

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 2023**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting June 8, 2023, at the town building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Weiss, Councilmen Cotton, Doremus and Learned

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Reed

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.; 10 residents and Planning Board Members

Supervisor Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to accept the minutes of 5/11/2023

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Doremus, to accept the Supervisor and Town Clerk monthly reports.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported and discussed the following:

- Shut down will be July 3-10. Back to work 11th.
- Rototilling scheduled for week of July 17th on Huxtable Rd.
- Roadside garbage continues to be a problem
- Lack of Support from DEC
- Summary of DEC for Grant
- listing of mens hours for building project

-PLANNING BOARD: Draft Planning Board minutes of May 17th were distributed to the Board members

OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Weiss introduced Lori Whitney. Lori is from Little Falls and a member of New York Citizens Audit. Lori discussed the group was organized for the purpose of performing an open-source audit of the 2020 General Election in New York. Lori asked for a Resolution of support from the Town of Columbia.

- Voter rolls must be accurate
- Votes counted must be from qualified electors
- the number of votes must equal the number of voters

A motion was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to adopt the following Resolution #2023-07 supporting an

audit of the New York State 2022 General Election:

Be it Resolved That the Town Board of Columbia, NY stands in support with the concerns and remedies presented here. We implore the Herkimer County Legislature, NYS Legislature, Federal Legislators, Law Enforcement, Federal and State Prosecutors, Judges, and both State and County Boards of Elections to cooperate and fulfill these firm requests of the people.

VOTE: Councilmen Cotton, Doremus, and Learned, aye
Supervisor Weiss, aye
Councilman Reed, absent

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Councilman Eugene Cook Town of Huntington. Voter Identification Resolution.
- Kay Cotton sent a letter to Clerk requesting it be read to the Board. Kay has concerns about a tree with broken limbs on Columbia Ctr. Rd. which is a Herkimer County road. Councilman Cotton will talk to Kay and explain that she needs to call Herkimer County with her concerns.

INPUT/DISCUSSION:

- The Board received input from those attending. EDF (Josh & Jonathan) representatives met with Millers Mills Church group about their concerns with location of Solar near the Church.
- July meeting will be July 6th

BILLS: The Board audited the monthly bills. A **motion** was made by Councilman Doremus, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to accept the following bills:

- General Fund, #93 - #110 for \$ 7,052.03
- Trust & Agency, #6 for \$ 342.80
- Highway, Item #1, #4 - #7 for \$ 7,328.07
- Highway, Item 3, #51 - #63 for \$ 2,733.86
- Highway, Item 4, #39 - #45 for \$ 13,514.36

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Next meeting will be July 6th

A **motion** was made by Councilman Doremus, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman

