

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

**Board Members Present:** Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Christian, Councilman Casale and Councilman Balistreri.

**Board Members Absent:** Supervisor Herrington

**Also Present:** Deputy Supervisor, Patrick Poletto and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Deputy Supervisor Poletto 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 Sullivan. Approved.

**REPORTS:**

*Town Clerk:* William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of March. \$7,055.43 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for approximately \$4,800.00, Community Center and Pavilion reservations for approximately \$1,350.00 and the balance for dog licenses and miscellaneous fees. There were 10 new Community Center reservations 1 Beach Pavilion reservation and 1 summer camp registration received. 100 new 2 year Beach Permits have been issued so far – as the weather improves this will pick up - and employment applications for the summer camp and beach are starting to arrive. 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.

*Highway Superintendent:* Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy gave his report for the month of March. Department work included road patching, road plowing/sanding, sidewalk snow blowing, road sweeping and vacuuming, roadside brush and dead tree clearing/tree limb pruning, salt/sand mixing, plow maintenance/wing and sander removals, hauling cardboard to recycler, exterior maintenance work on old office/highway building, filled and stored sandbags, assembled and delivered bleachers for the Brunswick Youth Baseball field, and performed maintenance work at ballfields. They also assisted the Town of Schaghticoke with large tree removal. Mr. Eddy also attended a meeting with FEMA concerning reimbursement for expenses incurred during the "Stella" snow storm, which the State classified as a disaster, freeing up relief funds. 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.

Water Superintendent: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of March. All required water tests were completed. The department responded to 60 Dig Safely requests. Work on the mapping of all fire hydrants in the Town continues. Mr. Bradley has been working with our attorneys reviewing and addressing a notice of violation, issued to the property owner and timber deed holder at 10 Plante Ln. by NYSDEC and the Town, concerning storm water deficiencies at the site. He also distributed to the board members the new MS-4 Storm Water Regulations which will likely go into effect at the end of the month. He implored everyone to read the new regulations as it will put a great deal of new burdensome compliance and reporting procedures directly on the town. The NYS Department of Health is also asking for review of the Lead & Copper Sampling Plan for the Water Department and to provide them with a revised plan for review this month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri 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 March. The report showed \$3,694.00 was collected for Building Permit and Zoning Variance/Planning Board Fees. 7 new building permits were issued, 112 building inspections were performed and active permits totaled 331. The department had 2 code call outs, 12 code complaints and 14 code complaint inspections were made. Additionally, 7 follow up inspection were completed. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi was unable to attend the meeting. A report is not available.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel gave her report for the month of March. She continued to assist a Tamarac students with a project on the centennial of women's suffrage movement in New York. She responded to two inquires. One about Forest Park Cemetery and one regarding the Meneeley Bell foundries in Troy. She has also been researching the history of the home once owned by the Hanaman family at 1001 Hoosick Road. The family had a long history with the town, going back to its organization in 1807. The house is a significant example of the historic character of Center Brunswick and is indicative of late 19<sup>th</sup> Century architecture. It has become known that Stewart's is interested in the property in order to construct a new store. Sandra Chuta, volunteer manager of the Brunswick Library's book sales, forwarded a donated copy of the 1965 *Architecture Worth Saving* compiled by Dr. Bernard Foerster. 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 March. After expenses, there were revenues of \$2,326.73. 16.78 tons of materials were recycled and 24.28 tons landfilled for the month. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale. 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 March. The month saw an increase in computer sessions, a large increase in e-books and digital audio books, an increase in print circulation (3030) and patron visits (2179) and a slight decrease in Wi-Fi since last month. Story Time has been re-named Tots Discovery Class. Paint & Sip is adding pottery and water coloring classes. A Staff development Day was held providing one on one training on e-readers and new services offered to patrons. The Red Cross Blood Drive went well with 21 viable donations. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> and they have 500 eggs filled and will be assisted by members of the PTSA. Regular programs will continue. Full schedules, special events 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 Sullivan. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 35** Resolution Approving Adoption of Negative Declaration Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act on Establishing Extension of Town of Brunswick Water District No. 16. 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 Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution and Order No. 36** Resolution and Order Establishing Extension of Town of Brunswick Water District No. 16. The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Sullivan 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 37** Resolution Approving Adoption of Negative Declaration Pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act on Establishing Extension of Town of Brunswick Sewer District No. 10. 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 Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution and Order No. 38** Resolution and Order Establishing Extension of Town of Brunswick Sewer District No. 10. The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 39** Resolution Retaining Legal Counsel and Appraisal Expert for Defense of Real Property Tax Law Article 7 Litigation. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution and Order No. 40** Resolution and Order Accepting Petition for Extension of Town of Brunswick Water District No. 1 and Scheduling Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2017, to commence at 6:30 pm.

The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Sullivan 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution and Order No. 41** Resolution and Order Accepting Petition for Extension of Town of Brunswick Sewer District No. 3 and Scheduling Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2017, to commence at 6:45 pm.

The foregoing Resolution and Order, offered by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Casale, 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 Absent. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**WARRANTS:**

Warrants No. 170300 through 170407, No. 32417001 through 32417013, No. 40317001 and No. 40717001 through 40717010 were presented. Councilman Sullivan made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

Mr. Kevin Bailey, 180 Main Ave., Wynantskill NY, on behalf of High Peak Solar and Hope United Methodist Church, asked for an update on the proposed Zoning Law. Mr. Andrew Gilchrist, attorney for the Town Zoning and Planning Boards, advised him that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has just recently sent legal notice

their need to review the section concerning timber harvesting. They have the legal authority to do so. This began a process which requires the Town to allow 45 days for the Commissioner of the NYSDEC to review and make comments, if any, on the proposed regulations. This prohibits the Town from approving the Zoning Law, in its entirety, until this process is complete. Therefore, the Town Board could not act on the Zoning Law this evening. However, the NYSDEC has indicated their response should be prior to next month's Town Board Meeting at which time it may be possible to move forward.

**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