

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Herrington, Councilman Christian, Councilman Casale, Councilman Sullivan and Councilman Balistreri (Appointed by Resolution No. 65 below).

Board Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Town Attorney, Thomas Cioffi and Town Clerk, William J. Lewis.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

Mr. Mark Balistreri was appointed to the Town Board (Resolution No. 65 below) and sworn in.

VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Mrs. Barbara Carey, residing at 540 Lansing Ave., addressed the board concerning her belief that she is owed tax refunds dating back to 1998, claiming she was not allowed medical expenses to be applied which would have qualified her to a 50% exemption. She stated she had spoken with the NYS Real Property Tax Law Department and the NYS Attorney General's Office about this and believes the information obtained from these conversations supports her claim. Town Attorney Thomas Cioffi inquired who she specifically spoke to for this information, and for her to share this with him in order to determine exactly what, if anything, was improperly handled. Mrs. Carey agreed to provide Mr. Cioffi with her contact information and the matter will be investigated further.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Supervisor Herrington made a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis read his report for the month of October. \$8,465.54 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. Motion to accept the Report was made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy read his report for the month of October. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water & Sewer Report: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley read his report for the month of October. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Superintendent of Utilities & Inspection: John Kreiger

Mr. Kreiger read his report for the month of October. \$9,323.40 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. 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 October. Other than routine matters, he has been working on two personnel issues, one research and one a filed grievance by an employee. Motion to accept Mr. Cioffi's report was made by Supervisor Herrington, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of October. In addition to the report she wished to recognize the people who helped make the October 26th walking tour of Forest Park Cemetery a success. Motion to accept her report was made by Councilman Casale, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster read his report for the month of October. Motion to accept his report was made by Councilman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Library Report: Natalie Schipano

Ms. Schipano read her report for the month of October. Also Mr. Fred Wobrock, Brunswick Library Treasurer, gave a brief overview of the 2015 Library Budget. Motion to accept the reports was made by Councilman Casale, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 65 Resolution Appointing Town Board Member. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 66 Resolution Finally Adopting Preliminary Budget, as 2015 Annual Budget of the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Aye; Councilman Christian, 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 Directing Preparation of Bid Specifications and Advertising for Bids in Relation to Demolition and Removal of Unsafe and Dangerous Structures. 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 Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Herrington noted that he was pleased with the progress of the new businesses along the Route 7 corridor, including Carbone Subaru, Ace Hardware, improvements to Burger King, improvements to DiCarlo's Autobody Shop, and the future expansion of Rensselaer Honda. He also mentioned the new Stewart's Shop at Route 2 and Brick Church Rd. Not only have they visually improved these areas and utilized existing properties, they are also a crucial part of the tax base for the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Sullivan introduced Local Law No. 2, which concerns updating the Town of Brunswick Zoning Map. A Public Hearing on Local Law No. 2 was scheduled for December 11, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. at Town Hall, immediately preceding the regular Town Board Meeting. Notice of this hearing will be published in the Troy Record, posted at Town Hall and posted on the Town website.

WARRANTS: Warrants No. 014150 through 014258, No. 10241401 through 10241408, No. 10241410 through 10241414, No. 11071401 through 11071412 were presented. Supervisor Herrington made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Approved.

FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Jim Tkacik, residing at 387 Brunswick Rd., asked about the Town procedure for hiring to fill vacant positions. The board noted that certain positions were by appointment as per governmental procedures. Also, as with any business, promotion of a qualified employee from within was a possibility. Otherwise, openings are posted in the employment section of the designated Town newspaper, The Troy Record, and on the Town website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William J. Lewis III
Town Clerk

Note: An audio compact disc of this meeting is available in the Town Clerk's Office.