

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting September 9, 2021, 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
County Legislator

Supervisor Weiss called the meeting to order at 710 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Reed, to accept the minutes of 8/12/2021.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-CODES/ZONING: Ray reported to the Board. Permits increasing. Has 3 house building permits. Getting letter together and doing paperwork for commercial inspections. Attended meeting at County on ARP Funding.

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported and updated the board.

- Fall Trash Day is October 2nd
- Work on House Rd. Thanks to German Flatts, Stark, Warren and Richfield for their help.
- Attended stimulus meeting along with Ed and Ray. Road repairs are ok - no for equipment.
- Distributed road maintenance article to board members

-PLANNING BOARD: Planning Board minutes from August 18th meeting were distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- MVEDD now offering individual technical assistance
- OSC Webinar - Fiscal Stress Monitoring
- MVEDD looking for interested people to serve on Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) committee

OLD BUSINESS: Draft Local Law #2 of 2021 Governing Battery Energy Storage Systems was distributed to the Board Members to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Weiss introduced **Local Law No. 1, 2021**, a "Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c".

Upon **motion** by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Reed, the following **resolution #2021-12** was introduced:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Columbia, New York, as follows:

A public hearing on said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2021 be held on the 14th day of October, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Town Building at 147 Columbia Center Rd., Ilion, New York, and that notice of the time and place of such hearing describing in general terms the proposed local law be published once on or before the 30th day of September in The Times Telegram, a newspaper circulating in said Town of Columbia, and a copy of said notice together with a copy of said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2021, be posted on the Town Clerk's sign board on or before the 30th day of September.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: **VOTE:**
Councilmen Burke: aye; Cotton: aye; Learned: aye; Reed: aye
Supervisor, Weiss: aye

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adopt the Tentative Budget as the 2022 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Learned, to hold a public hearing on 2022 Preliminary Budget October 14, 2021, at 7:10 p.m. and to authorize the Clerk to place a legal notice in the Times Telegram.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Learned, to approve the spending of Town of Columbia "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" monies - "American Rescue Plan Act" for Town highway improvements.

VOTE: All members voted aye.

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

- General Fund, #97 - #106 for \$ 2,163.88
- Trust & Agency, #9 for \$ 331.98
- Highway, Item #1, #20 - #24 for \$ 83,456.46
- Highway, Item 3, #96 - #102 for \$ 2,277.26
- Highway, Item 4, #51 - #56 for \$ 9,428.14

VOTE: All members voted aye.

Next meeting October 14th

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman