

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Sullivan

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

None

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis submitted a written report for the month of February. \$6,287.39 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. The Community Center is still booking three months in advance and requests for summer camp registration and employment are starting to come in. Motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 February. Work included repairing plow damage to lawns, road patching, road grading, street sign repairs/replacement, culvert and ditch maintenance, tree trimming, brush removal at Keyes Lane (Community Center), and assisting with cleanup of water line right of ways. 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.

Water & Sewer Report: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley was unable to attend the meeting due to a water emergency. His report will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office as soon as available.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella read her report for the month of February. The report showed \$4,986.70 was collected for Building Permit and Variance/Planning Board Fees. 15 new building permits were issued, 37 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 312. She had 3 code call outs, 25 code complaints and made 21 code complaint inspections. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of February. Other than routine matters, he has been working on personnel matters with the Supervisors Office, including revisions and updates to the employee handbook which should be completed soon. He mentioned that a public hearing had been held concerning proposed Local Law #1 which was in front of the Board this evening for approval if so desired. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of February. She responded to local history requests from an out of town family history researcher, the Poestenkill Historian, a Tamarac H.S. teacher and a representative of the State Police, Troop G. The State Police celebrate their Centennial in 2017, and are researching their history in our town. On that note, she gave a brief history of their presence in the town, which began in 1921 on South Lake Ave. and included stables for the mounted police horses. During this period they were a major supporter of the Troy Horse Show Association which held shows off of Brunswick Rd. near the city line. They moved to Loudonville in 1959. The first substation in Brunswick opened on Hoosick Rd. in 1964 and then moved to its current location, Route 278, in 2002. This year marks the 209th anniversary of the Town's incorporation and the 225th anniversary of Rensselaer County. She will be working with other Town Historians on a pictorial exhibit to be on display at the County Historical Society, and will possibly have it available to go on the road to other towns next year. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster read his report for the month of February. After expenses, there were revenues of \$1,573.83. 39.67 tons of material were recycled and landfilled for the month. 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.

Library Report: Ms. Natalie Schipano

Ms. Schipano read her report for the month of February. Print circulation, eBooks and digital audio books, have remained at previous highs. Her report included program participation numbers and a preview of upcoming special events. A few special ones are: Egg hunt on March 26th – donated snacks would be appreciated; Star Wars and Dr. Who programs early and late May. A complete schedule is available at www.brunswicklibrary.org. The Free Little Library Project is almost finished. The annual UHLS Awards are coming up and she will be nominating several people who have put in so much time and effort supporting the Library and offering programs throughout the year. She had attended five meetings last month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 33 Resolution to Accept the Water and Sewer Maintenance Roll for the Period of 7/01/2015 through 12/31/2015. February 2016 Water and Sewer Roll. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 34 Resolution Appointing and Fixing Compensation of Town Employee. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Casale and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 35 Resolution Approving and Accepting Water Main System and Easement. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Casale, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2016 A Local Law Authorizing the Award of Purchase Contracts on the Basis of Best Value as Defined in Section 163 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York. The foregoing Local Law No. 1, previously offered by Councilman Christian at the February 11, 2016 Town Board Meeting, was seconded by Supervisor Herrington and was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Local Law No. 1 was thereupon declared duly adopted and becomes effective immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Balistreri is preparing the details for the operation of the summer camp for 2016. Mr. Pat Poletto, Bookkeeper & Assistant to the Supervisor, is beginning to schedule performers for the summer concert series for this year.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 160206 through 160319, No. 2261601 through 2261609, No. 2261611 through 2261612 and No. 3111601 through 3111611 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Larry Murray, 69 N. Langmore Ln., addressed the Board regarding a continuing water runoff problem affecting his property. He stated that the Highway Department had paved the roads a few years back and since then the runoff from the road has been washing across his drive and garden, taking soil with it and even going so far as his neighbor's front lawn. He has brought this to the attention of the town several times and is very frustrated. He feels certain this is due to the pitch in the road which needs to be changed. Highway Superintendent Doug Eddy mentioned that they had tried to fix this by cutting the roadway some, but since it is still a problem they would try to address the issue again. He mentioned possibly a berm to direct the water. In any case the remedy will most likely require asphalt, so when the plants start operating for this season they will work on a solution.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Casale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk