

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2017, 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:

Sera Hovanecz, Rensselaer County Department of Health, advised the Town Board of a free radon testing program the RCDH has made available. Residents are able to contact her for the kits, which she will deliver and pickup when finished, at no charge to the homeowner. Informational flyers she brought are available at Town Hall. There are a limited number of kits.

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 gave his report for the month of December. \$6,661.50 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. The 2016 Annual Report was also submitted. Recycling fees accounted for the majority of monies received, with Community Center, dog license and miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center has consistently been booking three months in advance. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy gave his report for the month of December. Department work included road patching, road plowing/sanding, brush pickup, roadside brush clearing and tree limb pruning. With the Vanderhyden Reservoir still low, they have been able to pull sand back from the beach and stockpile it for future use and clear brush around the lake. The Town of Schaghticoke assisted with some storm water drain root problems at Oxford Rd. and South Lake Ave. 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 was unable to attend the meeting. A report was not available at this time. His report will be available at a future date at the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella gave her report for the month of December. The report showed \$3,660.75 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 16 new building permits were issued, 146 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 375. The department had 1 code call out, 4 code complaints and 4 code complaint inspections were made. Additionally, 3 follow up inspections were completed. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of December. Other than routine matters, his work included the following: Continued work on the Brook Hill subdivision, Denise Dr. and Bailey Point roadway dedications; Consulted with the Town Clerk on FOIL requests; Reviewed and prepared hearing notices and resolutions for the Brunswick #1 Fire Co. budget; Performed legal research pertaining to Civil Service law; Met with the Justice court for consultation on matters; Prepared resolutions for the End of Year, Organizational and this evenings meetings. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the month of December. She and Phyllis Harrison had done some decorating with garlands and wreaths on the Forest Park Cemetery entrance and hoped everyone has enjoyed them. Work on the two Brittonkill School District history projects and the Rensselaer Land Trust project continues. She has also been asked by the Rensselaer County Cooperative Extension Service to help compile historical information on farming for their centennial celebration. Today, at Town Hall, she hosted a meeting of Town Historians from throughout Rensselaer County. 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 gave his report for the month of December. After expenses, there were revenues of \$1,675.95. 49.89 tons of material were recycled and landfilled for the month. This will be addressed. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan 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. She submitted her report via e-mail. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Prior to the following Resolution, Mr. Saunders was asked to come forward to be personally thanked by the Town Board and share a few moments.

Resolution No. 22 Resolution Recognizing Charles “Charlie” Saunders Upon His Retirement After Thirty (30) Years of Service to the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Prior to the following Resolution, Mr. Roscoe was asked to come forward to be personally thanked by the Town Board and share a few moments.

Resolution No. 23 Resolution Recognizing Gill Roscoe upon His Retirement after Thirteen (13) Years of Service to the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 24 Resolution Declaring Items to be Surplus Property. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly 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. 25 Resolution Approving Adoption of Negative Declaration Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act on Application to Amend the Brunswick Plaza Planned Development District. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Casale, was duly 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. 26 Resolution Approving Amendment to Brunswick Plaza Planned Development District. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly 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. 170001 through 170099 and No. 11317001 through 11317012 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., asked if there were any regulations concerning deadlines for commencement or completion of Planned Developments or Major Subdivisions once they had been approved. He referenced the Hudson Hills PDD, which had been approved in August of 2007 and was just now being started. The builder had stated earlier that the economic downturn at that time had prevented the project from moving forward. The point Mr. Tkacik made was that while approval in 2007 may have been reasonable, in the almost 10 years gone by, multiple similar projects had been proposed, approved and completed. This had him question if there were even a need for more apartments, or if it was even in the town's best interest at this point.

Supervisor Herrington asked Zoning and Planning Boards attorney, Andrew Gilchrist, to address Mr. Tkacik's question.

Mr. Gilchrist noted though there were no Town regulations currently, they were being considered as part of the new Town Zoning Ordinance currently being developed. He also shared that he has witnessed similar situations in other localities, and there was a gray area where a balance needed to be found. Prior expenditures of the developer, which usually include land purchase, environmental reviews, engineering studies, application fees, etc., are substantial, and needed to be considered in any resolution of issues. This also would include any Zoning changes made after the original approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Casale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk