

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting August 13, 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 and Dist. #2 Legislator

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

A **motion** was made by Councilman Cotton, seconded by Councilman Learned, to accept the minutes of 7/09/2020

VOTE: All members voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- CODES/ZONING:

- Ray reported that he has 13 permits. Starting to get busier. Have had several calls and questions.
- Property on Rt. 28 has had some cleaning up done.
- Legislators were told the jail is behind schedule
- Received a call from Board of Elections - Town of Columbia is in desperate need of Election Inspectors for Nov. election. If anyone knows of somebody that would be interested and able call Board of Elections or him.

-PLANNING BOARD: July meeting minutes were distributed.

-HIGHWAY: Mark reported/discussed the following:

- Stroup Rd. - Sealing and shoulders done. Thanks for help to Frankfort, Stark, Warren, and Herkimer Co. for shoulder machine.
- Surveyors are done at the sand pile. Will have a packet for Lawyer, Grant Writer and Us. Emerich is taking care of everything.
- Beavers on Casler Rd. relocated.
- Culverts - working on this week

- Driveway
- '03 IHC - frame rails have been ordered

- Finding a lot of trash along roads
- No news on the railroad.

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, #98 - #108 for \$ 7,457.46
 Trust & Agency, #8 for \$ 480.15
 Highway, Item #1, #17 - #25 for \$ 76,911.09
 Highway, Item 3, #79 - #89 for \$ 3,925.11
 Highway, Item 4, #43 - #50 for \$ 4,174.69

VOTE: All members voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Association of Towns schedule for virtual training webinars
- Charter Communications - upcoming changes
- RCIL brochures
- Nov. Election. The Clerk received a call from Board of Elections. The Town is in desperate need of election inspectors - can be a registered voter from any party - if we don't have enough inspectors for our town voting could be moved to another location. Pay is \$175.00 for the general election.

BOARD DISCUSSION: Herkimer County Highway Department made changes to Warren, Brewer and Polley Miller Roads in October 2019. This would cause a change their 911 address. Lengthy discussion followed.

Upon motion of Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Reed, the following **resolution 2020-#06** was introduced:

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby resolves to return Warren Rd. and Polley Miller Rd. back to the previous names prior to the Herkimer County Highway Department changes dated 10/08/2019.

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

Next meeting will be September 10th.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Cotton, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 Patricia A. Woytowich - Town Clerk