

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William 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:

Betty Fucci, 36 Killock Avenue, came back to the board to ask again if they were planning on fixing the water issue that she claims is a result of the construction on her neighboring lot. Supervisor Herrington stated that they had been there, had tried some ditching. Ms. Fucci said it only made it worse. There was much discussion on the how and why the water has become an issue. Councilman Christian, who works closely with the Highway Department, reminded her that there is a plan to install a catch basin to hopefully alleviate the problem. However this will have to wait until the Highway Department has completed its spring cleanup programs involving brush pickup road sweeping before committing personnel.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Not Available.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of February. \$6,436.49 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$4,321.00, Community Center fees for \$1,575.00, Dog License fees for \$290.00 and \$248.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 11 new reservations and bookings are well into June. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Terry Scriven

Mr. Ed O'Donnell, Deputy Highway Superintendent, gave the report for the month of February. Work included: plowed and sanded roads; hauled sand; cut brush back on roadsides; hauled recyclables; patched roads; inspected and cleaned catch basins; steamed culverts; cleaned Rt. 7 sidewalks; assisted Water Department with water line repairs; washed trucks. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of February. First he wanted to express his view as a citizen that everyone should be supporting the people of Ukraine. While some sanctions could be inconveniencing us, it is nothing compared to their suffering. To his report. All required water testing for the month was completed. February was a quiet month. However, as soon as he put that in this report, a water break was reported. Thankfully it is minor and will be repaired tomorrow. Meter replacements and valve/curb box mapping have continued. This will all be tied to GPS, making future work/locating more efficient. He continues to monitor projects on

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Hoosick Road. Blasting is complete and if there are still any complaints regarding this, the Building Department has the forms. He has been reviewing the proposed changes to the MS-4 requirements for storm water management. The proposed permit would put more responsibility on the Town, including the Highway Department. Lind VonDerHeide of Rensselaer County has been working with other officials across the state to address the timing and money required to comply with the proposed changes. It is felt that legislation to ban unnecessary packaging and certain disposable items would have a greater impact on the environment rather than pushing costs and labor for cleanup on to local governments. 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. 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 February. The report showed \$8,080.65 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 10 building permits were issued or renewed, 75 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 370. The department had 2 code call out with inspection, 7 code complaints, 8 code complaint inspections, 10 follow up complaint inspections and 0 fire inspection. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 7 Planning Board projects open or approved and 3 with the Zoning Board. Harbor Freight is ready to begin its roof decking and Hannaford is erecting walls. Rock processing from the blasting at the Leon site is almost finished. Aldi's will be the last to build on this site as they need to do extensive compacting. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of February. He had attended and participated in weekly meeting in regards to the Zoning Law updates; participated in the Special Meeting regarding the CVE North America solar project; prepared Resolutions for this meeting; worked with the Supervisors Office to finalize documents contracting the new phone system; worked on the Request for Proposals for an engineering firm to work with the Planning Board on a regular basis; worked with the Supervisor and Town Clerk offices regarding personnel matters: assisted the Building Department with a response to a FOIL request; performed legal research and advised town officials and employees on legal matters and documents as requested. Motion to accept the report was made by supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the months of February. She noted the Town of Brunswick was created from Troy by legislation on March 20th, 1807. In the 1800's Town Meetings were an annual event attended by men, where officials were elected, road districts laid out and an overseer of highways was named with assistant overseers for each district. She also talked about the origins of the town meeting concept which began by New England states in the 1700's. The idea was not favored by all, with some feeling it was a "a little selfish minority" who showed up to express disagreements. She prepared and submitted material for the next newsletter including several historical photos. She asks that residents share any of these types of pictures with her. She received thanks from several individuals for informing them of the Erie Canal Museum's presentation of the life and times of Garnet Douglass Baltimore. March is Women's History

Month and the NYS Museum is featuring an online 20 minute presentation featuring items in it's collection made, designed or donated by women. She has been contacted by a new not for profit the New York State Old Cemetery Conservancy based out of Queensbury which encourages the preservation of neglected historical cemeteries through training and financial aid. They seek individual and organizational memberships and offer corporate sponsorships. Though not exactly locally themed, she mentioned a new book "A Prison in the Woods" by Clarence Jefferson Hall, which tells the history of the development of several prisons in the Adirondacks. Motion to accept the reports was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Copies of the written reports are 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 \$4,030.27. Expenses were \$2,120.90. 14.77 tons of materials were recycled and 14.83 tons landfilled for the month. 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.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of February. Last month there were 3,481 physical checkouts, 12 pickup appointments, 1,817 walk in visitors and 2,271 digital checkouts. 438 people participated in various programs. Library Advocacy Day was March 2nd and a fact she likes to point out is that every dollar invested in a library generates seven dollars of worth through checkouts, programs, and technology usage. On March 18th # 6:30pm they are hosting Jeff Snow, a Celtic musician and storyteller and on March 25th they are having a seed starting program with volunteer Girl Scouts. She is also asking for any donations towards their Easter story walk event such as plastic eggs, small candies and small toys. 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 Sullivan 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. 32 Resolution to Accept the Water and Sewer Maintenance Roll for the Period of 07/01/2021 Through 10/31/2022 – February 2022, 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 Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 33 Resolution Fixing and Establishing Salary of Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, 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 Adopting Town of Brunswick Local Law No. 4 of 2022. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye;

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Balistreri advised that he attended the first public safety committee meeting which was also attended by all the Fire Departments, the Sheriff's Department, Chuck Golden (Building Department) and Councilman Cipperly. Topics included volunteer recruitment, auxiliary and support members, junior firefighters and Mohawk Ambulance response in town. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19th. He has also been looking at our website and has pages of recommendations for improvements. Tracy Broderick, Becky Legacy and Pat Poletto have started working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Herrington shared a concern with Summer Camp coming up. With the rising costs of transportation, considerations as to how many busses will be used are being made and the information will be available soon.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 220195 through 220287, No. 21822001 through 21822010, and No. 30422001 through 30422006 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

General	\$ 113,905.46
Highway	\$ 89,609.40
Water	\$ 23,157.16
Sewer	\$ 1,415.25
Special Sewer	\$ 1,135.86
Special Fire	\$ 1,752,377.20

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jennifer Mann, 91 Hill Road, asked about the status of the CDTC grant the Town applied for. Supervisor Herrington said there was a policy meeting on March 3rd and he was informed by our consultant the grant was approved and the paperwork is due in a few days. The state will be hiring the project engineers and there will be more information as the process gets rolling.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk