

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting September 8, 2022, at the town building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Weiss, Councilmen Cotton,
Learned and Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Burke

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Mark Buddle, Highway Supt.;
Ray Donley, Codes/Zoning office/County Legislator; Bill Keeler,
County Legislator; Some Planning Board Members; several
residents and non-residents

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

The Town Attorney was planning to remotely take questions regarding Columbia Solar from 7:30-8:00 however he had another commitment so spoke earlier at 7:00 and apologized for having to leave at 7:20. Attorney Wisniewski did answer a few questions before leaving and plans to be at October meeting. Board members did continue with discussion and shared some contact information with the public.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept the minutes of 8/11/22.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported/updated the Board

- Sand salt building. Moving sand back in when new material is needed
- Need some dry out time to get last of sand and will be reseeding
- NYSEG holding us up for power so we can install electrical panel and final bills for submission.
- Supervisors meeting / purchasing/mowing/sharing
- MSHA training 10/05/2022

CODES/ZONING OFFICER: Ray reported

- #16 Building permit
- Continue to follow complaint in Cedarville and the Golden Horseshoe Trailer Park

- Herkimer County has proposal for new day care along with other possibilities where old Duofold building was.

-PLANNING BOARD: Minutes of 8/17/22 Planning Board meeting were distributed

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Weiss received a letter from a Town resident requesting a Board meeting with Town Attorney present to address EDF Solar project.

Supervisor Weiss replied to the request stating that the Town of Columbia has public comments at their monthly meetings which are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, DISCUSSION:

Local Law on tax Levy was discussed. Supervisor Weiss introduced **Local Law No. 2, 2022**, a “Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c”.

Upon **motion** by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Reed, the following resolution #2022-11 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. 2, 2022 be held on the 13th day of October, 2022, 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. 2, 2022, 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:

Absent: Councilman Burke;

Councilmen Cotton: aye; Learned: aye Councilman Reed: aye

Supervisor, Weiss: aye

Adopted

INPUT: The Board received input from those attending.

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, #133 - #144 for \$7,106.57

Trust & Agency, #9 for \$342.80

Highway, Item #1, #15 - #16 for \$40,383.74

Highway, Item 3, #107 - #112 for \$1,752.54

Highway, Item 4, #52 - #56 for \$3,668.49

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Board discussion on 2023 Budget. A motion was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to adopt the Tentative Budget as the 2023 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to hold a public hearing on 2023 Preliminary Budget October 13, 2022, at 7:10 p.m. and to authorize the Clerk to place a legal notice in the Times Telegram.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2022.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Learned, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman