

**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL**

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Christian made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Public Hearing and March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

The following reports for the month of March were submitted by department heads in lieu of personally appearing to present orally. Copies were included in each Board Member's packet and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Historian: Sharon Zankel

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Attending the meeting:

Town Clerk: William Lewis

Mr. Lewis gave his report for the month of March. \$8,445.31 will be remitted to the Supervisor's office. Recycling fees accounted for \$5,961.00, Community Center fees \$1,250.00, Dog License fees \$591.00 and \$643.00 in miscellaneous fees making up the balance. The Community Center had 9 new reservations. New 2 year Beach Passes are ordered and should be available in a few weeks. 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.

Highway Superintendent: Terry Scriven

Mr. Scriven was unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Highway Superintendent Edward O'Donnell gave the report for the month of March. Work included: Road sanding and plowing; Road patching, repairs and sweeping; Brush hauling; Recyclables hauling; Raked out plow damaged lawns; Cleaned Town Beach; Removed truck sanders; removed and painted snow plows and wings; Installed Veterans banners. 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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave his report for the month of March. Monthly water sampling was completed. The water bill collection has gone fairly well, however, there may have been a postal delivery problem as there is a grouping of delinquent payment in one area which he will look

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into. Much time has been spent locating town water and sewer lines as National Grid is replacing gas lines and Rennselaer County is preparing to pave North Lake Ave. Any repairs should be performed before this is started. Storm water inspections for the Dusenberry solar project have started. The New York State Department of Health is requiring inclusion of Cyber Security Protocols documentation as part of our emergency planning. This will need to be attended to as there is very little documentation at this time. Motion to accept the report was made by Supervisor Herrington and seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Charles Golden

Mr. Golden gave his report for the month of March. The report showed \$22,994.26 was collected for Building Permits and Zoning and Planning Board Fees. 19 building permits were issued or renewed, 77 building/property inspections were performed and active permits totaled 324. The department had 1 code call out with inspection, 6 code complaints, 5 code complaint inspections, 5 follow up complaint inspections and 12 fire inspection. No additional vacant/abandoned properties were identified. There are 10 Planning Board projects open or approved and 5 with the Zoning Board. 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.

Town Attorney: Thomas Cioffi

Mr. Cioffi gave his report for the month of March. He prepared Resolutions for this meeting; worked on arranging for the study concerning the study of two and multi-family residences in the Town; Attended and participated in internal meetings concerning the impasse in the collective bargaining negotiations with the CSEA; Worked with the Building Department on an ongoing FOIL request and code enforcement issues; Worked with the Supervisor's office on purchasing and personnel matters; Worked with the Assessment Department on a personnel matter; Performed legal research to respond to a variety of legal questions posed by various officials and employees. Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins was unable to attend the meeting. Marthe Ann Gabey, President, Brunswick Community Library Board of Trustors, give the report for the month of March. Of note; The library started in person browsing by appointment on March 15th and are hoping to get to 50% capacity in May; The returned book quarantine has been lowered from four days to two; all staff members are eligible for the COVID Vaccine and have had their first shots; Mini egg hunts were provided for children when families came for their appointments. Garden Day has been scheduled for June 5th from 9am to 2pm and will be coupled with a chicken barbeque, both to raise funds for the library. For the month there were 2397 physical checkouts, 606 browsing/pickup appointments, 1885 digital circulations and the customer count was 2615. The computers logged 111 sessions. There were 179 participants in various events. Program schedules (new and continuing), special events and news items are available at www.brunswicklibrary.org Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Supervisor Herrington. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 39 Resolution Accepting Proposal for Consulting Engineering/Planning Services – Revisions to Zoning Law. 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 Aye; 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. 40 Resolution Declaring Item to be Surplus Property. 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 Aye; 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. 41 Resolution approving Form and Content of Intermunicipal Agreement and Authorizing Execution of Intermunicipal Agreement. The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows: Councilman Cipperly, Voting Aye; 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:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Herrington noted that he has been in touch with Tamarac School to determine what facilities they will be able to provide for our summer camp. Proper staffing, health protocols and many other operational matters need to be addressed before announcing this year’s program.

WARRANTS:

Warrants No. 210298 through 210391, No. 31921001 through 31921009 and No. 40219001 through 40219006 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:

General	\$	152,698.26
Highway	\$	204,875.26
Water	\$	359,419.38
Sewer	\$	699.77
Special Sewer	\$	757.04
Special Fire	\$	4,745.00

FURTHER VISITORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Jim Tkacik, 387 Brunswick Road, mentioned the speed limit warning signs on Brunswick Road, jokingly thanking Supervisor Herrington, knowing that they were actually in place for the upcoming repairs of the bridge over the Poestenkill Creek by NYSDOT. He has been advocating for a speed limit reduction along that stretch and is collecting signature to petition the State. He asked if there were any specific areas or activities that were being looked at in the upcoming zoning review. Attorney Cioffi noted that the recently adopted Local Law concerning the

moratorium on two family and multifamily residences is the main and time sensitive point of the review. However, since the new Zoning Law was adopted in 2017, some items have come up which may not have been foreseen or the intention of some statutes may need clarification, both which will be addressed as needed. This will not be wholesale revision of the Zoning Laws. Mr. Tkacik asked if this was going to be a long process like before. Mr. Cioffi answered that there is a time limit on the moratorium (6 months), which could be extended, however it would not be in the best interest of the Town to drag this out. Mr. Tkacik also asked that with the State changing the marijuana laws, if this wouldn't be the time to address any zoning regulation concerning the location of potential dispensaries/shops. Mr. Golden, Code Enforcement, offered there were no specific regulations, and Mr. Cioffi noted that could become an additional regulation or may fit under a current one. Mr. Tkacik asked if the Town had received any stimulus money.

Ar. Poleto, Assistant to the Supervisor answered that we have not received any money but are due. The exact amount and the rules for what it can be used for are still being ironed out at the federal level. Back to the zoning review, Supervisor Herrington stated that without stretching the process out, forever, he would like to have some sort of workshop with the public for input. Any changes of course would require public hearings. Mr. Tkacik offered that he felt important meetings such as Public Hearings should be prominent on our website, not just a single item in The Record or on our website calendar and it should be used more as a forum for public involvement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Herrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting, acknowledging and honoring several lifetime residents of Brunswick who recently passed away.

John Tarbox, who was a longtime farmer with a large family, many still living in Brunswick. His son David, daughter Linda and daughter in law Jayne work for the Town and his wife Joanne is a former member of the town Board. He shared his knowledge of farming with many others in the community over the years.

James Spiak, who ran his garage at the corner of Routes 7 and 278 for years, where he was probably the last person around to go the full service route, pumping gas, checking oil and cleaning windshields. Always friendly to, and loved by all residents.

Don Lambert, who was a long time former chairman of the Planning Board and designer of the Brunswick Greens Golf Course. He always liked politics and though enrolled in different parties, he and Supervisor Herrington got on well and he was always very pleasant to be around.

The motion to adjourn was seconded by Councilman Christian and was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lewis
Town Clerk