

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Balistreri.

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 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 April. \$10,354.33 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$6,244.00, Community Center fees \$600.00, dog licensing fees \$509.00, Summer Camp registration fees \$2,375.00 and \$625.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 4 new reservations and there is only one weekend opening through August. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Brandon Hill

Mr. Hill was unable to attend the meeting. A written report was provided. 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 April. Monthly water sampling was completed. Work included: Repaired 12' water main at Spring Ave. Ext. and Lansing Roads; Repaired water service on Woodlawn Court; Installed new shut off valve on Frear Park View; Supervised new sewer and water connections at the Nigro/Price Chopper site; Continued storm water inspections on projects; Met with Stewart's Shop contractor regarding the new water main connection; Reviewed proposed sub division projects. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has noticed the Town of violations at the Vander Hayden Reservoir concerning deficiencies of the dam. Mr. Bradley has been in contact with Laberge Group to take the necessary steps to comply with DEC's required reporting and emergency plan updates. He has also asked for an update on the schedule for the Dam Rehabilitation Project. 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.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of April. The report showed \$15,349.75 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 26 building permits were issued or renewed, 73 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 247. The department had 2 code call outs, 15 code complaints, 17 code complaint inspections and 1 fire inspection. An additional 7 follow up inspections were completed. There are 6 Planning Board projects open or approved and 1 with the Zoning Board. 2 more vacant/abandoned properties have been identified. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of April. Other than routine matters, his work included the following: Prepared a Resolution for a Zoning Variance on Sharpe Rd.; Reviewed proposed purchase/solicitation for a new office phone system; Worked on a Local Law amending alternative veterans tax exemptions; Worked with the Town Engineer on a bid solicitation for work to remedy a water problem in the Community Center crawl space; Prepared a Resolution declaring item to be surplus property; Attended a presentation and conducted research on fire pre-plan software and services under consideration for purchase for use by the Fire Companies servicing the Town; Prepared bid specifications for the sale of a surplus forklift; Commented and made suggestions regarding proposed Local Law #3 addressing vacant buildings; Researched updating of the Right to Farm Law; Reviewed and commented on a letter to the Town of North Greenbush concerning the Sharpe Rd. development; Worked on a proposed purchase of a roll-off trailer for the Recycling Center; Consulted with the Building Department on potential enforcement action involving properties on Lansing Rd.; Reviewed and discussed possible additional changes to the Town's sexual harassment policy; Researched the Open Meeting Law in regards to conducting meetings by teleconference; Worked with the Building Department on a FOIL request regarding 718 and 722 Hoosick Road. Motion to accept the report was made by supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the month of April. The Tamarac School students she had worked with, who won their exhibit entry at the National History Day competition held in Albany, as well as several other category winners from the school, travelled to Cooperstown, for the statewide competition. Though the group she assisted didn't win, another group from Tamarac, who researched the Anti Rent War, won first place and will move on to the national competition. She responded to several inquiries including family history research, historic property information, Forest Park Cemetery information and a resident seeking a property deed, whom she referred to the Rensselaer County. She continues on-line historical research and transcribed two early articles (1902 & 1911) about Brunswick which are included with her report. 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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of April. Revenues for the month were \$6,082.22 and expenses were \$2,912.44 for a total of \$3,169.78. 22.95 tons of materials were recycled and 19.11 tons landfilled for the month. 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.

Library Report: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of April. For the month there were 4036 circulated items, 1085 digital circulations and the customer count was 3083. They processed 27 passports for earnings of \$945.00. The computers logged 220 sessions. There were 779 participants in children's events, including the Easter Trunk Hop, and 351 for adult events. There were a total of 23 programs last month. Coming up: A Pottery Class will be offered on 5/17 and 5/24; A Facebook Class will be on 5/18; and Chair Yoga for people with developmental disabilities will return beginning on 5/31. Some maintenance will include rug cleaning, repair of rain barrel piping and repair of front pillars. Sara had just been informed that the Brunswick Library had won the Upper Hudson Libraries' Best Program of the Year Award for their work with adults with developmental disabilities. There were 36 submissions for the award from 29 libraries as some libraries have more than one location. Program schedules (new and continuing), 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. 44 Resolution to Effect Changes in the February 2019 Water and Sewer Rolls. 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 Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 45 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 Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 46 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes. 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 Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 47 Resolution Directing Coordinated Environmental Review Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act Regarding Brunswick Acres Planned Development District. 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 Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 48 Resolution Granting Variance from Subdivision Law Standard. 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 Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 190430 through 190529, No. 41919001 through 41919009 and No. 50319001 through 50319006 were presented. Councilman Christian made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Casale. Unanimously approved.

Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$	82,956.98
Highway	\$	143,150.40
Water	\$	22,690.33
Sewer	\$	457.05
Special Sewer District	\$	483.25

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Kathy Betzinger, 1 Valley View Drive, thanked Supervisor Herrington for the use of the Community Center for the Brunswick Democratic Committee Caucus, for which they had paid the normal fee. On that note, citing practices of other municipalities, she asked the Board to consider passing a Resolution allowing any constituted committee (political party) to use Town facilities free of charge for caucuses. She also had a question regarding the June 25th Primary poll location, having heard it would be at the Community Center where there was a concert scheduled. The one poll location will actually be at Town Hall which has been confirmed by the Town Clerk through the Board of Elections and also receipt of a complete list from them.

Supervisor Herrington had a few items to relate. He noted that the continuing growth in businesses in Brunswick has resulted in a large increase in sales tax revenue the first quarter of 2019. On the other side, State funding for highway repair/construction has declined, so the additional revenue is important to our tax base. He had the pleasure of attending a ceremony presided by Judge Hummel awarding US citizenship to 17 people from around the world. He was very impressed by the ceremony and the stories of their journeys, some at great risk to their lives.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Casale. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk