
VIN # 1J9VM3H43TC112064
Miles: 98,819
- 1995 International 4800 SS Sander
VIN # 1HTSEAAR55H661074
Miles: 75,755
- 1999 International SA2574 Dump
VIN # 1HTGEAHR6YH276952
Miles: N/A
- 2004 International 7600 Dump
VIN # 1HTW2AHR445023373
Miles: 49,075
- 2007 International 7500 Dump
VIN # 1HTWLAZR675469464
Miles: 75,220
- 2012 Ford F-350 Reg cab, 4WD
VIN # 1FTRF3B62CEB85295
Miles: 95,466

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned items be and hereby are declared to be surplus property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell said items at public or private sale, on terms acceptable to the Town Attorney, in accordance with applicable law.

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to amend the resolution to include a 2016 Dodge 5500 truck, seconded by Councilman Cipperly.

- 2016 Ram 5500 Dump
VIN# V3C7WRNAL1GG307711
Miles: 33,539

The foregoing amended Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.
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Amended to include:
2016 Dodge 5500

RESOLUTION NO. 59, 2025

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RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND SPECTRUM NORTHEAST, LLC, A SUBSIDIARY OF CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., ON A PROPOSED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Town of Brunswick previously entered into a certain Franchise Agreement to provide cable television services with Time Warner Cable Northeast, LLC d/b/a Time Warner Cable, by Resolution dated October 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, since the execution of that Franchise Agreement, Time Warner merged with Charter Communication, Inc., and cable service has been provided by Spectrum Northeast, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc., which is continuing to provide cable service to Brunswick residents at this time; and

WHEREAS, Spectrum Northeast, LLC has proposed a new Franchise

Agreement, setting forth proposed terms and conditions for future cable service within the Town; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required before Town Board action on the proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick shall hold a public hearing on September 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Brunswick Town Office, 336 Town Office Road in the Town, to receive public comment and input relating to said proposed agreement; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall post and publish the required notice of this public hearing, and maintain a copy of the proposed agreement in her office for review by the public.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 60, 2025

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RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL RICHARDSON FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick to honor residents who have contributed to the safety and well-being of the Town, particularly in a voluntary capacity; and

WHEREAS, Paul Richardson joined the Mountain View Fire Department as a volunteer in 1975, and has now served fifty years as a volunteer for that worthy organization; and

WHEREAS, during his service with that Department, he came up through the ranks, serving as Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Paul Richardson became the Chief of the Department and served in that capacity for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the organization he has served on many committees, has been a Member of the Board of Directors for many years and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to Mountain View he also served on the Rensselaer County Fire Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout his dedicated services as a volunteer in the above positions, he has served and protected the safety of all of the residents of the Town Of Brunswick;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Brunswick Town Board recognizes and commends Paul Richardson for his many years of dedicated service to the people of our town; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to Paul Richardson.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.
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RESOLUTION NO. 61, 2025

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RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO TAKE ALL REQUIRED STEPS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE MARTIN DUNHAM RESERVOIR AND DAM IN GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the Martin Dunham reservoir, located in the Town of Grafton, was constructed in 1911 as part of the water supply for the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, over the past century the dam and reservoir have evolved into a
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feature of Grafton Lakes State Park, owned and operated by New York State, and are a valued environmental and recreational asset for residents of the Town of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York, after an inspection, has designated the dam creating the reservoir as a “HIGH HAZARD DAM”, and the State is apparently weighing the “decommissioning” of the dam, and the draining of the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Tamarac High School in June, more than 200 citizens, including residents of the Town of Brunswick, attended the meeting and expressed strong support for the continuance of the dam, and its importance as a recreational resource to residents of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick believes that the Martin Dunham Reservoir, and the dam which created it, are a valuable environmental and recreational resource for the residents of the Town of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the dam, by the State’s own admission, creates a risk of danger to Brunswick citizens and others downhill from the dam;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that Town Board of the Town of Brunswick hereby urges Governor Kathy Hochul and Randy Simmons, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, to take all necessary steps to preserve the Martin Dunham reservoir, and to reject any proposal resulting in the dam’s decommissioning; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Brunswick Town Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul and to Randy Simmons, Commissioner Pro Tem of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Councilman Balistreri was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING AYE
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING AYE
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING AYE

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.
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CORRESPONDENCE:

This agenda item was not discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 250780 through 250906, No. 71825001 through 71825009, No. 80125001 through 80125006 and No. 81525001 through 81525006, were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	158,198.20
Highway	\$	562,210.39
Water	\$	44,512.02
Sewer	\$	259.90
Special Sewer District #6	\$	717.78
Special Fire	\$	0.00
Trust & Agency	\$	502,221.01

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Ellen Montiel of McChesney Avenue Extension spoke in opposition to the proposed CVE solar project at 511 McChesney Avenue Extension. She expressed concern that the project exceeded state parcel megawatt limits by splitting the property to allow a combined 7.5MW installation. She noted that more than 150 lawn signs had been distributed and that a petition opposing the project had reached 391 signatures on the website www.nosolarmcchesneyaveext.com. Mrs. Montiel stated that the visual impact was being downplayed by the developer, citing photographs taken by residents showing visibility from Route 2, Pinewoods Avenue, Garfield Road, and Dater Hill Road. She further criticized the balloon test conducted without notice to residents, described the site as a scenic and historic area inappropriate for industrial-scale solar, and urged the board not to set a precedent for similar projects across Brunswick.

Patti Sbrega, whose property directly borders the proposed solar site, also spoke in opposition. She noted that steep hillside solar farms are rare in the United States because of environmental and visual concerns. She described her research into past zoning recommendations and expressed concern that earlier amendments which might have restricted such projects were not adopted. She warned that proposed state legislation may soon remove towns' local authority to regulate smaller solar farms, stressing the urgency for Brunswick to adopt protective zoning. She cited examples from Saratoga County, where solar is restricted to commercial rooftops, and from Massachusetts, where strict setbacks for wind and solar projects have been enacted. She urged the board to act quickly to prevent Brunswick from becoming overrun with industrial solar fields.

Kim Jensen, a town resident, addressed the board regarding the need for an updated ethics policy and a Town Board of Ethics. She stated that such a policy would strengthen transparency, reduce accusations of misconduct, and improve public trust. She cited Grafton's adoption of an ethics board in 2021 as an example.

Victoria Galvin and her daughter Ada spoke regarding traffic and safety issues related to nearby

construction and commercial development at the Marie's Muse project site. They stated that large trucks routinely block Mohawk Avenue, creating dangerous conditions for residents attempting to access their homes. They expressed particular concern for school bus safety, noting that Ada would no longer be able to safely ride her bus due to heavy truck traffic and frequent instances of cars passing stopped school buses. Ms. Galvin helped Ada read a handwritten letter to the board describing her sadness at losing her bus stop, missing time with friends, and how construction had disrupted her neighborhood. The residents urged the board to reconsider allowing a commercial access gate to Mohawk Avenue, as it would further impact the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Mary Beth Bruno thanked the board for supporting the Martin Dunham Reservoir resolution and for establishing the ambulance district. She asked that the public comment portion of meetings be moved back to the beginning of the agenda so that residents could speak before board votes are taken. She also raised concerns about traffic congestion along Route 7 and Hoosick Road, citing Rensselaer County's recent resolution requesting NYSDOT action. She urged Brunswick to pause new development approvals until traffic and infrastructure issues are addressed, pointing out that there are already a number of vacant commercial spaces along Hoosick Road.

Sue Vitolins raised questions about National Grid's proposed natural gas substation between Spring Avenue and Menemsha Road, citing safety and environmental concerns, and asked for clarification on the town's role in approving the project.

Jim Tkacik spoke about pedestrian safety along Route 7 and urged the town to coordinate with the county and state to provide a sidewalk or walkway from Walmart to Hoosick Road. He stressed the importance of planning for walkability before further widening projects make pedestrian improvements more difficult.

Sue Vitolins congratulated Supervisor Herrington for receiving national recognition for the top prize from the World Forage Analysis Superbowl for their corn silage. Supervisor Herrington remarked his late nephew Jason Herrington had tremendous talent growing crops.

Supervisor Herrington took time to commend Deputy Clerk Cheryl Roberts for her dedication and assistance in serving the residents of Brunswick. He thanked her for her continued commitment to the Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilman Cipperly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Herrington. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca

Del Gaizo, Town Clerk