

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Collins, County of Erie, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, NY on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

Present: Kenneth Martin, Supervisor  
Jacquelyn McLean, Councilman  
Jane Sion, Councilman  
James Hotnich, Councilman  
Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk

Absent: Mary Stelley, Councilman

Supervisor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the Flag.

**RESOLUTION #198: AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion made by Councilman Hotnich, seconded by Councilman Sion that the agenda be accepted as presented.

ADOPTED Aye 4 McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin  
Nay 0

Public Hearing – 7:00 pm – 2024 Town of Collins Preliminary Budget

Resolution needed to interrupt this meeting to conduct a public hearing advertised and scheduled for this evening.

**RESOLUTION # 199: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 TOWN OF COLLINS ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Motion made by Councilman Hotnich, seconded by Councilman McLean to open the public hearing on the 2024 Town of Collins Annual Preliminary Budget at 7:01 PM.

ADOPTED Aye 4 McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin  
Nay 0

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR TOWN OF COLLINS  
ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual preliminary budget of the Town of Collins for the year 2024 has been completed and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Collins, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Collins will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Collins Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, New York, Erie County, on the **30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.** and any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town law, the proposed salaries of the following town officials are hereby specified as follows:

1. Town Councilman \$7,528.27 each per annum, or \$30,113.08 in total
2. Supervisor \$40,844.65 per annum base amount, and an additional \$1,500.00 to supervise the Water Department, making the total \$42,344.65 per annum
3. Town Clerk \$49,292.40 per annum
4. Superintendent of Highways \$65,602.75 base amount, and an additional \$2,000.00 to supervise the Parks and Transfer Station, making the total \$67,602.75 per annum

After Supervisor Martin read the notice of public hearing, he then went through the 5-Year Capital Cost Plan, the sales tax revenue sheet, the estimated sales tax revenues, the tax rates for the 2024 budget and the budget comparison showing totals for both 2023 and 2024. Supervisor Martin

explained the changes that were made to the budget and asked if there were any questions. With no questions asked, Mr. Martin asked for any comments for or against the budget. After hearing none, a resolution was introduced to close the public hearing.

RESOLUTION # 200: **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 TOWN OF COLLINS ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Motion made by Councilman Hotnich seconded by Councilman Sion to close the public hearing on the 2024 Town of Collins Annual Preliminary Budget at 7:24 PM.

ADOPTED      Aye    4    McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin  
                    Nay    0

Resolution needed to approve the Town of Collins 5-Year Capital Cost Plan dated October 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION # 201: **APPROVE TOWN OF COLLINS FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL COST PLAN DATED OCTOBER 30, 2023**

Motion made by Supervisor Martin, seconded by Councilman Hotnich that the following is:

ADOPTED      Aye    4    McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin  
                    Nay    0

WHEREAS, the Collins Town Board maintains a Five-Year Capital Cost Plan in planning for future projects and Town Budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to update this plan yearly to make it current and ongoing.

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the updated Five-Year Capital Cost Plan dated October 30, 2023 for the Town of Collins.

Supervisor Martin made a comment back to the budget about including an additional \$100,000.00 (\$200,000.00 in total) for Park Project in the 2024 Budget.

Resolution needed to adopt the 2024 Town of Collins Budget

RESOLUTION # 202: **ADOPT 2024 TOWN OF COLLINS BUDGET**

Motion made by Councilman Hotnich, seconded by Councilman McLean to adopt the 2024 Preliminary Budget as the 2024 Town Budget.

ADOPTED      Aye    4    McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin  
                    Nay    0

Discussion

1. The final payment to Ehrhart will close the project.
2. Updating the comprehensive plan will include wind projects. A proposal we received from Wendel for wind is good for 60 days (approximately November 15).
3. Working on the MDA agreement for the Collins Center Park Project.
4. Local Law #2 on the moratorium has been referred to Erie County Department of Environment and Planning for their review.
5. Working on Kennel Agreement with Samantha Smith.
6. Judge Kinniard would like an ad to be put in the paper for a court clerk. The clerk does not necessarily need to be a Town resident.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Hotnich seconded by Councilman Sion the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.