

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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:

None.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Sullivan 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 September. \$9,958.54 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$5,331.00, Community Center fees \$1,500.00, dog license fees \$410.00 and \$2,717.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 12 new reservations. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale 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 gave his report for the month of September. Department work included: Road patching and paving; Cleared/replaced culverts; Repaired washed out roads; Cleared ditches; Assisted Troy again with boom mowing road sides; Assisted NYS DOT with road sweeping; Assisted Eagle Mills Fire Company with bucket truck; Mowed road sides; Mowed sports fields and Town properties; Made monthly pickups of brush and leaf bags; Cleaned up in Forest Park Cemetery; Hauled cardboard, tires and appliances to recyclers; Replaced missing street signs; Trimmed brush and vines away from traffic signs; Repaired Historical Society's porch; Prepared trucks for leaf pickup use. 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.

Water & Sewer Report: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of September. The department completed all required water sampling; Located a leak in a private water service line on Pickering Lane; Continued storm water inspections at various projects in town; Purchased and will install a new water tank radio transmitter to replace one damaged due to power outage; Compared sewer connection databases with Rensselaer County to verify properties are being correctly billed; Interviewed several applicants for an available position in his department. 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.

Code Enforcement: Karen Guastella

Ms. Guastella gave her report for the month of September. The report showed \$9,529.85 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 30 building permits were issued or renewed, 149 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 251. The department had 1 code call out, 8 code complaints, 8 code complaint inspections and 3 fire inspections. An additional 7 follow up inspections were completed. There are 10 Planning Board projects open or approved and 2 with the Zoning Board. 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 September. Other than routine matters, his work included the following: Attended the Special Meeting for the introduction of the 2019 Tentative Budget; Worked with a Town Justice on paperwork for a court grant application; Worked on the legal aspects of utility supply agreements (MEGA) and prepared Resolutions for same; Worked on personnel matters with the Supervisor's Office regarding drug and alcohol testing and longevity payment policies; Researched the setting of speed limits within the town; Prepared a notice for bid on surplus equipment; and has been working with the Building Department on a recent FOIL request. 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 September. The Brunswick Historical Society opened a new exhibit featuring the histories of the five fire departments serving Brunswick, and hosted a reception to honor them. Both the long planned exhibit and reception were executed by BHS President Tracy Broderick. Planning is going forward for the Forest Park Cemetery tour on October 20th. There will be several BHS members assisting with oral presentations. The Rensselaer County Auxiliary Police will not be available to assist with traffic control this year. Councilman Sullivan raised a concern that parking inside the cemetery gates may not be possible due to the extremely wet weather. Highway Superintendent Brandon Hill will assess the situation closer to the event date. She is working on a presentation for the Birchkill Arts Guild. The Albany Institute of History and Art exhibition of 19th Century artist Joseph Hidley has been postponed again with no future date provided. A Tamarac High School teacher has inquired about ideas for history based projects and they will be meeting to discuss.

A Resident of Michigan, who grew up in Brunswick, offered and then sent at her own expense, a collection of local newspapers dating back 50-80 years. 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 September. Revenues for the month were \$7,186.84 and expenses were \$3,075.94 for a total of \$4,110.90. 23.99 tons of materials were recycled and 17.96 tons landfilled for the month. 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.

Library Report: Natalie Hurteau

Mrs. Hurteau was unable to attend the meeting. The Library report for the month of September was given by Laural Colasurdo, library Board Member and 2019 Vice President. Circulation was down from last month but up from this time last year. The big event in September was the Apple Cider Social with about 100 people attending. The Fall Fest is to be held Friday October 12th starting at 3:00 p.m. The annual "Trunk or Treat" will be held Wednesday October 31st from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. More "Trunkers" are needed, so please sign up on the library website or stop in to volunteer. They will be continuing shared services with the Grafton Library for 2019, and report that this is going well. Library fines can now be paid online. The Brunswick Library is "Fine Free" however, if items are requested though Brunswick but checked out from a different library, fines could accrue. Program schedules, special events and news items are available at www.brunswicklibrary.org. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 64 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for Payment In Lieu Of Taxes. 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 Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 65 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Intermunicipal Agreement. 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 Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 66 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute Natural Gas Transaction Confirmation and Commodity Master Agreement for Natural Gas with Direct Energy Business in Cooperation with the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance, Inc. (MEGA) and Pursuant to Genesee County Bid Award and Contract. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Casale, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 67 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Supervisor to Execute Electricity Supply Agreement for Electricity with Constellation Newenergy in Cooperation with the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance, Inc. (MEGA) and Pursuant to Genesee County Bid Award and Contract. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Casale, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 68 Resolution Reappointing Member to Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 69 Resolution Declaring Item 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 Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 70 Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act with Regard to Renovation of Town Building. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Casale, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 71 Application to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) for the Design and Construction of a Garage Building for Water Department and Ambulance Service (Project). 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 Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 72 Resolution Approving 2019 Tentative Budget as 2019 Preliminary Budget of 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 Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received by Supervisor Herrington from Margaret Page, Treasurer of the Sycaway Seniors, thanking the Town for their continued support through the years. This year they had two trips: One to the Mac Hayden Theater in August and a boat trip on Lake George in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 180961 through 181086, No. 92118001 through 92118009 and No. 100518001 through 10051806 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Casale. Unanimously approved.

Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 164,095.02
Highway	\$ 44,293.56
Water	\$ 344,627.45
Sewer	\$ 334.32
Special Sewer District	\$ 320.11
Special Fire Districts	\$ 37,798.87

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk