

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting September 10, 2020, 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, Codes/Zoning Officer, Dist.#2
Legislator; 1 resident

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

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept the minutes of 8/13/2020.

VOTE: All members 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 voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-CODES/ZONING: Ray Donley reported-

- Now on permit #15 & #16
- Been doing on-line training 17-18 hours so far
A large crowd attended public hearing on Special Events at Town of Litchfield. Not presently a need in the Town of Columbia.
- Herkimer County purchased 20,000 covid rapid tests which have 8 hour test results.
- George met with Colette building people regarding what they are planning to do with property on corner of Rt. 28 & Jordanville Rd. They are looking to build on to have a 13,000 sq.ft. building and have 200 employees. Ray stated that they will need to meet with planning board with their plan and will need to have tests done for septic system. George stated that it sounds good for the town and he hopes they can meet regulations.
- Ray will talk to Attorney regarding Rt. 28 clean up.

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported-

- "FALL" Trash Day is October 3rd
- No railroad news

- New pick-up is in. Plan to have old pick-up on Auctions International next month.
- CHIPS funding as of September 1st is at 80% of money spent (not receiving (\$26,000)

-PLANNING BOARD:

- Minutes of 08/19/2020
- Letter to Board regarding Alternate Planning Board Member
- Solar Farm Law
- Copy of By-Laws that were adopted

A motion was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to appoint Barbara Davis as Alternate Planning Board Member.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

Board will review Solar Law and discuss next month then give to Attorney.

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

General Fund, #109 - #115 for \$ 1,316.49
Trust & Agency, #9 for \$ 320.10
Highway, Item #1, #26 - #34 for \$ 10,594.59
Highway, Item 3, #90 - #102 for \$ 43,170.63
Highway, Item 4, #51 - #55 for \$ 3,942.48

VOTE: All members voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Office of State Comptroller: Virtual Seminar on #1 managing your Budget (11/10 or 11/12)
- and #2 Developing and Managing Effective Budget (12/2 or 12/9)
- "Town Talks with Tom" Webinar 9/16

The Tentative Budget was distributed for review. Same amount of tax dollars needs to be raised next year.

Next meeting is October 8th.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Learned, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Woytowich

Town Clerk