

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The following is a summary of the Town Board Meeting as recorded by the Town Clerk.

To view a recording of the full meeting, please see the YouTube link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHlBa0DeBPk>

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

Also Present: Town Attorney, Dave Gruenburg, Town Clerk, Alicia Saunders and Deputy Clerk, Vinny DamaPoletto.

Supervisor Herrington called the meeting to order at: 7:08 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Councilman Balistreri made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Town Board meeting on January 8, 2026, and Special meeting on January 15, 2026. Motion was seconded by Councilman Christian. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Grafton Quarry, LLC

Anthony Valenti spoke about requesting to change the zoning of the Grafton Quarry. These changes would allow there to be mining down in Brunswick. He assured the Board that with the zoning changes that it would not have any effect on increased traffic, noise or visual view. There also would be no changes to the entrance or the exit of mine. He explained that the first step in this process would first have to go through the DEC (Department Environment Conservative) before coming back in front of the board again.

REPORTS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Town Clerk: Alicia Saunders

Vinny DamaPoletto gave the report for the month of January. \$8,075.66 will be remitted to the Supervisor's Office, \$22.50 to the NYS Dept. of Health, \$73 to the NYS Ag & Markets and \$1,890.90 to the NYSDEC. The Clerk's office processed 40 Hunting and Fishing Licenses, collection a total of \$1,927, to which we commissioned \$36.10, 49 Dog Licenses for \$354, 5 EZ Passes for \$125, 40 Death Certificates and 1 Marriage Certificate for \$417.50, 12 Community Center and 3 Pavilion Bookings for \$2,685, 3 Bingo Licenses for \$53.66 and collected \$847 from Recycling bags and tags.

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: Michael Bayly

Mr. Bayly reported that five men patched for three days, one man did recycling pulls for three days, five men did shop work for nineteen days, two men did sign work for one day, two men did mail box repair for two days, four men did Christmas tree pick up for five days, two men helped out the water crew for two days, three men hauled snow sand and did mixing for two days, sixteen men did snow removal for six days, two men did sidewalk clearing for five days and three men cleared fire hydrants for two days.

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.

Water & Sewer: Bill Bradley

Vinny DamaPoletto gave the report for the month of January. Meter readings have been completed for February billing. The new rates for water have been finalized after the City of Troy raised them on us. Poestenkill residents will now be charged \$1.23/1,000 gallons. Our residents will be charged \$7.15/1,000 gallons. A few water main breaks were fixed and multiple service line leaks on customers' side were identified.

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.

Code Enforcement: Kevin Mainello

Mr. Mainello reported there were 49 Building and Property Inspections, 413 Active Building Permits, 10 Permits that were issued and/or renewed, there were nine meetings, two planning board meetings, there were no zoning board meetings or court cases, there was one fire

inspection, four follow-up complaints, follow-up inspections and follow-up code call out inspections and other meetings and phone calls and letters, there were five code call outs, one code complaint, six code complaints and call out inspections or addressed, as well as Vacant/Abandon Property (first time inspections) done by the building department, there were no vacant/abandoned properties identified or suspected by the Assessor's department, there were right Planning Board Projects or Agendas, there was one Zoning Board project or Agenda and there were six FOIL requests searches received as well as other searches.

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

Town Historian: Tracy Broderick

Town Historian Tracy Broderick discussed her ongoing research she is doing into the men of Brunswick who served during the Revolutionary War, in which she has found several firsthand accounts of their service that were taken out of the U.S. Revolutionary War pension records. To qualify for a pension, veterans were required to provide sworn statements describing their military service. The handwriting in the original documents was very challenging to read, but they do offer valuable firsthand accounts. Some of the men in which she was able to find information on was Elijah Adams Jr., Andrew Colehamer and Philip Haner.

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.

Recycling Coordinator: Thomas Engster

Mr. Engster gave the report for January. There were 452 Blue bags purchased at the center for \$1,352, 400 Blue bags purchased by vendors for \$1,020, 188 Purple bags purchased at the center for \$376, 4.82 tons baled cardboard \$96.40, 2.64 tons of metal and light iron generated \$440.70. There were also 3 large and small appliances as well as 2 microwaves commissioning a total of \$35. The total revenue for the month was \$3,324

Mr. Engster went on to explain what the center's expenses for the month were. 15.78 tons of refuse landfill cost \$3,276.40, 9.01 tons of SSR recycled cost \$1,901, and rental charge for compactors \$450. The total expenses for the month were \$5,627.40.

Mr. Engster closed with the total amount of recycled and landfill for the month of January for the Recycling Center being 32.25 tons.

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.

Community Library: Sara Hopkins, Library Director

Ms. Hopkins gave the report for January. The library had 1,959 visitors, 471 reference questions, 117 Wi-Fi users averaging 17 per day, 375 study space users, 76 visitors helped with tech use and other assistance, and 21 new BRUN Patrons. There was a total of 3,019 services rendered. There were also 2,975 physical items checked out, 2,032 overdrive, 115 on Hoopla, 62 Comic Plus, and 1,173 on NewsBank. The total items checked out across of the services was 6,357. There were 16 different programs held at the library in January totaling 926 participants across all of the programs. Ms. Hopkins then gave a brief overview of all of the upcoming event.

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.

Ambulance: Ryan French, Director of Operations

Mr. French gave the January report for Ambulance services. There was a total of 106 calls in Brunswick, the average response time was 9:15 and the average response time for Priority calls was 8:34.

The disposition consisted of 39 ALS (Advanced Life Support), 33 BLS (Basic Life Support), 17 RMA (Refusal of Medical Assistance), 9 were cancelled, 3 were handled by North Greenbush Ambulance and 1 handled by Hoosic Valley. There were two calls of concern that are being addressed with Rensselaer County dispatch to improve the system.

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.

Receiver of Taxes: Jayne Tarbox, Receiver of Taxes

Vinny DamaPoletto gave the report on Taxes for the month of January. 128 online payments were processed, 991 mail payments, and 1,025 in-person payments. This totaled \$5,552,574.39. Due to an error on the original tax bills, an additional 4,992 tax bills were mailed out by the county to make the fire departments whole. This extra payment didn't just double the workload, but tripled it because all the bills were sent to homeowners and not escrow companies. They also didn't communicate with our normal collection software and tools, so payments were collected as either cash or checks, and the data was kept track in a spreadsheet in excel. In January, an additional 1,644 was processed in payments and collected \$38,654.48.

After January the tax department is about 40% complete with the normal tax payments and 33% complete with the fire district payments both of which had deadlines in February.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO.30 OF 2026

RESOLUTION REFERRING APPLICATION OF GRAFTION QUARRY, LLC FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING LAW TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, 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.31 OF 2026

RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE USE OF AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENTS IN THE LEVY OF SPECIAL AD VALOREM LEVIES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AMBULANCE DISTRICT ESTABLISHED IN 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 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.32 OF 2026

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID, AWARDING CONTRACT, AND AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK GRINDING AND REMOVAL OF BRUSH AND WOOD STOCKED PILE AT TWO LOCATIONS.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, 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.33 OF 2026

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALICIA SAUNDERS AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

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.34 OF 2026

RESOLUTION DECLARING A CERTAIN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FORD F350 PICKUP AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Councilman Sullivan, 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.35 OF 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE BRUNSWICK FIRE COMPANY NO. 1, INC. (“FIRE COMPANY”) WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS

The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Cipperly 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.

RESOLUTION NO.36 OF 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF CENTER BRUNSWICK, INC. (“FIRE COMPANY”) WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY

THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS

The foregoing Resolution offered by Councilman Balistreri 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.

RESOLUTION NO.37 OF 2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. (“FIRE COMPANY”) WHO HAVE EARNED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) POINTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 UNDER THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF BRUNSWICK FOR THE SAID FIRE COMPANY, THEREBY QUALIFYING THEM FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT, AND DIRECTING THAT THE SAID CERTIFIED LIST BE RETURNED TO THE FIRE COMPANY FOR POSTING FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS

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

There was no correspondence for the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

WARRANTS:

The warrants were offered by Councilman Christian and seconded by Supervisor Herrington, 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:

Sue Vitolins, Miller Road wanted the board to know that she was happy that the National Grid project was paused.

Mary Beth Bruno, Lumax Run thanked the Highway and water department for their work. Very pleased with the new Ambulance service in Brunswick. Thanked all of the residents who spoke out regarding all of the projects currently going on in the Town. Brought up issues regarding the traffic on Hoosick Street, QuickCheck, Solar Farm, National Grid as well as the Colton Ridge Project.

Dr. Yusoff Silk, Blue Heron Lane Thanked the Highway department for better snow management.

Ellen Montiel, McChesney Ave spoke in regards to the Solar Farm project in which her home is across from the proposed project. In regards to the project being stopped it was a victory for all the residents in Brunswick. Informed everyone regarding a new email for Brunswick NY she encouraged the public to join the email list which would update Brunswick residents on all projects in Brunswick and all planning board and zoning board updates. If residents are interested in getting on this list they can email brunswicknyagenda@gmail.com. Also requested an opportunity to allow residents to speak at the end of the zoning and planning board meetings.

Jim Tzacik, Brunswick Road, started off by thanking the Town of Brunswick for the new ambulance service. Thanked the highway department for all of their work with the snow removal during all of the winter storms keeping the roads clear. In regards to the QuickCheck he is unhappy with the project which included specifically the appearance of the structure itself as well as the retaining wall. Stated that the wall was not in the original plans of the project specifically it was three months after the approval that the wall had been added. Questioned how this could be avoided when approving projects in the future. Also asked that a new comprehensive plan for the Town of Brunswick to be considered by the Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Balistreri. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully,

Alicia Saunders
Town Clerk