

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting September 14, 2023, at the town building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Weiss, Councilmen Cotton, Learned, Reed
MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Doremus
OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.;
6 residents

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

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept the minutes of 8/10/2023.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Resignation: Letter of resignation from Zoning Board Member, Larry Winslow, effective 08/07/2023 was read. A motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept Larry Winslow's resignation.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Supervisor Weiss to appoint James Hotaling as Zoning Board Member from 9/14/2023 thru 12/31/2025 to fill the unexpired term of Larry Winslow. This appointment is contingent upon no conflict with Jim being alternate Planning Board Member.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-**HIGHWAY:** Mark reported

-Finger Lake, Gay, Huxtable Rds. Paved Aug. 16/17. Thanks to Towns of Warren, Frankfort, German Flatts, Richfield, Herkimer, Litchfield, and Little Falls for their help.

-Osley, Parking lot, Hoffman Rd. water issues next year.

A motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to void Resolution #2023-11 that was adopted at the August 10, 2023 meeting.

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

Upon motion by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Learned the following **Resolution #2023-13** was introduced:

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board approve the purchase of Ford F-550 from VanBortel Ford from Onondaga County Bid #106-19 for \$83,003.23 including Rugby 9' stainless 2/3 yard dump body with lites and hitch and from Charles D Stahl Sales a Western 9'6" MVP3 v-plow with 18" snow foil for \$9,832.00.

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

-**PLANNING BOARD:** Minutes of 8/16/2023 distributed

-**CODES/ZONING:** Ray reported he has 24 Building Permits's so far.
County IDA purchase 2 more properties for development.

CORRESPONDENCE, OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, DISCUSSION:

-Letter received from John Sweetman concerning 2 sharp blind curves on roads coming in to Columbia Center. There is an increase in number of Amish Buggies and John respectfully requests that the Town contact Herkimer County as there is a need for Amish Buggy Traffic signs.

A motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, for the Town to contact Herkimer County with this concern

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Reed to approve bids for sale from Auctions International as follows:

Assorted steel pipe \$165.00

48" X 12' pipe \$115.00

Backhoe \$7,100.00

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

*** Mark reported that "FALL" Trash Day is
Saturday October 7th 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tentative Budget Discussion:

A motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adopt the Tentative Budget as the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to hold a public hearing on 2024 Preliminary Budget October 12, 2023, at 7:10 p.m. and to authorize the Clerk to place a legal notice in the Times Telegram.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

INPUT: The Board received input from those attending.
Planning Board Chairman, Ron Bayzon explained that the Planning Board will be having some expenses as they go over the Comprehensive Plan. Ron noticed that the Planning Board does not have any funds in line item for expenses. Supv. Weiss explained that there is money available in the budget that can be transferred to Planning Board for expenses.

Councilman Reed: Working Group to review Solar and BESS Law.

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

- General Fund, #134 - #146 for \$2,735.93
- Trust & Agency, #9 for \$342.80
- Highway, Item #1, #20 - #29 for \$133,934.11
- Highway, Item 3, #77 - #83 for \$4,048.89
- Highway, Item 4, #58 - #62 for \$12,135.76

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Next meeting will be October 12th

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

Councilman

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Councilman