

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2023**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting May 11, 2023, at the town building

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt;
Planning Board Members and several residents from the community

Supervisor Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Reed, to accept the minutes of 04/13/2023

VOTE: All members voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-**HIGHWAY:** Mark discussed the following-

-Trash Day had 133 permits which is normal "Spring" numbers. Disposal cost \$2,444.60, scrap metal income \$670.00 Net cost \$1,774.60 + overtime.

-Tandem Truck proposal discussed. New 2024 cab & chassis approx. delivery 4th qtr. 2025.

-Working on Huxtable Rd and stopping by Collins House #415

-**PLANNING BOARD:** Will be reviewing Comprehensive Plan and updating as needed.

-**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-MVEDD May Newsletter was received. Forwarded to Councilmen and anyone can view at their web-site: www.mvedd.org

-Lewis County Cemetery Workshop to be held May 19th & 20th . Call Historical Society 315-376-8957 for registration options.

-Abandoned Cemeteries and Municipal Responsibilities brochure distributed.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

-Councilman Cotton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Doremus, to transfer \$13,553 from the \$20,000.00 funds received from Herkimer County, from A201 General Fund to DA201 Highway Fund.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

-Board discussed solar survey that was mailed to residents. Planning committee group stated that results were 78% were opposed with 47% return. 731 were mailed and received 346 back with 6 rejected.

-Councilman Doremus stated that he attended Solar meeting Tuesday evening at Francesca's in Ilion. He was impressed. Very well done. Questions were submitted and answered by professional people.
-The Board discussed the proposal for new 2024 Western Star with price and options.

A motion was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Doremus, to approve the purchase of 2024 Western Star 47x Truck from Tracey Road and Tenco Industries as per attached specifications via Onondaga County Heavy Duty Contract #8996 for \$344,636.48

VOTE: Councilman Cotton, aye; Councilman Doremus, aye;
Councilman Learned, aye; Councilman Reed, aye;
Supervisor Weiss, aye

Donna Rubin thanked the Highway Dept. for good job they have been doing.

Because of conflicts for Board Members the July meeting will be moved up a week and will be July 6th.

A resident spoke about hedge row damage to her property by the snow plow. Mark will look at the issue.

No further comments from the public or Board

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

- General Fund, #75 - #92 for \$11,743.48
- Trust & Agency, #5 for \$342.80
- Highway, Item #1, #2 - #3 for \$1,178.52
- Highway, Item 3, #46 - #50 for \$92,213.21
- Highway, Item 4, #33 - #38 for \$7,393.19

VOTE: All members voted aye.

Next meeting will be June 8th.

Reminder: July meeting will be July 6th.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Doremus, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman