

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2020**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting June 11, 2020, at the town building.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Burke

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.;  
Ray Donley, Codes/Zoning; Gene Doremus, West  
Winfield Star; 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 Reed, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept the minutes of 05/14/2020.

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

**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, #77 - #88 for \$ 4,765.13  
Trust & Agency, #6 for \$ 320.10  
Highway, Item #1, #7 - #10 for \$ 10,458.94  
Highway, Item 3, #64 - #74 for \$ 7,947.31  
Highway, Item 4, #33 - #37 for \$ 5,378.12

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

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

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

-**CODES/ZONING:** Ray stated that he is waiting for court date for Peplinski property. So far 8 building permits. Verizon looking to renew cell tower permit. Ray stated Herkimer County will have the Summer Youth Program. 16-18 year olds are looking for summer jobs.

-**HIGHWAY:** Mark reported-

- Trash Day will be this Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Lawnmower was put on Auction International and \$690.00 was received.
- Been working on Stroup Rd. Culverts are in. Rototilling was done yesterday. Thanks to Litchfield, Exeter, and Frankfort for trucking with us. Extensive dig outs - Hansen invoices.

- Pickup and 550 were discussed. Pick-up would take 16-20 weeks for delivery.
- Sand pile deed was not in the old safe.
- Shut down will be 4<sup>th</sup> of July week

Upon **motion** of Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, the following **resolution 2020-#5** was introduced:

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby approves the purchase of a 2020 F-350 Ford pick-up as per Madison-Oneida BOCES bid from Carbone Cars / Dons Ford including plow at \$39,731.00.

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

-PLANNING BOARD: Minutes of May 20<sup>th</sup> were distributed to Board members.

**DISCUSSION:** Ben Gottfried discussed with the Board his plans to have a recreational railroad from his station in South Columbia. People could ride the train and make stops to see the scenery and nature along the way. Ben stated that he would like to put the tracks across Dropp Rd. and has contacted the NYS DOT. They should be scheduling a hearing tentatively around the end of the month.

**CORRESPONDENCE :**

- Councilman Reed received a message on facebook page regarding a road issue and forwarded to highway Superintendent
- Check was returned to the Town from Town Web site with no explanation. Did not return call to the Clerk - Donna is going to handle it.

Next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup>.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Woytowich*  
 Town Clerk