

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2015, 7:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None.

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

All joined in with the salute to the flag.

**VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:**

Mrs. Barbara Carey, residing at 540 Lansing Ave., addressed the Town Board concerning an ongoing issue. Specifically, she still maintains that she is owed back taxes she has paid, which should have been subject to a 50% reduction due to medical expenses incurred, going back approximately 15 years. Attorney Cioffi acknowledged she had previously brought this up to the Town Board. However, he pointed out that this still needed to be resolved with the Assessment Department and was not a legal or Town Board issue. He also mentioned that previously Mrs. Carey had offered to supply him with names of people she had spoken with at the State level so he could contact them, but had not. Mrs. Carey maintained that she had, and they agreed to disagree. At the end of the discussion Mr. Cioffi again reiterated that this would have to be resolved through the assessor. Mr. Rooney, Sole Assessor, will be advised of the discussion.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Councilman Casale made a motion to accept the Minutes of the previous meetings, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

**REPORTS:**

*Town Clerk:* William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis submitted a written report for the month of February. \$4,749.74 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. Motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Highway Superintendent:* Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy was unable to attend the meeting. His written report was received. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. 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 February. In addition to normal activities the department has repaired several breaks and assisted with thawing frozen water lines. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Superintendent of Utilities & Inspection: John Kreiger

Mr. Kreiger resigned effective February 28, 2015. His assistant, Dan Bruns, read the department report for the month of February. The report showed that \$4,792.50 in fees were collected and will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. 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. Other than routine matters he has been researching tax exemption questions with the assessor, prepared contracts at the request of certain town employees, did legal research for certain employees and prepared the resolutions the Town Board would be considering at this meeting. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of February. She noted that March was Local History Month and that March 20<sup>th</sup> is the 208<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Town of Brunswick. In her report she shared some history of the town from the late 1800s. At one point parts of the town were considered for inclusion with other adjoining town properties to form a new town. There were livestock issues in the Sycaway area relating to dogs killing sheep and a ban on pig pens. She also read several entries from a journal kept by Jane Adams Lawless from 1897 describing a very snowy month of March, also in the Sycaway area. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster presented his report for the month of February. 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.

Library Report: Ms. Natalie Schipano

Ms. Schipano gave her Library Report for the month of February. Even being a short month circulation remained steady. She has been preparing her first yearly report for the State. She also reported that the new programs she has implemented have been well attended and appreciated by the parents of "Tweens" for their family friendly themes. Her feeling is that programs for the public are necessary to keep the library successful into the future, and has plans for more. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 31** Resolution Authorizing Vehicle and Equipment Purchases. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, 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.

**Resolution No. 32** Resolution Approving Agreement with the Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington 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 Abstain; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 33** Resolution Adopting Internet Acceptable Use Policy. The foregoing Resolution, 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 Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 34** Resolution Appointing and Fixing Compensation of Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Brunswick. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington 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.

**Resolution No. 35** Resolution Establishing and Increasing Fees for Participation in the Town of Brunswick Summer Day Camp Program. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri 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 Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution No. 36** A Resolution Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, 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**

Supervisor Herrington received a letter from Dr. Angelina Maloney, Brunswick Central School Superintendent, thanking the Town of Brunswick Highway Department for their help in clearing the overwhelming amount of snow accumulated during February. "The spirit of cooperation is one of the many things that makes our community so wonderful"

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**WARRANTS:** Warrants No. 2271501 through 2271513, No. 3131501 through 3131512 and No. 150197 through 150311 were presented. Supervisor Herrington made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved.

**FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis  
Town Clerk

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