

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2022**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting October 13, 2022, 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 for
Dist.#2; Bill Keeler, County Legislator Dist.#1; several
residents and interested people; Representative from Assembly
Brian Miller's Office; Attorney Ben Wisniewski

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

Supervisor Weiss explained that Tax Levy Local Law would not
be necessary as paper work was just received and town will not be
going over the tax levy.

Budget Hearing for 2023 Preliminary Budget was opened.
Supervisor Weiss explained Budget process. Legal notice was in Times
Telegram on September 19th. No further questions. Hearing closed.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman
Cotton, to accept the minutes of 9/08/2022.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Attorney Ben Wisniewski was introduced. Attorney Ben is from
Rochester and represents Town interest. He has worked with several
towns thru article 7, 8, 10, to 94C. State has last word. Attorney
opened to questions from the public. ORES (Office of Renewal Energy)
has last word and Attorney Ben has not seen the State deny any yet.
Supervisor closed the questions/answers to continue regular meeting.

Supervisor Weiss thanked Attorney Ben and Assemblyman Brian Millers
representative and suggested any further discussion take place out
of the meeting area.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CODES/ZONING: Ray reported that he just received building permit #18 and Zoning #12. Letters sent to commercial buildings that inspections will be in Nov. Inspecting Golden Horseshoe Trailer Park every two weeks.

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported/discussed the following:

- New building still waiting on NYSEG everything we have is at JGK - prepping for DEC submission. Can't submit until project is completed.
- Herkimer County Emergency Management / Hazard Mitigation Plan - FEMA going forward - Need help - Codes/Ray?
- CHIPS submitted
- FALL TRASH DAY: 87 permits - half of Spring Trash
Disposal cost \$1,699.
Scrap \$336 metal recycling
Net cost\$1,363.

-PLANNING BOARD: Planning Board minutes from 9/21/2022 were distributed to the Board.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS, DISCUSSION, CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLIC INPUT:

Upon motion of Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, the following *resolution #2022-12* was introduced:

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby adopts the preliminary budget as the final budget for the year 2023.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Councilmen Burke: aye; Cotton: aye; Learned: aye

Supervisor Weiss: aye

Councilman: Reed: absent

Discussion/Correspondence: The Board received a Cease and Desist letter

Attorney Ben will remotely attend future Board meeting for questions and updates as neededdates will be posted on Town Bulletin Board.

Resolution #2022-13:

Upon motion of Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Burke, the following *resolution #2022-13* was introduced:

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby approve a Tax Exempt Municipal Lease from Merrimac Capital Services for final payment of \$125,000.00 to Hybrid Buildings on sand/salt building project. There will be Four quarterly payments of \$32,947.90 for a total of \$131,791.60 to Merrimac Capital Services.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

VOTE: Councilmen Burke: aye; Cotton: aye; Learned: aye; Supervisor Weiss: aye

Absent: Councilman Reed

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, #145 - #157 for \$137,095.83
- Trust & Agency, #10 for \$342.80
- Highway, Item #1, #17 for \$4,720.22
- Highway, Item 3, #113 - #125 for \$7,030.23
- Highway, Item 4, #57 - #62 for \$29,103.38

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Next meeting will be November 10th.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman