

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Claire Steiner, former Brunswick resident, Treasurer and Chairperson of the Brunswick Historical Society Building and Grounds Committee, addressed the Town Board. She wished to thank them for contracting exterior painting and repairs to the society's building, the work on the exterior lighting and to give special thanks to Rodney Rogers, Town Highway Department employee, for his excellent work throughout the year keeping the grounds in perfect shape. It did not go unnoticed by members or the many residents who commented about it.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis submitted a written report for the month of December. \$6,345.99 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office, and the total remitted in 2015 was \$115,877.73. He once again noted that the Community Center was booking quickly and in fact weekends are completely reserved through March. Several businesses, other government entities and our sponsored seniors and sports groups are also making use of the facility during the week and evenings. Motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy read his report for the month of December. Work included storm drain maintenance, ditch cleanouts, equipment winterizing and storage, road patching, limb and stump removal along roadways, some plowing/sanding and brush chipping/hauling. He also has had a crew working on the old Town Hall building, converting part back to garage space where equipment can be safely stored. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer Report: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley read his report for the month of December. In addition to the normal water sampling and maintenance work the department located and repaired a substantial leak in the Langmore Lane area. Also, he is moving forward on the necessary steps to take advantage of a NYS grant, to be used for the purpose of restricting excess water from entering the sewer system shared with Troy. He outlined the progress so far and offered more details of the scope of the infrastructure work involved. Motion to

accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Michael Czornyj

Mr. Czornyj read his report for the month of December. The report showed \$3,744.60 was collected for Building Permit and Variance Fees. 16 new building permits were issued, 56 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 311. 7 code complaints were received and 5 code complaint inspections were performed. He also noted that his report for last month's active permits was incorrect. The computer data he had compiled included closed building permits by mistake. The correct total for November was 302. Councilman Sullivan asked Mr. Czornyj to include with his report a printout of logged complaints each month, which he agreed to. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Casale. 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 December. Other than routine matters, he had drafted the resolutions for the Organizational Meeting and is working on personnel matters for the Town. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of December. She has been sifting through a quantity of papers concerning Forest Park Cemetery, contributed by Councilman Christian. The cemetery plan was quite ambitious in the day, and included offices in Troy. She is doing research for a homeowner living in a home formerly occupied by Town Clerks Joel and Mary Holcomb in the 1940s and 1950s. She also asked to spread the word that she is looking for a Sony 8mm camcorder or VCR so she can duplicate/copy oral history videos she had recorded. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster was unable to attend. He had submitted his report prior to the meeting. Town Clerk Mr. Lewis noted that in the report for the month of December he showed, after expenses, revenues of \$2,875.73 and that 40.21 tons of material were recycled and landfilled. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Library Report: Ms. Natalie Schipano

Ms. Schipano read her report for the month of December. The report included participation numbers for the many programs being offered and a preview of new ones and upcoming special events. Print circulation was down from November, however, computer use, e-books, digital audio books and wi-fi connections have all increased dramatically. The Summer Reading Program is starting to get organized and due to last year's overwhelming response, there will be some changes, in cooperation with the Brunswick Academy located next door in order to accommodate the numbers and age groups in the program. A calendar of events is available on their website www.brunswicklibrary.org. Following her report Mr. Fred Wobrock, Treasurer of the Brunswick Library, gave brief financial reports for 2015 and looking forward, for 2016. The library is in sound financial condition. Revenues include monies from The Town of Brunswick, Brittonkill School District, Rensselaer County, their annual appeal and private donations. He also wished to thank Director Natalie Schipano for her efforts to keep costs under

control while offering so many programs and resources to residents of the town. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Joyce Davey, Treasurer of The Speigle Elders, wrote thanking the Town Board for their continuing support of their seniors group. Included was a list of the activities they had enjoyed in 2015, and wishes for a "Happy New Year and good health to all in the Town of Brunswick".

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 160001 through 160083 and No. 1151601 through 1151612 were presented. Councilman Sullivan made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. James Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., spoke with the Board about the efforts to limit the speed on a section of Brunswick Rd. (Route 2) which he had previously requested. He thanked Supervisor Herrington and Councilman Casale for their efforts on this matter. They had met with the NYS Department of Transportation and they had offered a ruling of sorts that this was not necessary. He inquired if an accident/incident report for the area was available, and if so could he obtain a copy. Councilman Casale offered to look into this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Supervisor Herrington made a motion to enter into Executive session to discuss Building Department, Highway Department and Court personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. The board entered into executive session at 7:45 pm. At 8:40 pm Councilman Balistreri made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. No actions were taken during the Executive Session discussions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk