

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 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 7:20 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Mr. Frank Brenenstuhl, 27 Dusenberry Lane, addressed the board regarding the Town Zoning Ordinance. He asked where the re-zoning process was at this time. He was informed that the town hoped to have it ready for the Public Hearing stage by early summer. He also had a few issues he hoped were or felt should be addressed in the new ordinances. First, he noted a lack of a "Sunset" clause for approved developments which would prevent projects from languishing and repeatedly being brought back in front of the Zoning Board for changes which over time dramatically alter the original plans. Secondly there do not seem to be any specific regulations on the installation of solar panels which are increasingly being installed throughout town. Lastly, he would like the Zoning and Planning Boards to have discretion and some power to determine what is in "Good Taste" as to the appearance of a new project including, but not limited to, garish or distracting coloring or logos.

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 January. \$8,365.92 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. 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 January. Work included tree and brush removal along roadways and water lines, road patching, assisting the water department with a water break and assisting the Town of Berlin with brush removal. Mr. Eddy also introduced Michael (Brandon) Hill as the newly appointed Deputy Highway Superintendent. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. 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 January. In addition to the normal water sampling and maintenance work the department has been clearing trees and brush from the town water lines. Also, he is moving forward on the necessary steps to take advantage of a NYS sewer system separation grant. He also was working on reconfiguring the pressure valve at Mohawk Ave. to be able to reverse flow

direction according to pressure differential on either side in order to maintain service and fire protection in the event of a major disruption such as Troy just experienced. They also completed some flow testing of the 12 inch well at the Clums Corners aquifer and will also conduct a comprehensive water analysis. There is a potential use of this supply as an emergency backup source or even as a supplement to the water we currently purchase from the City of Troy. 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.

Code Enforcement: Michael Czornyj

Mr. Czornyj read his report for the month of January. The report showed \$16,385.30 was collected for Building Permit and Variance Fees. 11 new building permits were issued, 50 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 312. 36 code complaints were received and 18 code complaint inspections were performed. Supervisor Herrington introduced Karen Guastella, who has been hired to head the Code Enforcement Department. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. 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 January. Other than routine matters, he has been working with the Highway Department and Councilman Christian on some possible purchases. Next he gave a brief overview of a Local Law he had prepared for introduction concerning adoption of a "Best Value" purchasing procedure as contained in New York State purchasing law. Councilman Christian formally introduced the Local Law No. 1 for 2016. A Public Hearing on the proposed law was scheduled for March 10, 2016 at Town Hall, preceding the regular Town Board Meeting. The date and time were unanimously approved. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of January. She has been asked to assist with historical research on the Homestead Farms/Morrissey Farm by the Metzgers, new owners of the property. The farm has been deemed eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and she hopes to create an exhibit of the farm's history for visitors. Next, she helped prepare a presentation of the history of the PTA/PTSA given at their meeting. At that meeting, the need for more members and volunteers was voiced which also included the request for more men in the organization. This year is the Centennial of the National Parks Service, and the organization is offering free admission to fourth grade students and their families to many sites. Information may be found at www.everykidinapark.gov. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster read his report for the month of January. After expenses, there were revenues of \$1,662.32. 39.67 tons of material were recycled and landfilled for the month. 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.

Library Report: Ms. Natalie Schipano

Ms. Schipano read her report for the month of January. There was a dramatic increase in print circulation, eBooks and digital audio books, and they have remained quite busy. Her report included program participation numbers and a preview of upcoming special events. A complete schedule is available at www.brunswicklibrary.org. They have been upgrading equipment and software and she is also working on the State Report due mid-month. She had attended six meetings last month. 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 31 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendments to Agreements and Acceptance of Easement and Title to Real Property in Connection with Highland Creek Planned Development District. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Recused. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 32 Resolution Approving Acceptance of Water Easement and Sewer Easement, and Acceptance of Dedication of Water Line Infrastructure and Sewer Infrastructure in Connection with the Brunswick Meadows Planned Development District. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 160084 through 160205, No. 1291601 through 1291612 and No. 2121601 through 2121611 were presented. Supervisor Herrington made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Casale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk