

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

**Board Members Present:** Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Casale and Councilman Balistreri.

**Board Members Absent:** Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Christian.

**Also Present:** Deputy Supervisor, Patrick Poletto, Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi, Planning and Zoning Boards attorney, Andrew Gilchrist and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Deputy Supervisor Poletto called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Casale. Approved.

**REPORTS:**

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis submitted a written report for the month of June. \$34,940.08 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Summer camp registrations and Recycling fees made up the majority of monies received. He also mentioned that the new HVAC unit for the Community Center was installed as planned and is working beautifully. Motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report was made by Councilman Casale 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 June. Road work included road sweeping, tree and brush trimming, mowing roadsides, prepping roads for paving and paving. They also assisted Rensselaer County, the Town of Berlin and the Town of Grafton, supplying trucks to haul paving materials. The monthly brush pickup was completed as scheduled. Culvert replacements continued and the Water Department was assisted with a major repair on Pinewoods Ave. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 June. All required water samplings and Dig Safely requests were completed. He performed site inspections of completed infrastructures for the Highland Creek project, also consulting on the relocation of water and sewer lines. They replaced water valve boxes on Pinewoods Ave. and the generator at the Route 7 sewer pump station. Mr. Bradley also met with an engineering firm assessing the scope of work which would be required for water and sewer connections for a proposed Stewarts store to be located at the intersection of NY 7 and Sweet Milk Creek Rd. Motion to accept the 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.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella read her report for the month of June. The report showed \$60,296.20 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 73 new building permits were issued, 109 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 415. The department had 2 code call outs, 11 code complaints and 11 code complaint inspections were made. Additionally, 8 fire inspections and 8 follow up inspections were completed. They have also been working on locating owners of abandoned/vacant properties in town in order to have them maintain them properly.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. 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 June. Other than routine matters, he has been working with the Supervisor's office on personnel issues. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of June. She has been working with the manager of Advance Auto Parts who requested historic information and pictures of the town to display at their new store. Mrs. Zankel provided digital copies of historic photos and prepared information to be displayed along with them. She continues to work on locating graves at Forest Park Cemetery for a descendent who would like to place a tombstone at the site. She also noted that the Center Brunswick Cemetery restoration is going well and volunteers looking at reforming the Cemetery Association and possibly resuming sales of gravesites. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster read his report for the month of June. After expenses, there were revenues of \$3,136.10. 40.27 tons of material were recycled and landfilled for the month. Councilman Sullivan asked if a report on proceeds/losses concerning the e-waste handled could be compiled. This will be addressed. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan 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 June. The month saw a large increase in print circulation and patron visits. Computer sessions increased, however, e-book and digital audio books were down a bit. All the regular programs have been running well and will continue. The Summer Reading Program registration was at 157 with registration still open. The Free Little Library project is almost finished and should have its big reveal in early September. The new Pokemon Go! video game is all the rage, and the library is a stop. They have seen many people coming in to get their tokens and are even planning a pokemon event August 30<sup>th</sup>. Full schedules & news items are available at [www.brunswicklibrary.org](http://www.brunswicklibrary.org). Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. A copy of the written report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 52** Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act with Regard to Local Law No. 2 of 2016. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Absent; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 53** Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2016 Entitled "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Brunswick and the Zoning Map of the Town of Brunswick to Rezoning Tax Map Parcel No. 91.2-4-12.12 from the R-25 Zoning District to the B-15 Zoning District." The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Absent; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 54 (Voice)** Be it resolved, that effective immediately, the fees for garbage bags sold by the Recycling Center are set at: \$2.00 ea. or \$8.00/5pk. for small (15gal.) bags and \$3.00 ea. or \$15.00/5pk. for large (32gal.) bags. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale, was put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Absent; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Poletto noted the Summer Concert Series was going well with Big Fez and the Surfmatix performing next and Wylder the following week. Fundraisers (50/50) have been quite successful.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**WARRANTS:**

Warrants No. 160676 through 160815, No. 61716001 through 61716002, No. 61716004 through 61716013, No. CR61716003, No. CR61716033, No. 70116001 through 70116012 and No. 71516001 through 71516012 were presented. Councilman Sullivan made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Mr. Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., addressed the board. He inquired why a building permit had recently been denied. The application was for a large scale solar panel installation (farm).

Ms. Guastella, Code Enforcement, stated she was waiting for more guidance from the Town Board concerning this type of use.

Mr. Tkacik noted that while the board was considering a moratorium on these types of installations, it was not in place, so they were effectively enforcing it before a vote, which he strongly disagreed with.

Mr. Andrew Gilchrist, Zoning and Planning Boards attorney, explained that the issue with the permit application is that the town zoning ordinance does not address this type of use – primarily for sale to the electric grid - and therefor is inherently not allowed. Installations that have been allowed have been determined as an accessory use, providing electric for the residence or business on their own property for their own use. It may be possible to install a large facility with a special use permit, however, there are many zoning questions that need to be resolved. These could include allowable size/percentage of coverage on a defined site, setbacks, screening, taxation, and decommissioning.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis  
Town Clerk