

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2021**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting May 13, 2021, at the town building.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Reed

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.; Ray Donley, Codes/Zoning Officer and County Legislator Dist. #2

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

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to accept the minutes of 4/08/2021.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-**HIGHWAY:** Mark reported and discussed the following:

- Rototilling Sarafin Rd. Thank you to Towns of Litchfield, Warren, Frankfort and Stark. Tree work/ditching before paving.
- "Spring" Trash Day lowest #'s - weather was cold, wet windy. Thank you to Jim Cotton and Bill Keeler. Disposal cost \$2,008.14. Scrap metal w/shop scrap \$1,149.12. Net cost \$859.02.

- MSHA training cancelled until Fall
- Eagles Nest traffic problem discussed
- Chipper box and old York rake was put on Auctions International
- Cold patch \$60.39 ton
- Equipment truck or grader /sand storage building grant discussed
- New 550 is at Herkimer Tool for plow

-**CODES/ZONING:** Ray Donley reported/updated the Board. Has issued 8 building permits which is about average. Working with Ben Gottfried on the required permits, etc. needed for park and rail rides.

-**PLANNING BOARD:** Minutes from March 17th and April 21st meetings were distributed.

-CORRESPONDENCE:

- From NYSEG a reminder to call 811 to have all underground utilities marked before you dig.
- OSC Webinar - accounting for encumbrances - May 19th
- Spectrum programming fees changes
- 2021 Consolidated Funding Application Announcement
- Webinar May 20th ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Interim Regulations and Guidance

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Burke, the following *resolution 2021-#09* was introduced:

RESOLVED: Due to the serious traffic hazard created by cars parking on both sides of the road to view the Eagle nest on McKoons Rd., the Town of Columbia Town Board hereby requests that there will be parking on only one side of the road by the Eagle nest area. This area is located on County Rt. 101, approximately 100 yards north of #905,

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

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

- General Fund, #49 - #63 for \$ 3,779.42
- Trust & Agency, #5 for \$ 331.98
- Highway, Item #1, #2 - #8 for \$ 17,471.04
- Highway, Item 3, #47 - #59 for \$ 69,449.81
- Highway, Item 4, #28 - #34 for \$ 3,540.50

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Next meeting will be June 10th

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Weiss stated that he met Attorney Cindy Corrigan at the Planning Board meeting on April 21st. Cindy has an office in Richfield Springs. George stated that he hired her to review the Solar Law and prepare the necessary steps to file it with New York State.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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