

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2019, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Councilman Casale.

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

**REPORTS:**

*Town Clerk:* William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of February. \$7,839.93 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$4,226.00, Community Center fees \$2,450.00, Pavilion fees \$300.00, dog license fees \$363.00 and \$500.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 18 new reservations and the Beach Pavilion 3. New 2019 Summer Day Camp registration forms are now available, and the new 2019-2021 beach passes should be in by the end of the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Highway Superintendent:* Brandon Hill

Mr. Hill was unable to attend the meeting. A copy of the written report, when received, will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Water & Sewer Report:* Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley was unable to attend the meeting. A copy of the written report, when received, will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Code Enforcement:* Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of February. The report showed \$3,400.00 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 5 building permits were issued or renewed, 75 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 233. The department had 1 code call outs, 4 code complaints, 8 code complaint inspections and 1 fire inspection. An additional 2 follow up inspections were completed. There are 2 Planning Board projects open or approved and 2 with the Zoning Board. 8 vacant/abandoned properties have been identified.

Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. 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 February. Other than routine matters, his work included the following: Finalized dedications to the Town of roads and infrastructure in the Brook Hill Subdivision; Worked with the Building Department on several potential enforcement actions; Worked with the Supervisor's Office on personnel matters, pending updates to the Town Code Book and Town purchasing policy; Attended the New York State Association of Towns conference, completing six hours of required continuing education; Responded to a resident's e-mail questions regarding disposal of tires. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the month of February. A majority of her time and attention was giving assistance to Stewart's Shops for the development of the historical display for the new Center Brunswick store. She dedicated this month's report to the memories of four recently deceased residents who over the years had selflessly contributed time and effort to the Historical Society. Elsie Hayner Shudt, Iva Riorden, Mary Joe Button and Warren Rymiller were all instrumental in furthering hers and the Society's mission to collect, preserve, display and share the history of the Town of Brunswick. A brief overview of each of their contributions is included in the report. Sharon urges anyone with historical knowledge, photos, and items to share, or who are interested in being involved with the Society's projects, to please reach out to her. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan 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 February. Revenues for the month were \$4,158.00 and expenses were \$2,918.00 for a total of \$1,240.00. 16.59 tons of materials were recycled and 15.09 tons landfilled for the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Library Report: Sara Hopkins

Tom Mahoney, Library Trustee, introduced new Library Director Sara Hopkins to the Town Board. Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of February. For the month there were 3430 circulated items, 1233 digital circulations and the customer count was 2388. They processed 19 passports for earnings of \$665.00. The new computers have logged 207 sessions. The Easter Bunny Hop is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Two new book clubs, fiction and non-fiction have been started. Program schedules (new and continuing), special events and 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 Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 36** Resolution. Resolution to Accept the Water and Sewer Maintenance Roll for the Period of 07/01/2018 through 12/31/2018 - February 2019, Water and Sewer Roll. 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 Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Balistreri suggested the Zoning and Planning Board correspondence be achieved via e-mail instead of regular mail. This would save time paper & postage. He is also planning on bringing in information about a new program that collects all details on business and private properties and enters it into a database which would be available to first responders in emergencies.

Supervisor Herrington shared new news about Mohawk Ambulance. The company has decided to close its Troy facility and move to the Town of Brunswick. It will be on McChesney Ave., East of McChesney Ave. Extension. He has been told this would be a million dollar project and would house six ambulances Mr. Poletto, Assistant Supervisor, advised that the Summer Concert Series schedule was almost ready, with only two dates remaining to be filled.

**WARRANTS:**

Warrants No. 190221 through 190322, No. 22219001 through 22219010 and No. 30819001 through 30819006 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 134,849.00
Highway	\$ 72,403.98
Water	\$ 12,528.99
Sewer	\$ 1,334.52
Special Sewer District	\$ 895.37
Special Fire Districts	\$ 1,682,948.75

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Caroline Trzcinski, 205 Carrolls Grove Rd., asked if would be possible to have a road dedication sign installed to acknowledge a neighbor who, every day, walks down Carrolls Grove Rd. to Tamarac Rd., down to Clums Corners (Stewart's) and back, all the while cleaning the litter from the roadsides. Supervisor Herrington said it would be looked into. She also noted that there is supposed to be a plaque commemorating the former site of Spiak's Garage at the intersection of Route 7 and Brick Church Rd. Supervisor Herrington said the current owner of the property is aware of this and it will be done.

At Supervisor Herrington's request, Mr. Andrew Gilchrist, Planning and Zoning Board attorney, gave an update on the progress on proposed Local Laws No. 1 and 2 of 2019. During and since the February Public Hearing, there has been quite a bit of input/comments from residents and both proposed laws are being reviewed with these in mind.

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., first congratulated Supervisor Herrington for his work on bringing Mohawk Ambulance to the Town. He did have a concern that the sidewalks/walking lanes included in several PDD plans along McChesney Ave, and McChesney Ave. Extension have not been constructed. Mr. Gilchrist advised him of a few developments. McChesney Ave. Extension and from there the western portion of McChesney Ave. are county roads and they did not want sidewalks as the raised curb could interfere with plowing in the winter. These roads are to be widened to provide walking lanes, some of which have been completed. This would allow the plows to clear these lanes at the same time as the roads. Also, the Town is still working with the developers on this issue. He also noted that there are still right of ways to be resolved and that infrastructure work is still being done along the shoulders for the water and sewer lines.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis  
Town Clerk