

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2025 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Cipperly.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Dave Gruenberg and Town Clerk Rebecca Del Gaizo.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting on January 9th, 2025. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: Rebecca Del Gaizo

Ms. Del Gaizo gave the report for the month of January. \$7,450.17 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Rounding numbers, recycling fees accounted for \$4,250.00, Community Center fees for \$4,250.00, Dog License fees for \$416.00 and \$1,071.97 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 22 new reservations and the pavilion had 2 events reserved. Our share of \$807.81 in DEC sales was \$22.19. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Michael Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave his report for the month of January. Work included: Patching; Recycle pulls; Shop work; Roadside mowing; Working on street signs; Cleaning trucks after snow storms; Cutting brush at the beach; Ice patrol; Hauling sand; Christmas tree pickup; Carpenter work; Pipe work on Old State Route 142; Plowing snow; Water main break; and Chaining truck tires for winter storm. 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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave the report for January. The Water Department completed the meter reading cycle and will mail out bills February 24, 2025. The amount of water sold was approximately 110 million gallons of water and the amount purchased from the City of Troy was 147 million gallons. The 33% difference is from breaks, service leaks, fire department usage, and leaking hydrants. There was a water line break in the Springbrook neighborhood that lost approximately 200,000 gallons of water per day. Rifenburg Construction anticipates starting work on the upper spillway area of the Vanderheyden Dam in a few weeks. They are working on a temporary drain valve to allow the reservoir to refill. Mr. Bradley reported results from completing the Water System Emergency Action Plan and System Vulnerability Plan include number of security items, such as the need for additional security cameras and fencing around the water tank. 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.

Code Enforcement: Kevin Mainello

Mr. Mainello presented the report for the month of January. The report showed \$13,261.50 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 13 building permits were issued or renewed, 67 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 354. The department had 0 code call out with inspections, 4 code complaints, 4 code complaint inspections, 19 follow up complaint inspections and 1 fire inspections. 0 additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 5 Planning Board projects open or approved and 7 with the Zoning Board. 6 FOIL requests were received as well as zoning inquiries. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Ms. Broderick was unable to attend the meeting. A report was not filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave his report for the month of January. Revenues totaled \$4,142.20 and expenses \$2,796.11. 42.06 tons of materials were recycled and landfilled. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins gave her report for the month of January. Last month there were 3,480 physical checkouts, 2,337 walk in visitors, 3,347 digital checkouts, 150 Wi-Fi users (18/day average), assisted with 117 technical usages and 353 reference questions were addressed. 575 people participated in various programs, and 14 passports were processed. 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. 25 OF 2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK DECLARING NEED AND AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL OPERATING CERTIFICATE FROM THE NEW YORK STATE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Absent; 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. 26 OF 2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO PURCHASE ROCK SALT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 103(4). 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 Absent; 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. 27 OF 2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE FOR INTERNET SERVICE IN THE BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL AND THREE TOWN BUILDING LOCATIONS. 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 Absent; 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. 28 OF 2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE BRUNSWICK FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, INC. (“FIRE COMPANY”) WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Absent; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Abstain; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF CENTER BRUNSWICK, INC. (“FIRE COMPANY”) WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Absent; 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. 30 OF 2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. (“FIRE COMPANY”) WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS. The

foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Absent; 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:

Mary Beth Bruno sent an email honoring Jennifer Mann, a well-known community advocate and friend to all, passed away recently.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Christian inquired with the Town Clerk about a new sign on the clerk’s office door that reads, “Authorized Personnel Only”. Ms. Del Gaizo clarified that the sign is intended as a precaution in case of encounters with First Amendment Auditors. While not part of an official audit group, these individuals attempt to access public spaces while recording on their cell phones to share on social media. Mr. Gruenberg elaborated on the purpose of the sign at the clerk’s office, noting it helps prevent unauthorized entry into the office and protects confidential records or information. He also mentioned that other municipalities have placed similar signs at their clerk’s offices for the same reason.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 250065 through 250191, No.11725001 through 11725006, No. 13125001 through 13125009 were presented. Motion to approve the warrants was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. Individual fund expenses were as follows:

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| General | \$ | 252,274.75 |
| Highway | \$ | 74,402.62 |
| Water | \$ | 27,623.01 |
| Sewer | \$ | 1,540.04 |
| Special Sewer District #6 | \$ | 680.50 |

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Luis Hutter, White Church Road, said he and his neighbors have concerns about people hanging out in the cemetery behind the Brunswick Church. Councilman Christian reminded him the town does not own or operate the cemetery. Mr. Hutter also said he believes the church is not in compliance with the original site plan and asked the town to look into it.

Chris Fanning, White Church Road, representing Brunswick Soccer Club, provided a quick project update to the board regarding obtaining a field lighting system. They are receiving quotes and working on a budget for this project. Matt Braeslin, Brunswick Soccer Club, has received 4 quotes from electrical contractors that range from low \$100,000 on up to \$300,000, depending on the features involved. The club is hoping to partner with the town and has also reached out to the state and county for grant opportunities for this project. The soccer club is planning on spending \$100,000 of their savings towards this project. They are also requesting the soccer fields be flattened with a roller before the season starts. Councilman Sullivan asked about the

status of the irrigation system, which is still installed but is not currently functional. The irrigation system is also on the list of priorities.

Patricia Rivera, Cole Lane, said she has issues with her neighbor regarding the stream behind their homes. She said the owners graded the property too low and now the stream flows sideways on their property, instead of flowing behind the house. She said they have had to install a drainage system and is requesting the town look into the situation to see if there is anything the town can do to help.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of Jennifer Mann, a town resident who was deeply committed to the community. Supervisor Herrington shared his reflections on his unique relationship with Ms. Mann and her unwavering dedication to the town. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Herrington. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Del Gaizo, Town Clerk