

This Regular Meeting of the Brant Town Board was held on Tuesday February 10, 2026, at the Brant Town Hall, located at 1272 Brant North Collins Rd, Brant, New York at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT WERE:

Mark DeCarlo	Town Supervisor
Linda Giancarlo	Councilwoman
Donald Clark	Councilman
Barbara Daniel	Recording Secretary

Absent

Michael Muffoletto	Councilman
Tish Brady	Councilwoman

ALSO, PRESENT AND LEGIBLY SIGNED IN WERE:

Ellsworth Nolan	Highway Superintendent
Patty Friend	Town Historian
Janice Ross	Resident
Tracy Kaczmarek	Supervisor's Secretary
Alan Haungs	United 4 Freedom representative, Derby NY
Rick Vespa	Brant seniors
Kathy Vespa	Brant Seniors
Martin Rosiek	Planning Board
Joe DeCarlo	Assessor
Jeffrey Souder	Assemblyman DiPietro's office representative

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the JANUARY 5TH 2026 ORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 13TH, 2026 FIRST REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING: Councilwoman Giancarlo motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Supervisor DeCarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Councilman Clark motioned to approve the Supervisor's December Financial Report, seconded by Supervisor DeCarlo. 2 ayes, 1 nay. **MOTION CARRIED?**

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S DECEMBER 2025 REPORT: Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the Town Clerk's Tax Collector Report for December 2025, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COURT CLERK'S DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR KACZMAREK & GIER REGULAR AND BAIL ACCOUNTS: Councilman Clark motioned to approve both Bail and Regular Financial accounts for Justice Kaczmarek's & Justice Gier for December 2025, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025: The Chief of police was absent. The December report was tabled until next month.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS: Superintendent Nolan read his January Highway report. The Superintendent then asked the Board to consider the purchase of new tarps for the highway trucks. He received several quotes and the lowest was from Valley Fab. The tarp quoted for the new truck is \$4,313.00, the quote for the International is \$4,840.00 and the quote for the Kenworth is also \$4,840.00. Councilwoman Giancarlo motioned to approve the purchase of all three tarps, seconded by Supervisor DeCarlo. A roll call vote was taken: Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye, Supervisor DeCarlo-aye, Councilman Clark-aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TRANSFER OF POLICE VEHICLE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: The Highway Superintendent asked if the Board had considered the transfer of one of the retired police cars to the highway department to allow it to be used to run around for parts, etc. Councilwoman Giancarlo asked the Town attorney what the process would be to transfer it. The attorney stated that the Town Board has the authority to transfer it to whatever department they would like to. Councilwoman Giancarlo then made the motion to approve the transfer. Supervisor DeCarlo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye, Supervisor DeCarlo-aye, Councilman Clark-aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor DeCarlo then thanked Superintendent Nolan for his department's help with the tractor parade. It was noted that next year, they will need to consider how it should be voted upon. Supervisor DeCarlo stated that Lang Gro reached out to him and said he would like to be part of the sponsorship for next year.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY REPORT: Supervisor DeCarlo then motioned to approve the Highway Report as presented. Councilman Clark seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to accepted the report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWN CLERK'S JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE BOARD: Town Clerk Barbara Daniel read her January activity report. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor DeCarlo asked for the new large items refuse rules relating to the new dates that will allow residents to put out 1 large item with their trash. The new date for large items will now be the FIRST and LAST Thursdays of each month.

At this time, the Town Attorney suggested the Town Board vote on the final draft of the "Cash Tax payment resolution"

ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BRANT RESOLUTION 26-02-10
REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS IN CASH

WHEREAS, among other methods, the Town Receiver of Taxes accepts payment of real property taxes in cash if the payment is made in person at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, real property tax bills are rarely whole numbers and often have cents associated with the amount; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has stopped minting pennies, meaning eventually pennies will no longer be available and the Town will not be able to provide exact change to those property owners paying in cash; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, anyone paying their real property taxes in cash must pay the exact amount of the portion they wish to pay to the one-hundredth of a dollar.

Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Councilman Clark.

A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor DeCarlo-aye, Councilman Clark-aye, Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Planning Board secretary presented the Planning Board report for February 3rd, 2026. The Planning Board performed discussions regarding the upcoming Solar application meeting. Supervisor DeCarlo Motioned to approve the report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION TO RESCHEDULE THE CANCELED JOINT MEETING BETWEEN PLANNING BOARD AND TOWN BOARD: Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to change reschedule the joint meeting originally set for January 29th to Thursday February 26th and 7:00 pm. The original meeting had been canceled due to weather. Councilman Clark seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Town Clerk is instructed to advertise for the rescheduled open meeting.

ZONING BOARD REPORT: No meeting was held.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT: No report.

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORTS: Town historian Patty Friend read her report. She also announced the new Historical meetings will now be held on Mondays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. She also mentioned that Noah Coughlin, the man walking across the country passed her house on January 21st. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to accept the report as read, seconded by Councilman Clark. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: No report presented.

BRANT FARNHAM SENIORS: Kathy Vespa, the new Secretary to the Brant Seniors Organization, presented her report for the meeting held on February 4th. She also noted that her husband Richard is now the president of the Brant seniors. Councilwoman Giancarlo made a motioned to approve the report as read, seconded by Supervisor DeCarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Code Enforcement report was read by Supervisor DeCarlo. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to accept the report, seconded by Councilman Clark. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS JENEEN & TYLER HILL: Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the appointment of Jeneen Hill at a salary of \$10,720/yr, and Tyler Hill at a salary of \$5,775/yr to be retroactive to January 1, 2026. Councilman Clark seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor DeCarlo-aye, Councilman Clark-aye, Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE THE HIRING OF KYLIE NOLAN AS PART-TIME CUSTODIAN: Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to hire Kylie Nolan as part-time custodian for the rental buildings at a rate of \$18.25 per hour not to exceed 19 hours a week. The position will be under the direction of the Town Supervisor. Background check was completed. Councilman Clark seconded the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TRASH PICKUP CHANGES AND REMINDERS: Supervisor DeCarlo advised that LARGE item pick ups will not occur on the FIRST and LAST Thursday of each month. Casella is now using automated trucks. Please be sure trash bin handles are pointed towards your house. A notice regarding the LARGE item pickup rules will be added as an insert to the tax bills.

WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE: The Town of Brant's website has changed from a .com to a .gov therefore the new web address is www.brantny.gov

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE FLOOR:

ASSEMBLYMAN DIPIETRO'S REPRESENTATIVE: Supervisor DeCarlo recognized Jeff Souder, representative from David DiPietro's office. Mr. Souder advised the Town Board and all present that Assemblyman DiPietro's office is available for anyone in need of his assistance. They can call his office at 716-655-0591. Supervisor DeCarlo congratulated the assemblyman who will be recognized this Thursday night at Kloc's.

ALLEN HAUNGS, a resident of Derby, a volunteer for "UNITE FOR FREEDOM": He stated he is here to share critical information regarding the New York State voter rolls history for the 2024 General election. This information was the result of extensive research by Data Experts at "Unite For Freedom". He explained that "Unite for Freedom" is a Nationwide volunteer nonpartisan organization. Their data experts meticulously analyzed the Official New York State election files, using only official State election data. They are deeply concerned by the findings which include:

- 5,878,770 critical material errors or omissions (i.e. people in the data base with no address, no birthdate, etc)
- 895,595 votes improperly counted from the above-mentioned people with critical errors or omissions.
- 129,194 excess votes counted beyond the number of voters who participated with no exception to the origin. So, they found more votes, than people who voted.
- Found 914,571 voting violations exceeding the error threshold which is 1 in every 125,000. That threshold in New York State would be limited to 67 voting violations and errors. Yet, almost a million were recorded.

At this time, Mr. Haungs gave each board member a copy of a resolution being proposed by "Unite For Freedom" to consider adopting at the March Town Board meeting. He also advised the Board that Unite for Freedom also has an additional three years of election cycles where discrepancies were documented. He explained that by Towns adopting the resolution, it places pressure on officials to write legislation to correct the voter rolls. They also want to stop the certification of illegal elections. He requests the Town Board adopt the resolution. He added that for those who are unsure of their findings, he will sit down with anyone to show them how to perform a query on the NYS voter rolls to see for themselves the problems. He found major errors even with people on his own street, with errors and omissions on the voter rolls.

MEETING & CORRESPONDENCE

The first December sales tax remittance is in. The current transfer is 12.09% greater than the corresponding 2025 amount. Year-to-date transfers are running 6.54% ahead of last year at this time.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT 14 OF 2025 AND ABSTRACT 2 OF 2026

ABSTRACT 14 of 2025

*Prepaid and unpaid as of 2/10/26 Total Claims **\$ 35,956.78**

Gen Fund Town wide Vouchers Totaling: **\$ 15,356.78**

Gen Fund – Part Town Voucher Totaling: **\$ 13,960.13**

Highway Town Wide Vouchers Totaling: **\$ 2,800.12**

Highway Part Town Vouchers Totaling: **\$11.10**

Street Lighting: Voucher Totaling: **\$ 3,828.65**

Brant Water Dist. 1 (SS2&SW): – Totaling **\$ -**

ABSTRACT 2 of 2026

*Prepaid and unpaid as of 2/10/26 Total Claims **\$ 64,079.58**

Gen Fund Town wide Vouchers Totaling: **\$ 33,513.94**

Gen Fund – Part Town Voucher Totaling: **\$ 4,510.48**

Highway Town Wide Vouchers Totaling: **\$ 22,882.66**

Highway Part Town Vouchers Totaling: **\$ -**

Street Lighting: Voucher Totaling: **\$ -**

Brant Water Dist. 1 (SS2&SW): – Totaling **\$ 3,172.50**

FIRST PAYROLL 2026 (3 pay periods):

General Town Wide Payroll 12/14/25-1/24/26 – Totaling **\$ 99,455.46**

General Part Town Payroll 12/14/25-1/24/26 Totaling: **\$ 2,330.90**

Highway Payroll TW 12/14/25-1/24/26 Totaling: **\$ 26,670.25**

Highway Payroll PT 12/14/25-1/24/26 Totaling: **\$ -**

Supervisor DeCarlo made the motion to approve the abstracts as presented. Seconded by Councilman Clark.

Roll call was taken.

Supervisor DeCarlo Aye

Councilman Clark Aye

Councilwoman Giancarlo Aye
3 Ayes, 0 nays **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: March 10, 2026 at 7pm.

At 7:44 pm, Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to adjourn the meeting in memory of Carlton Falk and Michael Tedesco. Seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 3 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Daniel

Brant Town Clerk