

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 9, 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 7:00 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 Casale made a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

**REPORTS:**

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of February. \$5,055.15 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for approximately \$2,900.00, Community Center and Pavilion reservations for approximately \$1,600.00 and the balance for dog licenses and miscellaneous fees. There were 11 more Community Center and 2 Beach Pavilion reservations received. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Doug Eddy

Deputy Superintendent of Highways, Brandon Hill, gave the report for the month of February. Department work included road patching, road plowing/sanding, sidewalk snow blowing, roadside brush clearing/tree limb pruning, road sign repairs, salt/sand mixing, plow maintenance, culvert and ditch clearing, hauling cardboard and appliances to recyclers, repairing damage from plowing and performing maintenance work on old office/highway building and recycling area. They also assisted Pittstown hauling crushed stone. 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.

Water Superintendent: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of February. All required water tests were completed. The department responded to 26 Dig Safely requests. He has continued review of the water, sewer and storm water plans for the Oakwood Property Management project, supervised water and sewer disconnects at 666 & 670 Hoosick Rd. prior to demolition and is working on the mapping of all fire hydrants in the Town. He has reviewed the costs associated with replacing

600' of 2" water line on Meadow View Drive. There have been two recent repairs needed due to outside corrosion of the copper pipe. He estimates the cost to be \$20,000.00. The department received numerous calls about seemingly high water bills. He attributes this to the late meter readings due to implementation of the new system and the dry summer which caused people to use more for watering lawns and plants, not realizing how much that really uses. They have delivered 36 notices for access to homes for water meter replacement and unfortunately only received 4 replies. He will try mailing notices and if unsuccessful may have to impose a fine or notify the owners of a possible water shut off. 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.

Code Enforcement Officer: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella gave her report for the month of February. The report showed \$11,560.00 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 7 new building permits were issued, 102 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 346. The department had 1 code call out, 4 code complaints and 3 code complaint inspections were made. Additionally, 1 follow up inspection was completed. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington 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 February. Other than routine matters, his work included the following: Negotiations with the Union regarding collective bargaining for the Water & Sewer Department employees, attending two negotiation meetings with Union officials and several internal meetings concerning strategies for same; Researched and offered opinions to town officials and employees on Highway Department personnel matters; Worked on road dedication matters with a town volunteer fire company; Completed twelve hours of training at the annual NYS Association of Towns conference. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the month of February. She dedicated 15 hours of research towards a Brittonkill class project about local Civil War soldiers, responded to two inquiries about historic homes and to a request by a college student to visit Forest Park Cemetery for research. She attended a program presenter by Kathy Sheehan, County Historian, concerning significant historic structures in Rensselaer County. Ms. Sheehan will be publishing a book and asked historians to submit photos and histories of two buildings for inclusion. The historical marker for the Forest Park Cemetery has been received and she would like to hold a commemorative event for the installation. March marks Brunswick's 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is also Women's History Month. She mentioned and recounted some history of Pearl Potter who was the first woman in our town government, serving as Deputy Town Clerk. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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. After expenses, there were revenues of \$1,418.00. 33.05 tons of material were recycled and landfilled for the month. 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.

Library Report: Natalie Hurteau

Mrs. Hurteau gave her report for the month of February. The month saw a slight decrease in computer sessions, WIFI connections, e-books and digital audio books, with an increase in patron visits (1875) and with print circulation (2606) remaining about the same as last month. Regular programs continued with one snow day cancelling activities. She will be working on a

grant (McCarthy Grant) hoping to secure money they can use for needed materials. There are numerous special events planned. The schedules for these and all programs and news items are available at [www.brunswicklibrary.org](http://www.brunswicklibrary.org). 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.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 33** Resolution and Order Accepting Petition for Extension of Town of Brunswick Water District No. 16 and Scheduling Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 13, 2017, to commence at 6:30 pm.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington 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.

**Resolution No. 34** Resolution and Order Accepting Petition for Extension of Town of Brunswick Sewer District No. 10 and Scheduling Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 13, 2017, to commence at 6:45 pm.

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington 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 Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Joyce Davey, Treasurer of the Speigle Elders, wrote thanking the town for its continuing support of their organization.

Dr. Angelina Maloney, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Supervisor Herrington and the Town Highway Department for assisting with snow removal at the school in the wake of the February 14<sup>th</sup> snowstorm.

Mr. Richard Hartt, representing Cat Care Advocates, thanked the town for supporting their "Garage Sale" event at the Brunswick Community Center on February 4<sup>th</sup>, which raised over \$3,000.00 to aid homeless and abandoned cats in our area with medical care and food.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**WARRANTS:**

Warrants No. 170217 through 170299, No. 22417001 through 22417013 and No. 31017001 through 31017012 were presented. Councilman Sullivan made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Mr. Chris Gerard, 928 Hoosick Rd., inquired as to any zoning changes proposed impacting his property. Supervisor Herrington offered to go over the zoning map with him after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Casale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis  
Town Clerk