

This Regular Meeting of the Brant Town Board was held on Tuesday July 14, 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
Mike Muffoletto	Councilman
Linda Giancarlo	Councilwoman
Tish Brady	Councilwoman
Donna Marien	Councilwoman
William Trask Sr.	Town Attorney
Barbara Daniel	Recording Secretary

ALSO, PRESENT AND LEGIBLY SIGNED IN WERE:

Tracy Kaczmarek	Supervisor's Secretary
Debra Ritz	Planning Board Chairman
Brian Rott	Resident
Mark Slawek	Chief of Police
Patty Friend	Town Historian
Janice Ross	Resident
Ayush Dhupar	SUP Permit applicant Rt 20 Auto
Atty. Romanowski	Attorney for Rt 20 Auto Parts
Frank Broughton	ZBA Chairman
Lynda Ostrowski	Resident
Gene Majchkeak?	Senator Gallivan's Office
Marty Rosiek	Planning Board Alt./Resident
Angela Bedaske	Resident
Debby Bushnell	Resident

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

Supervisor DeCarlo acknowledged the representative from Senators Gallivan's office who was there to answer any questions the Town Board or Residents may have.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES for the JUNE 16, 2026 TOWN BOARD MEETING: Councilman Muffoletto motioned to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2026 Regular Town Board meeting, and was seconded by Councilwoman Marien. 5 ayes, 0 nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT: Councilman Muffoletto motioned to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilwoman Marien. 4 ayes, 1 nay. (Councilwoman Giancarlo opposed) **MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S MAY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT: TABLED

COURT CLERK'S MAY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR KACZMAREK & CLARK REGULAR AND BAIL ACCOUNTS: Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve both Bail and Regular Financial accounts for Justice Kaczmarek's & Justice Clark for May 2025, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. 5 ayes, 0 nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS: TABLED

PLANNING & ZONING REPORTS: Planning Board Chair Debbie Ritz stated at their last meeting they reviewed the newest solar project and forwarded the recommendation to the Town Board. They also discussed the amended SUP Application from Ironyard Properties, LLC. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Frank Broughton stated that they held a meeting on the review of the variance for the solar project on Route 5 and Maiden Lane. He stated that they need to wait on the Town Board renders their opinion on SEQRA to hold a meeting. He stated that they cannot hold a hearing until they hear from the Town Board. They are working on an interpretation case that he will be sending to the Planning Board soon. He stated there is a few things that need to be fixed in the code book. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Marien. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

POLICE REPORT FOR JUNE 2026: Police Chief Slawek passed out his report to the Town Board. Councilwoman Giancarlo asked that her report be given to the Town Clerk as the Town Clerk did not receive a report. Chief Slawek then read his June Police Report. He reported that there were no incidents at the Brant Summer Festival this year and that it was a great job by the committee. He stated that they are having staffing issues and are losing another Officer to a neighboring Department. They dealt with complaints of damages on Railroad Avenue. They caught one person causing property damage and had the vehicle impounded. They went through another audit which resulted in changing only a few things. They lost another computer. They took it to the county and they had to wipe out some things that they had on the computer. He asked the Board to consider a generator back up. Councilman Muffoletto asked if he got any pricing. Chief stated that he did not but her can. He was stating a generator back up for the whole town hall. According to Amherst Alarm all of our systems need to be updated. He stated that as they get updated equipment Supervisor DeCarlo questioned as everything was updated 5 years ago. Councilman Muffoletto stated that if their equipment fails then Amherst Alarm should be responsible for it. They are going to look into the maintenance agreement. Chief Slawek then asked permission to purchase bullet proof vests. The Town Board approved that last month. Supervisor DeCarlo then motioned to approve the police report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWN HISTORIAN REPORT: The Town Historian Patty Friend read her report. She had 3 visitors to the Historical Room. She received donations of military pictures and parade floats from the Strawberry Festival. She mentioned that she had over 125 signatures in the historical book from the Brant Summer Festival. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TOWN CLERK'S JUNE ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE BOARD: TABLED

BRANT SENIOR'S MEETING: Councilwoman Brady presented the minutes from the meeting. Trip for July 14th: Murder Mystery Cruise, August 17th-21st to New Hampshire, September 14th: Buffalo AKG Museum, December 1st: Christmas Memories. Senior picnic will be on August 5th. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the report as read, seconded by Councilman Muffoletto. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: Supervisor DeCarlo read the report. Councilwoman Marien motioned to accept the report, seconded by Councilwoman Giancarlo. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: The June report was presented by CEO Jeneen Hill. 6 properties in court which 2 have complied as of July 1st. 3 BP applications submitted. SUP for Route 20 auto. They went over conditions and amended site plans which went well. 1 person requested an interpretation which was handed over to the ZBA. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the report as read, seconded by Councilwoman Marien. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

SUP CORRECTION: VOTE NEEDED FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT RENEWAL FOR THOMAS C. BOWMAN

JR./PROSHOP: Discussion was made at the June Town Board meeting but a vote was only done for Duncan Motors which is at the same address. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the SUP renewal for 1 year with the same conditions. Seconded by Councilwoman Brady. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Roll Call was taken:

Supervisor DeCarlo-aye

Councilwoman Brady-aye

Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye

Councilman Muffoletto-aye

Councilwoman Marien-aye

MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT RENEWAL FOR IRONYARD PROPERTIES, LLC 170 ARCADIAN DR. AMHERST NY 14228:

Junkyard is located at 10216 Southwestern Blvd, Angola NY 14006. Supervisor DeCarlo stated that the CEO has informed them that all conditions have been met for the current permit. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve the SUP Renewal with the same conditions due to expire June 30th 2027, seconded by Councilwoman Marien. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call was taken:

Supervisor DeCarlo-aye

Councilwoman Marien-aye

Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye

Councilman Muffoletto-aye

Councilwoman Brady-aye

MOTION CARRIED.

IT SERVICE PROPOSAL-ELK IT SERVICES CORPORATION: Supervisor DeCarlo spoke regarding the new proposal from a new IT Company. It's the same services that they were receiving from SynchroNet but \$400 cheaper. He stated that he used them for his personal business. They also offered to update the server for a cheaper cost than the previous IT Company. Councilwoman Giancarlo motioned to approve to secure a contract with ELK IT Services Corp., seconded by Councilwoman Marien. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Roll call was taken:

Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye

Councilwoman Marien-aye

Councilman Muffoletto-aye

Councilwoman Brady-aye

Supervisor DeCarlo-aye

MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE ON CDBG PLAYGROUND PROJECT: Supervisor DeCarlo gave an update on the project at the Town Hall. The Town Board agreed on the equipment to be put it and they will move forward with the start of the project in October. Councilwoman Marien mentioned putting a bid in on getting lighting installed before the playground is installed. **No vote was taken.**

MINIMUM HOURS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES: Supervisor DeCarlo advised that the Town Board still needs to put a policy in process. Councilwoman Giancarlo stated that maybe another Town has a policy that they can use as a guideline. Councilwoman Marien requested an outline of what is expected when a building needs to be cleaned. Supervisor DeCarlo stated that he will put something together.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECREATION: 2026 Total: 111 enrolled with 50 resident & 61 non-residents. Daily bussing: 37 (residents: 8). Last year 2025-111 enrolled with 41 residents and 70 non-residents.

NEW SUP PERMIT APPLICATION FOR IRONYARD PROPERTIES: A public hearing to be set for Tuesday August 11th 2026 at 7:15pm. Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to set the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Roll Call was taken:
Supervisor DeCarlo-aye
Councilwoman Brady-aye
Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye
Councilman Muffoletto-aye
Councilwoman Marien-aye.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Brant Town Park Rehabilitation: Phase II: Resolution and Certification to approve the Town of Brant's Acceptance of grant funds and delegating signing authority. Supervisor DeCarlo read the resolution:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town of Brant applied for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") under the Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for the purpose of funding the development of **Brant Town Park Rehabilitation: Phase II;**

RESOLVED, that Town of Brant is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the project described in the grant application;

RESOLVED, that Town of Brant is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the State of New York Contract for Grants ("Contract") with OPRHP for such development of **Brant Town Park Rehabilitation: Phase II;**

RESOLVED, that Town of Brant is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Brant Town Board delegates signing authority to execute the Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications to the individuals who hold the following elected or appointed municipal office and employment position titles: Town of Brant Supervisor and Town of Brant Grants Consultant.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY: I, Barbara Daniel, Town Clerk of the Town of Brant, NY, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and accurate copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the governing body of the municipality, at a meeting duly and regularly held on July 14, 2026, at which quorum was present throughout, and the required majority of the governing body voted in favor of this resolution.

I further certify that this resolution is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked or modified.

Councilwoman Giancarlo motioned to approve the authorization of the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call was taken:

Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye

Councilwoman Brady-aye

Councilman Muffoletto-aye

Councilwoman Marien-aye

Supervisor DeCarlo-aye

MOTION CARRIED.

WEBSITE: Supervisor DeCarlo asked the Town Board to review the 3 proposals for the New Website and agree and vote on one of them at the next board meeting.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Supervisor DeCarlo stated that the concerts started yesterday. The next concert is Monday 7/20-Rockabilly Steve and BRS. Councilwoman Marien stated that there were 120 people in attendance at the last concert.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS:

Councilwoman Giancarlo: No report

Supervisor DeCarlo: Stated that he keeps getting calls on E-Waste and asked if they should consider having an event in August. Councilwoman Giancarlo stated that there is an event in September and if they add one in August that may cause confusion. She stated that she will ask Deputy Clerk Kristen Podkulski will advertise for the event in September.

Councilwoman Brady: No report

Councilman Muffoletto: No Report

Councilwoman Marien: On July 25th Farnham is hosting Community Days which is a whole day event for kids and everyone is welcome. Farnham Fire Department is doing a back pack giveaway for kids in the community on August 16th at the Farnham Fire Hall. Donations are greatly appreciated.

PRIVLIDGE OF THE FLOOR:

Frank Broughton mentioned updated fees for the applicants to the zoning board. Other towns are charging more. He would like to write up a proposal to change some of the code.

Marty Rosiek: Concerned about the vehicle and traffic issues on Brant Reservation Road. He asked the Town to remind motorists to take caution on that curve and drive the speed limit. There was an incident where a pedestrian got hit by a car on that curve.

Atty Mark Romanowski for Route 20 Auto thanked the Town Board on the approval of the SUP and thanked Attorney Trask for reaching out for clarification on the SUP issues.

Meetings & Correspondence:

The second July sales tax remittance is in. The current transfer is 5.61% greater than the corresponding 2025 amount. Year-to-date transfers are running at 4.77% ahead of last year at this time.

Supervisor DeCarlo mentioned that they received \$5000 for the music grant from Art Services Inc.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT 7: Supervisor DeCarlo read the Abstract (7 of 2026):

ABSTRACT 7 of 2026

*Prepaid and unpaid as of 07/14/26 Total Claims **\$ 95,897.25**

Gen Fund Town wide Vouchers Totaling: **\$ 63,269.72**

Gen Fund – Part Town Voucher Totaling: **\$ 72.81**

Highway T.W. Vouchers Totaling: **\$ 4,055.53**

Highway P.T. Vouchers, Totaling: **\$ 11,490.98**

Street Lighting: Voucher Totaling: **\$ 2,835.71**

Brant Water Dist 1 (SS2&SW): – Totaling **\$ 14,172.50**

Fire Protection District: **\$ -**

PAYROLL (2 pay periods):

General Town Wide Payroll 5/17/26-6/13/26 – Totaling **\$ 61,087.81**

General Part Town Payroll 5/17/26-6/13/26 -Totaling: **\$ 1,847.98**

Highway Payroll TW 5/17/26-6/13/26 -Totaling: **\$ -**

Highway Payroll PT 5/17/26-6/13/26 -Totaling: **\$ 8,840.09**

Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to approve Abstract 7 of 2026, seconded by Councilwoman Brady. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Roll Call was taken:

Supervisor DeCarlo-aye

Councilwoman Brady-aye

Councilwoman Giancarlo-aye

Councilman Muffoletto-aye

Councilwoman Marien-aye

MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor DeCarlo announced the next regular Town Board meeting to be held Tuesday August 11th, 2026 at 7:00 PM with two public hearings.

At 7:50 pm, Supervisor DeCarlo motioned to adjourn the meeting in memory of Stephen Asboth, seconded by the balance of the Town Board. 5 ayes, 0 nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristen Podkulski

Brant Deputy Town Clerk