

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
October 10, 2024**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a meeting October 10, 2024 6:30 P.M. at the town building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Seamon — Supervisor  
Bruce Learned — Councilperson  
H. Ed Reed — Councilperson  
Jim Cotton — Councilperson  
Ryan Fagan — Councilperson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Therese Winchester — Town Clerk  
R. Mark Buddle — Superintendent of Highways  
10 Community Members

Supervisor Seamon called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., which was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Approval of September 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes Change in the tax collectors amount \$6.68.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes by Councilperson Cotton, seconded by Councilperson Reed :

**ADOPTED VOTE:** Ayes 5 Seamon, Learned, Reed, Cotton, Fagan  
Nays 0  
Absent 0

Supervisor Monthly Reports – Financial statements were presented.

Town Clerk Monthly Reports –Sending out notices if it's if your dog is coming due this month or last month, and we're doing the rabies certificates. Five building permits and three zoning applications. A check from the Town clerk to the town of \$900

Other Reports (as necessary)

**Highway Department** – New York State DoD shoulder machine, and our operator is over there on the end from Kerner Road,

We're not swapping loaders this year. Whatever warranty, if we purchase something according to the machine and make it worth that much more, the cost is not known currently. Looking to extend the warranty to two or three years,

The training was done October 10 at German flats Community Center. The town pays for the cost but is reimbursed. All training required for the year is completed.

Hollow road tensions have settled down, and basically, we did some needed tree of brush maintenance. Also, we learn that the school bus goes down there. So, there was some tree

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work that needed to be done down there, and we took care of that too. It is a federal wetland in there as well, where Paula road goes right through them. It's on each side

**At 6:40 The Town Supervisor formally open the public hearing on the 2025 town budget and stated If anyone has had a chance to review what's been posted for a week or so now, feel free to chime in, ask questions, etc. And if not, I think we can leave it open until a little bit later in the meeting. In the meeting, if we have nothing at the moment let's jump back to the meeting**

**Highway Department – Continued**

Trash day. We had 130, which is the most we've ever had in the fall. And it's, that's basically a spring time number. So it was steady. People are not bringing their newspapers and recyclables. We did our cross culverts on Richfield Hill. Hopefully that road will be our target for next year, as soon as the checks come back, we'll get that paperwork is ready to go. Since we get the checks back, the chips have been submitted and received for the work we did, for paving.

that money doesn't come back till the middle of December.

And just as a point of interest, we're at 1200 feet of pipe footing ground this year, which is last year, we did almost 1500

Sold the big pipes at auctions international for \$300

DEC granted an exemption for the electrical truck mandate for municipal and emergency vehicles only on Wednesday for two years, which means that there is not the stipulation on buying so many electric to each combustion vehicle.

Senator Griffo was working on an exemption for everybody for three years.

so that just is there for future reference, right?

**Town Clerk** – here's a new product that I would like to for us to investigate. It's for meeting agendas and governance management. A program that the state is using, and we could put all our minutes our agendas, we could use the smart board, and instead of us reading it here and you guys not seeing it, I could have it up on Smart Board, and we could use it for the planning board. They could put their minutes up and their times and everything. You can go in, and if you want to speak at one of these and you want time, you can go in and ask for it, and it will come to us. So, it's a little bit more interactive for the community and us and we can put all our laws up there, all our warrants, all that, so it's readily available, instead of in filing cabinets. So

**Codes Enforcement** –Did not have an update. The one thing we do have later on in the agenda the Golden Horseshoe trailer park inspection slated for next Friday. He had not heard back from the owner of that so at this point, you know, Ray and the others are prepared to do that.

A board member or two that would like to accompany him, he's got the fire department lined up. Health officer, Dog Control Officer. Friday, yes, the 18<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock. Jim Cotton Board Member will be attending

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The solar panels that are going in, they did send back to meet our specifications. This is the small ground mount, correct.

**Tax Collector** – No Report

**Planning Board** - work away at the comprehensive plan.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report

**Dog Control** – No report

**Correspondence:** The Humane Society passed. They're now compliant.

**Privilege of the Floor** – No report

**Consideration of Unfinished Business and New Business**

**Public Hearing 2025 Preliminary Budget**

Supervisor Seamon closed the 2025 preliminary budget with no further questions at this time. It was closed at 7:11pm

Resolution #2024 – 18

A motion was made to adopt the Preliminary budget to make it the Adopted budget which was made by Councilperson Reed seconded by Councilperson Learned:

**ADOPTED VOTE:**      Ayes    5 Seamon, Learned, Reed, Cotton, Fagan  
                                     Nays    0  
                                     Absent 0

**Financing of New Plow Truck**

There are two finance companies. More information is needed about interest rates. This will be revisited in November.

**Golden Horseshoe Trailer Park Inspection**

Scheduled for Friday at 1:00 pm

Consideration of unfinished Business and New Business

New app to communicate for the town and residents will be launched in the next few months.

Audit, Approval of Bills and Transfers

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A motion was made to pay the warrant by Councilperson Cotton seconded by Councilperson Fagan:

**ADOPTED VOTE:**      Ayes    5 Seamon, Learned, Reed, Cotton, Fagan  
                                 Nays    0  
                                 Absent 0

The next Town Board meeting will take place on November 14 , 2024 at 6:30 P.M.  
A motion was made by Council Member Fagan , seconded by Council Member Cotton ,  
to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor

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Town Clerk

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Council Member

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