

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2025 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Gruenberg and Deputy Town Clerk DamaPoletto.

Councilman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All joined in with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting from November 13th, 2025. Councilman Cipperly seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Deputy Town Clerk: Vinny DamaPoletto

Mr. DamaPoletto gave the report for the month of November. The Clerk's Office processed 411 hunting and fishing licenses for a total of \$3,801, which the Town was able to keep \$191.94. We also processed 30 dog licenses for \$197, 6 EZ Passes for \$150, 10 death certificates and 2 marriage certificates for \$120, 8 community center appointments for \$1,480, and 3 Bingo proceeds for \$63.11. We paid NYS DOH \$45, NYS Ag & Markets \$37, and the NYS DEC \$3,609.06, for a total of \$3,691.06. We gave the Supervisor's Office \$10,864.11.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Superintendent: Michael Bayly

Mr. Bayly gave the report for the month of November. Mr. Bayly reported that five men patched for one day, one man did a recycling pull one day, five men performed shop work for five days, two men picked up bags around town for four days, there were two crews of five men picking up leaves for eight days, a five man crew doing ditch work for two days, three men doing guide rail work for two days, two men did banner repair for two days, two men repaired mail boxes for one day. There were fifteen men doing snow removal for two days and three men spot sanding for two days.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water Superintendent: Bill Bradley

Mr. Bradley gave the report for the month of November. He reported that the liner for the Vanderheyden Dam lower drain pip has been ordered and it's anticipated the liner will be installed in the next few weeks and the new valve installed after the liner work is completed. The embankment is 99% completed. The remaining items are to install the gangway supports and the gangways, additional fencing and miscellaneous punch list items. He also informed the board that it takes about three months of the reservoir to refill once the gangway is installed.

Mr. Bradley then informed the board that he is continuing to work with QuickChek and Marie's Muse to progress that project forward. The majority of the Sharpe Road stormwater issues have been resolved for the moment. Once they have completed the required road security agreements the developer can apply for building permits again.

The Water Department has started to receive the AFLC leak detection sensors and are installing them. It should only take a few weeks to complete once all the sensors are delivered. The Water Department has also started the second half meter reading for the February billing.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Code Enforcement: Kevin Mainello

Mr. Mainello gave the report for the month of November. He reported that there were 98 building and property inspections, 436 active building permits, 28 permits issued or renewed, 9 meetings, 2 Planning Board meetings, 1 Zoning Board meeting, 1 fire inspection, 1 code call out, 11 Planning Board projects or agendas, 8 Zoning Board projects or agendas, 9 FOIL request searches received. Mr. Mainello also inquired if the Town Board would be open to receiving Planning Board and Zoning Board minutes via email to get them the minutes quicker and to save postage. The present Town Board members were open to that change.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Balistreri and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Town Attorney: David Gruenberg

Nothing to report this month.

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Town Historian Broderick gave her report for the month of November. She began reviewing the Rensselaerwyck Manor Papers, a collection of land records dating from 1721 to 1896. These records provide significant insight into the early settlement and development of Brunswick.

Among the leases is that of Ludwick Snyder, who held 120 acres of land. The Snyder residence on Flower Road still stands today. Snyder's indenture required him to provide one day of riding with a two-horse sled, fifteen bushels of wheat, one load of wood, and two fat fowls annually to the proprietor of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck. Mr. Snyder also served as a First Lieutenant in the American Revolution.

Another leaseholder was Samuel McChesney who occupied 101 Acres. His terms required the annual delivery of nine bushels of winter wheat, four fat hens, and one day of service with carriage and horses each January 1st.

Town Historian Broderick will continue to research additional Brunswick residents as they appear within the collection. In conjunction with this work, she also began reviewing the extensive roster of men who served in Stephen Schuyler's Regiment during the American Revolution. This comprehensive file, exceeding one thousand pages, details the names and military service of a large number of Rensselaer County men.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave the report for November. There were 457 Blue Bags purchased at the center for \$1,371, 1,200 Blue Bags purchased at vendors for \$3,060, 172 Purple Bags purchased at the center for \$344, 3.8 tons of metal and light iron generated \$395.88. There were also 4 large and small appliances, 3 air conditioners, 13 tires, 3 microwaves, 1 dehumidifier, and 1 propane tank, which generated \$214 in miscellaneous funds. The total revenues for the month were \$5,384.88.

Mr. Engster then explained what the center's expenses were. 11.97 tons of refuse at the landfill cost \$2,681.10, and 6.81 tons of SSR recycled cost \$1,431. There were 160 passenger tires, 10 truck tires, 3 small tractor tires, 1 medium tractor tire, 2 large tractor tires, and a 5% fuel charge for \$1,601.25. The total expenses for the month were \$5,713.35.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Community Library: Dr. Yusuf Silk, Trustee

Dr. Silk gave the report for November. The library had 1,753 visitors, 399 reference questions, 172 Wi-Fi users averaging 19 per day, 396 study space users, and 92 visitors helped with tech use and other assistance. There was a total of 2,812 total services rendered. There were also 2,975 physical items checked out, 1,770 on Overdrive, 85 on Hoopla, and 1,163 on NewsBank. The total items checked out across off the services were 5,993. There were 16 different programs held at the library in November, with the snack club having 352 participants. There was a total of 818 participants across all the programs. Dr. Silk then gave a brief overview of the upcoming events at the library. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Motion to accept the report was made by Councilman Cipperly and seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. A copy of the written report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2025

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A LEXIS+ SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO BETWEEN LEXISNEXIS, A DIVISION OF RELX INC., AND THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK, TO PROVIDE LEGAL DATABASE ACCESS TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2025

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL BY MOSTERT, MANZANERO & SCOTT, LLP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2025

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR DEDICATED AMBULANCE SERVICES FROM THE NORTH GREENBUSH AMBULANCE ASSOC., INC.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2025

RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ITEMS 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. 81 OF 2025

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE WATER AND SEWER MAINTENANCE ROLL AS AMENDED FOR THE PERIOD OF 01/01/2025 THROUGH 6/30/2025 AUGUST BILLING 2025, WATER, SEWER AND SEWER 6 ROLL

The foregoing Resolution, offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Cipperly, 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:

Mr. DamaPoletto read a thank you card from Christine who runs the 518 Pajama drive, thanking the town for all the help with this year's drive.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Christian asked if there was any old business, but there was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Christian asked if there was any new business, but there was none.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were offered by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Balistreri, and were 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 warrants were thereupon declared duly adopted.

VISITORS WHO WISHED TO SPEAK:

Dr. Yusuf Silk addressed the Board brought pictures for the Town Board to look at while he complained about damage from snowplows during the last storm.

Dan Razzano was accompanied by two other members of the Brunswick Soccer Club to address the Town Board. They requested assistance financing a lighting system for the soccer fields.

Mary Ellen Adams started by thanking Mr. Gilcrest for the services he provided. Then she requested that lights be added to the sign for the community center on Keyes Lane. Next, she thanked the Town Board for getting the RFP done regarding the new ambulance district. Then she brought up the National Grid project, solar farm project, and the development on Hoosick Road as examples of why she believes the comprehensive plan needs to be updated.

Jim Tkacik expressed his displeasure about the wall that went up on the corner of Mohawk Ave and Hoosick Road. He also expressed his concerns regarding the lights and signs that are proposed for the project at that site. He requested that the Town Board update the comprehensive plan.

Sue Vitolins shared her concerns about the proposed National Grid transfer station.

Louis Hutter complained about the staffing levels in the building department because he could not review a document.

Mary Ellen Adams returned to the podium to share a section of the current comprehensive plan, the community identity section.

Tim Galvin complained about the wall on Hoosick and Mohawk along with the construction there.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian then motioned to close the meeting. Councilman Sullivan seconded. Everyone voted “Aye” to close the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vinny DamaPoletto
Deputy Town Clerk