

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2018, 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:

Ms. Sera Hovanecz of the Rensselaer County Department of Health came before the board to discuss radon testing and a free program that is available to residents. Radon gas is present naturally throughout the world but in higher concentrations – as in enclosed structures – and long term exposure, it is a leading cause of cancer. Upon request Sera will deliver test canisters to a resident’s home and retrieve them in about three days. The kits are taken to a lab for analysis and results should take 2 to 3 weeks. If the levels are high, steps should be taken to remedy the situation. This is not a major project and she has heard estimates of around \$1,500.00 to properly vent the home. More information is available at Town Hall, or by calling Rensselaer County Department of Health at (518) 270-2672.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of February. \$6,245.29 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, with 13 new reservations accounting for \$1,625.00. 3 new reservations for the Beach Pavilion were also received. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Brandon Hill

Mr. Hill gave his report for the month of February. Department work included: asphalt & dirt road patching; Road plowing/sanding/pushing back sides; Hauling sand and mixing with salt; Hauling gravel for stockpile; Snow blowing sidewalks; Culvert and ditch clearing; Limbing roadside trees; Cutting and stacking downed trees; Burning brush; Hauling cardboard & tires to recycler; Assisting Water Department with water line repairs; Performing maintenance on plows & trucks; Working on Route 7 baseball fields. Motion to accept the report was made by

Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Casale. 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 February. All water sampling was completed. A postcard was sent to approximately 1300 residents concerning a water sample violation at Keyes Lane. Mr. Bradley explained that this was a reaction between chlorine and organics in the water, and though he was required by law to send a notification, there had been no real danger to the public. Leaks on Cooper Ave. and Cloverlawn Rd. were repaired. Additional leaks have been detected on Meadowview Dr., The Crossway and Cooper Ave. Repairs will be made as weather permits. Two interior leaks were found, one which the homeowner will be repairing and a major one in a vacant bank owned home which had not been winterized. Storm water inspections at active building sites in town are continuing. 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.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella gave her report for the month of February. The report showed \$10,145.00 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 9 new building permits were issued, 63 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 254. The department had 2 code call out, 2 code complaints and 2 code complaint inspections were performed. Additionally, 7 fire inspections and 5 follow up inspections were completed. The demolition of the condemned house at 897 Hoosick Rd. was completed. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. 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: Prepared the text, the notices of Public Hearing, the Resolutions pertaining to and the filing documents for two (2) Proposed Local Laws; Worked with the Building Department on the 897 Hoosick Road demolition project and a court ordered record subpoena; Worked with the Town Clerk's and Supervisor's offices on FOIL requests. Motion to accept the report was made by supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel was unable to attend the meeting. She will submit her February report at the next Town Board meeting scheduled for April 12, 2018. A copy of the report will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office at that time.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of February. After expenses, there were revenues of \$836.00. 29.49 tons of material were recycled and 16.9 tons landfilled for the month. He did note that a major expense was from a large quantity of tires reclaimed during cleanup of property recently purchased by the town, not from residents, which did not generate revenue.

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

Library Report: Natalie Hurteau

Mrs. Hurteau was unable to attend the meeting. She will submit her report at a later date, a copy of which will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office at that time. Program schedules, special events and news items are available at www.brunswicklibrary.org.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 30 Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 2 of the year 2018 Entitled "A Local Law Establishing the Residency Requirements for the Appointed Office of Deputy Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Brunswick". 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 Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 31 Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 3 of the year 2018 Entitled. "A Local Law Amending Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2008 Pertaining to the Cold War Veterans Limited Town Tax Exemption". The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian 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 Abstain; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 32 Resolution to Accept the Water and Sewer Maintenance Roll for the Period of 07/01/2017 Through 12/31/2017. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Joyce Davey, Treasurer of the Speigle Elders, wrote to Deputy Supervisor Patrick Poletto thanking the Town for their support. The monies received were used to offset the costs of transportation and their outings. Carol Smolen will be installed as the new Treasurer for their organization on March 9th. "It has been a pleasure working with you".

Natalie Hurteau, Director of the Brunswick Community Library sent a note to Supervisor Herrington thanking the Town for their continued support, especially for helping with their recent annual appeal for donations. By making the town mailing list available, this year's appeal was the most successful yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 180201 through 180287, No. 22318001 through 22318010 and No. 30918001 through 30918007 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 131,437.83
Highway	\$ 53,186.04
Water	\$ 14,541.51
Sewer	\$ 2,161.32
Special Sewer District	\$ 910.24
Special Water District #11	\$ 3,450.00
Special Fire Districts	\$ 1,665,790.51

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Jim Sponable, 166 Bulson Rd., addressed the Board. He has been a resident for about 30 years and recently started working for the town as a snowplow wingman. He wanted to share his observations regarding the highway crew. He has been very impressed with the professional way everyone works together, keeping in constant radio contact and helping with each other's routes if needed. He shared a few anecdotes from his recent foray into the storms. His driver changed his route in a development to insure an ambulance could get into a drive, then plowed the way out before resuming. Another time there were kids playing close to the road so he stopped, got out of the cab and had a pleasant chat with them about being safe when the snowplows come through. All said, he just wanted to be sure the people knew, if they didn't already, that the highway staff were professional, excellent to work with and a great asset for the town.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk