

**** TOWN OF COLUMBIA ****
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2023

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting January 12, 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.;
Ray Donley, Codes/Zoning; several members of the public

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 Doremus, to accept the minutes of 12/08/2022 and 01/02/2023.

VOTE: All members voted aye

A motion was made by Supervisor Weiss, seconded by Councilman Reed, for Supervisor Weiss to recuse himself from any solar discussion.

VOTE: All members voted aye

Local Law 1 of 2023 entitled "One-Year Moratorium on Consideration, Approval, and Construction of Large Solar Energy Systems in the Town of Columbia" was introduced.

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

VOTE: All members voted aye

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CODES/ZONING: Ray reported that he received a letter of complaint regarding Horseshoe Trailer Park. The person making this complaint stated he is going to send future complaints to Albany Ray stated any future complaints to the Town of Columbia should go to Town Supervisor or Attorney - not Codes Officer. His letter was requested to be given to Board Members which the Clerk has made copies and gave to the Board Members.

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported and updated the Board on several items. NYMEP is similar to NYMER. Received \$29,300 for Peterbuilt. Grant writer working on paperwork submission for sand/salt building. DEC building and site inspection is completed and is satisfactory. Looking into possible "Smart Board".

-PLANNING BOARD: Draft minutes of 1/12/2023 distributed.

TRANSFERS NEEDED FOR YEAR END 2022:

A motion was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Doremus, to adopt the following **Resolution #2023-02:**

RESOLVED:

To balance the budget the Board approved several transfers needed for year end 2022.

These included General Fund, Highway Fund, increase DA5112.2 CHIPS to correspond with actual funds received By \$59,386.93 for a total of \$179,386.93. Increase Street Lighting SL-5182.4 by \$34.67.

VOTE: Councilmen Cotton, aye; Doremus, aye:

Learned, aye; Reed, aye; Supervisor Weiss, aye.

CORRESPONDENCE/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

-Ryan Fagan showed the Board a sample mailable Survey that the Planning Board group designed. Discussion followed. What to include and what to have as a return date, etc. The Board liked the design. Postage was discussed. Chairman Bayzon explained the process of putting the survey together.

-Reminder ==== Board of Elections training session at County Office and Courts building Jan. 24th / snow date Jan. 26. Call BOE to register.

-As public comment: The Board meeting tonight had a large turn out of approximately 50 people from the public. Many were speaking against Solar.

AUDIT BOOKS:

Supervisor and Clerk presented Cash Books and Bank Statements for 2022 year. The Clerk also presented separate print outs of zoning, building, dog licenses, deaths, births, marriages, misc. and parking hangers.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, that the Town of Columbia Town Board has reviewed and accepted the documents as presented of the Supervisor and Town Clerk.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

Upon motion of Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Doremus, the following **resolution #2023-1/b** was introduced:

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby designates H. Ed Reed as voting delegate at the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York to be held February 19-22, 2023

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

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, #1 - #21 for \$ 45,022.50
- Trust & Agency, #1 for \$ 514.12
- Highway, Item 1, #1 for \$ 1,040.00
- Highway, Item 3, #1 - #14 for \$ 5,774.85
- Highway, Item 4, #1 - #8 for \$ 35,268.37

VOTE: All members voted aye.

Next meeting: February 9th 7:00 P.M.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Reed, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman