

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: Councilman Sullivan

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:

Mr. Dan Walker, 4 Ledgestone Rd. commended the Highway Department on its snow removal efforts this past winter in the Coopers Pond area. He had two concerns he wished to bring to the boards attention. First there has been an issue with water pooling in front of his and his neighbors house, which seems to be getting worse and asked if the Highway Department could look into it. Second, he has noticed the spillway and culvert at the end of Coopers Pond seem to be deteriorating and water is flowing on the outside of the culvert. He knows that the Town has been trying to keep the culvert clear but it is an ongoing problem.

Highway Superintendent Doug Eddy acknowledged that he was aware of both issues. Some ditch work may be necessary for the pooling problem and materials have already been purchased for, and LaBerge Engineering has assessed the condition of the spillway. The latter will most likely have to be contracted out due to accessibility.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

REPORTS:

Town Clerk: William J. Lewis

Mr. Lewis submitted a written report for the month of March. \$6,356.91 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. Motion to accept the Town Clerk's 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.

Highway Superintendent: Doug Eddy

Mr. Eddy read his report for the month of March. 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 March. Additionally, he presented each of the board members with a draft copy of the Town of Brunswick Stormwater Management Plan, which is required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Also National Grid has made a FOIL request for vast amounts of information on our infrastructure including location and previous work on water and sewer lines throughout town. There is some concern this may not fall under the Freedom of Information Law and is being researched. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Monica Nann-Smith

Ms. Nann-Smith read her report for the month of March. The report showed that \$8,683.25 in fees were collected and will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Casale. 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 March. Other than routine matters he has been working with the Town Assessor on legal issues, conducted research for certain personnel and prepared resolutions the Town Board would be considering at this meeting. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Mrs. Zankel read her report for the month of March. Sharon has been extensively researching local cemeteries, tracking down the histories and attempting to reach out to organizations or volunteers with the desire and/or resources to help preserve them. Her report contained quite a bit of information on both the incorporated and private cemeteries in Brunswick, Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Casale and seconded by Councilman Christian. 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 March. 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 March. Circulated items, computer sessions, eBooks and digital audio books all were up from February. Nine new patrons registered. The library is continuing to offer many youth and adult programs with good turnout. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 39 A Resolution Authorizing, Subject to Permissive Referendum, the Replacement of the White Church Bridge, in and for the Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$650,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$650,000 Serial Bonds of Said Town to Pay the Cost Thereof. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Balistreri 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 40 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance Pursuant to Section 90.00 or Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law of Refunding Bonds of the Town of Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New York, to be Designated Substantially "Public Improvement Refunding (Serial) Bonds", and Providing for Other Matters in Relation Thereto and the Payment of the Bonds to be Refunded Thereby. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution No. 41 Resolution Increasing Fee for Reservation of Pavilion at Town Beach. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Casale and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Absent; 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. 43 Resolution Authorizing Supervisor to Contract for Mobile Telephone / Data Services and Related Equipment Under NYS Contract. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Sullivan, Voting Absent; Councilman Christian, Voting Aye; Councilman Casale, Voting Aye; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Aye; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

At 8:10pm, Supervisor Herrington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Motion seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved.

At 8:30pm, Supervisor Herrington made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Seconded by Councilman Casale. Approved. No actions or voting occurred in Executive Session.

Resolution No. 42 Resolution Authorizing and Directing Commencement of Litigation on Behalf of the Town of Brunswick. 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 Absent; Councilman Balistreri, Voting Absent; Supervisor Herrington, Voting Aye. The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Herrington received a letter from Jay and Kathy Schneider thanking the Town for help with a minor issue regarding their property.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Patrick Poletto, Assistant to the Supervisor, advised the board that the bookings for the Summer Concert Series is moving along with at least six confirmed bands.

WARRANTS: Warrants No. 3271501 through 3271508, No. 3271510 through 3271514, No. 4101501 through 4101512 and No. 150312 through 150420 were presented. Supervisor Herrington made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Approved.

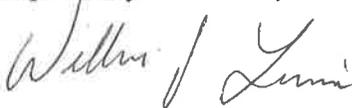
FURTHER COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Rd., inquired as to the town hiring procedures, specifically the new head of the Code Enforcement Department. This was a civil service position and therefore applicants were on a Rensselaer County qualifying list and were asked to interview. The new position was filled from that list.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Christian. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 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.

*It was necessary for Councilman Balistreri to excuse himself from the meeting prior to Executive Session and the Roll Call Vote for Resolution No. 42.