

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2019**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting December 12, 2019, at the town building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Weiss, Councilmen Burke, Cotton, Learned, and Reed.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.; Ray Donley, Codes/Zoning Officer; 1 resident.

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 11/14/2019.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members voted aye.

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

General Fund, #156 - #179 for \$ 33,250.39
Trust & Agency, #12 for \$ 320.10
Petrie Brown, #1 for \$ 225.00
Highway, Item #1, #31 - #32 for \$ 6,419.32
Highway, Item 3, #128 - #136 for \$ 891.39
Highway, Item 4, #72 - #80 for \$ 18,040.83

VOTE: All members voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **-CODES/ZONING:** Ray discussed the request for a co-location on Rt. 28 Cell Tower by T-Mobile Northeast LLC. They have submitted all paperwork requested by Ray and have paid the fee of \$2,000.00. Will be giving CO.
- No other permit applications this month.
- Will attend Planning Board meeting on Wednesday 12/18/2019.

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported

- Diesel under State Contract again - Buell Fuel
- Switching phone and internet to Otsego Electric
- Winter off to similar start as last year "material hungry".

-PLANNING BOARD: Minutes from Aug., Sept., Oct., and November were distributed.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Weiss stated that Jack Honor from EDF Renewables is planning to attend the January 9th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Supv. Weiss distributed a press release from Herkimer County Public Health that a raccoon located in the Town of Columbia tested positive for rabies.
- Association of Towns. Information of 2020 Training school and annual meeting to be held Feb. 16-19 in New York City. Will need to adopt a resolution designating a delegate at our January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town web-site was discussed. Councilman Reed is gathering data and working on it.

Ray Donley discussed commercial inspections. Ray has an appointment to go to Golden Horseshoe with Dept. of Health.

INPUT: No public input.

Organizational meeting will be January 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting will be held January 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Weiss stated that the Highway Employees will be receiving a fifty cent per hour raise each year for the next three years - 2020, 2021, and 2022.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Woytowich

Town Clerk