

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2025 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Christian, Councilman Cipperly, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting on September 11, 2025 and Special Meeting on October 1, 2025. Motion was seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: Rebecca Del Gaizo

Ms. Del Gaizo gave the report for the month of September. \$5,697.74 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$2,238.00, Community Center rental fees for \$1,295.00, Dog License fees for \$453.00 and \$1,711.74 in miscellaneous fees. The Community Center had 7 new reservations. Our share of \$9,812.37 in NYSDEC sales was \$572.63. She reminded residents of the upcoming yard sale held in the town hall's parking lot on October 11, 2025, along with the Clerk's Office being open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. Ms. Del Gaizo announced her resignation effective October 17, 2025, noting it has been an honor to serve the Brunswick community, committing to a smooth transition, and expressing confidence in Deputy Cheryl to continue providing professional, reliable service during the transition. 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 September. Mr. Bayly reported completion of brush pickup and shared-services paving of five short streets with Rensselaer County crews, with Town staff providing flaggers, trucks, and site preparation. Crews completed ditching on Pickering and Duncan Drive, pothole patching, mowing, and staging of equipment for leaf and brush pickup, and continued seasonal field maintenance. Eight speed humps and associated signage were installed near the Walmart area. Trucks and plows are being prepped for winter. Crews cleaned

and readied Forest Park Cemetery grounds in advance of the Town Historian's guided walk, assisted with cemetery leaf equipment deployment, and closed the beach for the season. 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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley reported that the Vanderheyden Reservoir is being drawn down to allow relining and reinstallation of the bottom valve and superstructure now that the beach season has ended. The Walmart sewer lift station replacement now has a promised completion date in December; contingency planning for cold-weather operations is underway. A review of Walmart's allocation and metered use indicates near-allocation flows with evidence of groundwater infiltration from an on-site spring; staff will engage Walmart regarding remediation or contribution to additional improvements. Staff are coordinating with the "Marie's Muse" project team on stormwater and retaining wall revisions. Due to the most recent wholesale water billing from the City of Troy and observed losses, the department is evaluating a permanent leak-detection monitoring system recommended by Ti-Sales/"64 Seconds." A water main installed off-line by a past contractor in the Highlands Creek/Heather Ridge area conflicted with new footings; Town crews completed a 160-foot relocation. Supervisor Herrington made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Christian. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Kevin Mainello

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

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

The Historian announced the annual guided walk at Forest Park Cemetery on October 18 at 1:00 p.m., with new story boards for families interred there; registration is through the Brunswick Historical Society, free with donations appreciated to support stone up-righting. Research continues on early cemetery board members, with additional photos located, and progress was reported on confirming burial plot locations in the Essex section. The Historian is seeking stories and photos of Brunswick-connected veterans for the 2026 Veterans Project and received a recent World War II collection from a resident. Councilman Cipperly made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. No report has been filed with the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster reported September revenues of \$4,318.40 from bag sales, scrap metal, cardboard, and miscellaneous appliances/tires, and expenses of \$2,459.90 for landfill and single-stream recycling fees. Total material handled (recycled and landfilled) was 22.6 tons for the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins, Library Director

Brunswick Community Library Board Member Annie Metzger presented the September report on behalf of Ms. Hopkins, who was receiving the 2025 ARC Community Partner Award. October programs include author visits, hearing screening, nature play, kids' yoga, wildlife presentations, a seed-collecting workshop, autumn-wreath making, "spooky ballet," a DIY picture-frame workshop (registration required), and a Halloween party on October 31 timed with the Tamarac half-day. Last month, there were 3,329 physical checkouts, 2,196 walk in visitors, 3,341 digital checkouts, 167 Wi-Fi users (18/day average), staff assisted patrons with 110 instances of technical support and 433 reference questions were addressed. 513 people participated in various programs, and 11 passports were processed. 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. The Board extended congratulations on the award.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 70, 2025

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, a proposed Town Budget for fiscal year 2026 has been submitted to the Town Board for its consideration by the supervisor; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy in said proposed budget is below the 2% limit for increases set by the property tax cap law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Brunswick has previously authorized and established a town-wide ambulance district, to provide emergency medical services to the residents of the Town of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has authorized and promulgated a request for proposals for services to be provided to the town residents through said ambulance district, and anticipates receiving responses to said request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that if the Town goes forward with this new service, the cost of this new town-wide service will result in increasing in the tax levy in an amount exceeding the tax levy limit established pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to receive public comment on a proposed local law authorizing the override of the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for said proposed local law to be held on November 6, 2025 at 5:30PM at the Brunswick Town Hall, located at 336 Town Office Road, Troy, NY 12180; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to post and publish the Notice of said public hearing at least five (5) days before the date of said hearing.

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

COUNCILMAN SULLIVAN	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING <u>AYE</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.
Dated: October 9, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 71, 2025

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**RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY
BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, a proposed Town Budget for fiscal year 2026 has been submitted by the supervisor to the Town Board for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the opportunity to examine said tentative budget, and to make amendments to said tentative budget, and may make changes, alterations and revisions as it shall consider advisable; and

WHEREAS, after such review and modification, that budget shall become the preliminary budget for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to receive input from the public about this preliminary budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board shall hold a public hearing on the preliminary budget; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules said public hearing for November 6, 2025 at 5:45PM at the Brunswick Town Hall, located at 336 Town Office Road, Troy, NY 12180; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to post and publish a Notice of said public hearing pursuant to the provisions, and containing the contents, set forth in Section 108 of the Town Law, such publication and posting to occur at least five (5) days before the date of said hearing.

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 <u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN CHRISTIAN	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN CIPPERLY	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
COUNCILMAN BALISTRERI	VOTING <u>AYE</u>
SUPERVISOR HERRINGTON	VOTING <u>AYE</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: October 9, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE:

This agenda item was not discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received an update on the ambulance district Request for Proposals. Questions from proposers closed on October 3, responses will be issued, proposals are due October 17, 2025, and the Board will review submissions with the goal of a January 1, 2026 service start, subject to any obstacles.

The Supervisor reported on efforts with Price Chopper and CDTA regarding returning bus service into the plaza to improve pedestrian safety and reduce carts crossing NY-7; the plaza owner has expressed opposition, and discussions will continue. The Supervisor also read correspondence from NYSDOT regarding the request to lower the speed limit in front of Tamarac School; DOT's review of crash history and existing signage/beacons concluded that the 35 mph limit is sufficient and a reduction will not be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 251033 through 251153, No. 81525001 through 81525006, 82925001 through 82925009, 91225001 through 91225006, 92625001 through 92625009, and 101025001 through 101025006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	142,564.86
Highway	\$	228,430.12
Water	\$	736,981.95
Sewer	\$	795.25
Special Sewer District #6	\$	6,062.32
Special Fire	\$	0
Trust & Agency	\$	568,859.65

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

John Riegert, White Tail Circle, addressed the Board regarding the proposed National Grid compressed natural gas (CNG) injection/“energy transfer” site between Spring Avenue and Menemsha Lane. He summarized National Grid’s concept of staging multiple CNG tractor-trailers on a platform above the existing gas main to supplement the line during severe cold (approximately five degrees and below). He expressed concerns about frequent heavy-truck movements on narrow and curving approaches from Troy into Brunswick during winter conditions, inadequate shoulders, safety and neighborhood impacts, and noted that other New York sites (Long Island and Moreau) are sited away from dense residential areas. He urged the Town to fully weigh roadway safety, siting, and community impacts through the Planning Board and SEQRA processes.

Sue Vitolins, a resident of Miller Road, whose property abuts the proposed site, echoed these concerns and asked why the facility is being sited here and now, noting National Grid representatives indicated other locations were reviewed and existing sites have not been activated in the past. She questioned whether additional similar facilities might be planned. She also requested that Town Board email addresses be published on the Town website so constituents can contact members without going through the secretary.

Jim Tkacik followed up on last month’s Hoosick Road traffic discussion, noting that a promised website summary had not appeared, and advocated for a continuous pedestrian path from McChesney Avenue to Highland Creek, citing prior planning provisions and safety concerns for walkers. He asked the Town to actively coordinate with the County on the remaining gap near the Walmart entrance, to which Supervisor Herrington suggested Mr. Tkacik reach out to his county representatives again and Councilman Christian responded saying Mr. Tkacik should

make it his job to work with the County. Mr. Tkacik supported returning buses into the Price Chopper plaza to reduce hazardous crossings.

Sue Vitolins thanked the Town Clerk for her service and wished her well.

Kim Jensen, Roberts Drive, asked whether the tentative budget had been posted online; board members responded it is not required to be posted to the website. Ms. Jensen also wished the Town Clerk well and commented Deputy Cheryl has done a great job and will continue to do so.

The Supervisor stated that he was first made aware of the National Grid project after learning the utility had already purchased the property. He noted that public utilities have certain siting authorities under law, but emphasized that the application is at an early stage, any special-use permit and environmental review will be before the Planning Board, and a full SEQRA review is possible. The Supervisor thanked the Town Clerk for her work, acknowledged many improvements she has made, areas of disagreement at times, and wished her success in her future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilman Balistreri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo, Town Clerk