

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 8, 2021**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting July 8, 2021, at the town building.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.;  
Ray Donley, ZO/CO and Dist.#2 Legislator

Supervisor Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.  
Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Reed, to accept the minutes of 6/10/2021.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

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

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**-CODES/ZONING:** Ray Donley reported

- Permits have been slow. 1 pool and one new home coming in.
- House on Saxon Rd. condemned

Herkimer County info: DMV opened July 1<sup>st</sup>. IDA busy with Schuyler Business Park.

Herkimer 9 purchased old Court House for \$1.00.

Discussed 5,000 seat arena for ABA Team and kids programs.

Sale of Quackenbush building discussed.

**-PLANNING BOARD:**

- Minutes of 6/16/2021 distributed.
- Letter of resignation from LaMott Smith as a Planning Board member

**-HIGHWAY:** Mark reported/updated/discussed the following:

- Auctions International Ford 550 - Ford 550 \$55,300 and  
Stihl weedeater \$31
- Cold patching sealing scheduled August 17 - weather?
- Gradall - waiting for parts - down a month
- Grader - ours 1968 Huber
- Purchase options - lengthy discussion  
used 1998 John Deere 670 4500 hrs. \$65,000 w/ours trade  
Used John Deere 2013 672 /see quote  
New John Deere 620 /see quote

Upon motion of Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Cotton, the following *resolution 2021-#10* was introduced:

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby approves the purchase of a New 2021 John Deere 620G Motor Grader from Five Star Equipment, Inc. at a cost of lease to own payment of \$47,056.97 per year for 5 years.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Herkimer County Newsletter distributed
- OSC Webinar 7/21 - Financial Condition for Board Members
- Charter Communications notice of changes

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Burke, to accept the bids for sale of 2019 Ford F550 at \$55,300 and Stihl Weed-eater at \$31 from Auctions International sale of July 6, 2021.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Reed to accept the resignation of Planning Board Member LaMott Smith effective April 19, 2021.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

Supervisor Weiss extended thanks to LaMott Smith for his many years of service on the Planning Board.

Lamott Smith's Term was 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2021. Due to LaMott's resignation there is a vacancy on the Planning Board which expires 12/31/2021.

Upon the recommendation of the Planning Board a motion was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to appoint Alternate Member Barbara Warner-Davis to fill the Planning Board vacancy which expires 12/31/2021.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

**DISCUSSION:** No further discussion

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

- General Fund, #74 - #82 for \$ 4,415.93
- Trust & Agency, #7 for \$ 331.98
- Highway, Item #1, #12 - #16 for \$ 32,367.70
- Highway, Item 3, #75 - #84 for \$ 4,128.50
- Highway, Item 4, #40 - #43 for \$ 12,766.11

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

Next meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor

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Town Clerk

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