

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2021**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting January 14, 2021, at the town building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmen Cotton, Learned and Reed  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Burke and Supervisor Weiss  
OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.;  
John Skinner, Justice; Keith VanNort, Tax Collector; Anna  
VanNort, Deputy Tax Collector; 2 town residents

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

Upon motion of Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, the following *resolution #2021-02* was introduced:

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby authorizes the following budget transfers for the year end 2020:

**General Fund**

From A1990.4 Contingent Acct \$3,500.00

From A9010.8 NYS Retirement 1,000.00

From A3310.4 Public Safety 733.46

**Total \$5,233.46**

To A8030.4 Grant Writer \$5,000.00

To A8160.4 Refuse/Garbage 89.40

To A9050.8 Unemployment 144.06

**Total \$5,233.46**

**Highway Fund**

From DA5110.4 General Repairs Contractual \$19,315.03

From DA5140.1 Misc Brush & Weeds P.S. 2,000.00

From DA5140.4 Misc Brush & Weeds Cont. 2,189.17

From DA5142.1 Snow Removal P.S. 24,510.53

From DA9010.8 NYS Retirement 3,415.00

From DA9040.8 Workers Compensation 11,046.34

**Total \$62,476.07**

**Balance to be Appropriated from Fund Balance \$20,783.18**

**Total Funds \$83,259.25**

To DA5112.2 Capital Outlay (CHIPS) \$41,792.55

To DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual 6,006.06

To DA5130.2 Machinery & Equip. Cap. 34,231.20

To DA9050.8 Unemployment 973.44

To DA9055.8 Drug & Alcohol Testing 256.00

**Total \$83,259.25**

**VOTE:** Councilmen Cotton, aye; Learned, aye; Reed, aye  
Absent: Councilman Burke & Supervisor Weiss

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept the minutes of 12/10/2020 and 1/04/2021.

**VOTE:** All members present voted aye.

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

**VOTE:** All members present voted aye.

**AUDIT BOOKS:**

Supervisor and Clerk presented Cash Books and Bank Statements for 2020 year. The Clerk also presented separate print outs of zoning, building, dog licenses, deaths, births, marriages, misc. and parking hangers.

Keith VanNort, Tax Collector, showed his bank statements for the 2020 year.

The Judge submitted a paper showing the total revenue received each month and the town portion for the 2020 year. On the paper he also showed a case summary of 2019/2020

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

**VOTE:** All members present voted aye.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Correspondence from The Association of Towns regarding annual meeting to be held virtually during President's week in February 2021.
- MVEDD annual meeting to be held Monday, January 25, 2021. Meeting will be held at noon via conference due to COVID.
- Empire State Development offering grants up to \$5,000 for restaurants adjusting to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Upon motion of Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, the following **resolution #2021-03** 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 virtually during President's week February 2021.

**VOTE:** Councilmen Cotton, aye; Learned, aye; Reed, aye  
Absent: Councilman Burke & Supervisor Weiss

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

-PLANNING BOARD: Minutes of 12/16/2020 meeting were distributed

-HIGHWAY: Loader proposal was discussed.

Upon motion of Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, the following *resolution #2021-04* was introduced:

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby approves the purchase of VOLVO L90H loader as per Source Well contract from Vantage Equipment for \$14,961.00 with trade of 2020 VOLVO L90H.

**VOTE:** Councilmen Cotton, aye; Learned, aye; Reed, aye  
Absent: Councilman Burke & Supervisor Weiss

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

- General Fund, #1 - #17 for \$ 3,290.44
- Trust & Agency, #1 for \$ 497.97
- Highway, Item #1, #1 for \$ 171.00
- Highway, Item 3, #1 - #13 for \$ 11,484.16
- Highway, Item 4, #1 - #8 for \$ 33,574.06

**VOTE:** All members present voted aye.

Next meeting will be February 11<sup>th</sup>.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor

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Town Clerk

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Councilman

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