

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 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 7:10 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 Sullivan 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 March. \$6,026.59 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 Councilman Casale 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 March. Road work included sign replacement, ditch cleaning, road sweeping, tree and brush trimming, catch basin clearing and road patching. His department also prepared for the summer. They repaired picnic tables and flagpoles, hauled and graded material for ballfields and assisted with the demolition and removal of the dugouts at the girls' softball field. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. 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 March. All required water sampling was completed and they responded to 24 Dig Safely New York requests. The Sycaway Sewer Separation Grant is in its final approval process. The Clums Corner Well testing results are back and were quite good with the exception of slightly elevated iron and magnesium levels. A problem has been ongoing with builders not complying with storm water management resulting in quite a bit of follow up. 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.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella read her report for the month of March. The report showed \$6,721.80 was collected for Building Permit and Variance/Planning Board Fees. 9 new building permits were issued, 41 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 309. She had 1 code call out, 29 code complaints and made 25 code complaint inspections. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of March. Other than routine matters, he has completed a resolution concerning a Tax Assessment adjustment which was in front of the Board this evening for approval if so desired. He also has been working on purchasing and personnel matters with the Supervisors Office, Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of March. She has continued to work with representatives of the State Police, Troop G, researching and compiling information for their upcoming NYS Police Centennial and also with the new owners of the Morrison Farm for historical records. The Gilead Lutheran Church is working on the Center Brunswick Cemetery and is being assisted by the Rensselaer County Sherriff's Community Service Program for a few days this spring. The Rensselaer Land Trust has coordinated the annual Tomhannock Reservoir shoreline cleanup being held April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster read his report for the month of March. After expenses, there were revenues of \$1,573.00. 39.94 tons of material were recycled and landfilled for the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Library Report: Ms. Natalie Schipano

Ms. Schipano was unable to attend the meeting and will be forwarding her report. Marie Stasiack, Brunswick Community Library Board of Trustees President, gave a brief overview of the month of March. Their numbers have been high this year, thanks in part to a program the Upper Hudson Library instituted, and Brunswick's programs have been running exceptionally well. The Easter egg hunt had more than 200 participants and was almost overwhelming. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 36** Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of Stipulation of Settlement in Connection with Tax Assessment Review Proceeding. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 37** Resolution Appointing and Fixing Compensation of Town Employee. 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.

**Resolution No. 38** Resolution Approving and Authorizing Supervisor to Accept Installation Proposal for Turnkey Purchase and Installation of Heating/Cooling unit for Keyes Lane Community Center Under New York State Contract. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 39** Resolution Accepting Petition for Rezoning of Property and Amendment of Zoning Map of the Town of Brunswick.

Prior to a vote on this resolution, Supervisor Herrington asked Attorney Gilchrist to give an explanation of the proposal and petition. Mr. Gilchrist noted that this was merely a petition at this point, and if accepted will by Town Zoning Regulations be referred to the Town Planning Board as well as the Rensselaer County Planning Department since it borders Hoosick Road. Acceptance of the petition does not commit the Town to the change, only allows it to move forward for review. He then asked attorney F.R. Griffin, representing the petitioners, to explain the reason for the petition. Mr. Griffin explained that the approximately 1 acre parcel is surrounded by commercially zoned properties. It is located across from the current Stewart's store and they have expressed an interest in purchasing the property for a new store, which would require the zoning change.

**Continuing;**

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, 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.

**Resolution No. 40** Determination and Findings Pursuant to Eminent Domain Procedure Law §204.

Prior to a vote on this resolution, Supervisor Herrington asked Attorney Gilchrist to explain its intent. Mr. Gilchrist advised that this was a necessary step in the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, which the Town Board had initiated at its February meeting, held a public hearing concerning the property and the Town's intent, and drafted the Determinations and Findings contained within this resolution. Adoption will not commit the Town to the acquisition of the property but allows it to move forward if desired. All involved parties are aware of and involved in the proceedings.

**Continuing;**

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 Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 41** Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute and Submit, a New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Application (Drinking Water), in Connection with the Proposed Clums Corner Water Supply and Distribution System Project in the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Casale and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, 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. 160320 through 160445, No. 3251601 through 3251604a, No. 3251606 through 3251613 and No. 4081601 through 4081612 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved.

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Mr. James Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., addressed the Board. He inquired as to when the updated Zoning regulations and maps were due to be completed. Supervisor Herrington has been advised by the consultants on the project that a June date should be possible for the initial draft. Attorney Gilchrist then explained that the resulting documents will need to be submitted to the County and adjoining Towns and then be scheduled for public hearings. A required Generic Environmental Impact Statement is also being completed. Adoption will depend on time required to review and address any public comment received, if any, to make changes if necessary, and to repeat the public hearing process if changes are required. Mr. Tkacik also inquired if there were any lead water lines in town after seeing issues other surrounding towns have recently been experiencing. Water Superintendent William Bradley noted the main lines were not a problem but there were likely service lines to homes that had been lead. All the Town water testing has been negative.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:00 p.m. Supervisor Herrington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved.

At 8:35 p.m. Councilman Christian made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting, seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. There were discussions only during Executive Session and no actions were taken

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Casale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis  
Town Clerk