

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Supervisor Herrington.

Also Present: Deputy Supervisor, Patrick Poletto, Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi, and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

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

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Ms. Theresa Zubretsky, Capital District Tobacco Tree Communities, addressed the board. This organization will help communities to institute smoke free public areas such as play grounds, pools, parks, building entrances, etc. They offer assistance with policy development and free signage & support materials. She noted that the health benefits are obvious but there are also environmental benefits. Litter from cigarettes and tobacco products is a huge concern and can be hazardous to children and wildlife.. Ms. Zubretsky distributed informational packets to all board members, thanked them for the opportunity to speak and asked that if they would like more information to contact her.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings, seconded by Councilman Casale. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of January. \$8,087.11 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for the majority of monies received, with Community Center, dog license and miscellaneous fees making up the balance. Again, the Community Center has been booking well in advance with 25 new reservations accounting for \$2,875.00. 1 new reservation for the Beach Pavilion was also received. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Brandon Hill

Mr. Hill gave his report for the month of January. Department work included: Road patching; Road plowing/sanding; Sidewalk snow blowing; Christmas trees and leaf bags pickup; Burned brush; Hauled sand to mix with road salt; Hauled cardboard & tires to recycler; Assisted Water Department with repairs; Checked culverts and catch basins; Performed maintenance on plows & trucks; Cleared brush & junk from new property; Replaced missing street signs.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer Report: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of January. All water sampling was completed; Meter readings were completed for February billing; Repaired water break on Frear Park View; Inspected new 8" water line drilled under Hoosick Rd.; Inspected & approved Oakwood Property water & sewer work; Inspected Cumberland Farms building site; Working to schedule water backflow preventer and storm water inspections. There was one water quality issue at the Keyes Lane test site. Trihalomethane reading was high. Public notification will be sent and posted on our website. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella gave her report for the month of January. The report showed \$1,125.00 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 5 new building permits were issued, 88 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 255. The department had 2 code call out, 8 code complaints and 8 code complaint inspections were performed. Additionally, 5 fire inspections and 5 follow up inspections were completed. Karen has been working with Attorney Cioffi finalizing all the necessary paperwork to move ahead with the demolition of condemned house at 897 Hoosick Rd. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Casale. Unanimously 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, his work included the following: Worked with the Building Dept. on the pending demolition at 897 Hoosick Rd.; Finalized the collective bargaining agreement; Worked on a FOIL request with the Town Clerk; Prepared two Local Laws for possible introduction this evening; Attended meetings on Town easements regarding Oakwood Properties, with a builder on a McChesney Ave, property and one concerning group home inspections; Worked with the Supervisor and Highway dept. on mower and truck purchase matters; attended a meeting on water district consolidation.. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel was unable to attend the meeting. She forwarded her report via e-mail and it was provided to the Board Members. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously 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 January. After expenses, there were revenues of \$2,009.28. 24.12 tons of material were recycled and 21.31 tons landfilled for the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously 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. Mrs. Maureen Cox gave the report for the month of January. There were large increases in print, eBooks, digital audio books and Wi-Fi usage. Patron visits were down from December, but were much higher than January last year. Regular programs continued. There will be a Kid's Pizza and Paint party on February 19th at 3:30 p.m. Work has started on the upcoming Summer Reading Program and they hope to collaborate with The Brunswick Christian Academy and Tamarac School for events. The construction grant is finally closed out and they should be receiving the final 10% soon. The annual library appeal brought in almost double the donations of last year. For the first time they used the Town mailing list and though the printing and postage costs much more, after these expenses they still realized a \$6,000.00 increase. Program schedules, special events and news items are available at www.brunswicklibrary.org. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 26 Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Purchase One (1) Groundmaster 4100-D Mower, With Attachments, Under New York State OGS Contract – Highway Department. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 25 Resolution Fixing and Establishing Compensation of Part Time, Seasonal, Highway Department Employee. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Casale, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 28 Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act With Regard to Local Law No. 1 of 2018. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 29 Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2018 of the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Local Law No. 2 of 2018 Councilman Christian introduced Local Law No, 2 of 2018, entitled “A Local Law Establishing the Residency Requirements for the Appointed Office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Brunswick”.

This Local Law, intended to expand the field of potential selections for this position, would supersede and amend Public Officer and Town Laws to remove the restriction requiring Town residency. Residency in Rensselaer County, New York State, will still be required. Copies were distributed to all Board Members.

A public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2018 was scheduled for March 8, 2018 commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Brunswick Town Hall. The Notice of Public Hearing will be posted at Town Hall, on the Town website, and published in The Record Newspaper.

Introduction of Local Law No. 3 of 2018 Councilman Christian introduced Local Law No, 3 of 2018, entitled “A Local Law Amending Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 1 of the year 2008 Pertaining to the Cold War Veteran’s Limited Town Tax Exemption”

This Local Law would remove the current 10 year limit for Cold War Veteran tax exemption, and provide the exemption for as long as the property owner remains a qualifying owner of qualifying real estate. Copies were distributed to all Board Members.

A public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2018 was scheduled for March 8, 2018 commencing at 6:45 p.m. at the Town of Brunswick Town Hall. The Notice of Public Hearing will be posted at Town Hall, on the Town website, and published in The Record Newspaper.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 180085 through 180200, No. 12618001 through 12618010 and No. 20918001 through 20918007 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 117,102.33
Highway	\$ 95,274.48
Water	\$ 13,382.08
Sewer	\$ 2,936.43
Special Sewer District	\$ 913.58
Special Fire Districts	\$ 25,443.51

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., asked what the tax policy is for the proposed commercial solar installations in town. Mr. Poleto advised that the Town was working with the Rensselaer County Tax Department to develop the fee structure for a PILOT program which would cover the whole county. The solar installations currently in the permitting process will have to have come to an agreement with the town before construction. Mr. Tkacik also inquired about the status of the Local Law introduced last year concerning indemnification for town employees. A public hearing had been held and the Local Law had been tabled. He also asked if it could be voted on at any time. Mr. Poleto noted that no actions concerning this had been taken since. If it were to be re-introduced with any changes, a new Public Hearing would be required.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk