

**RESOLUTION: APPOINT 2025 SEASONAL BEAUTIFICATION LABORERS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Collins sponsors a Summer Beautification program to assist in maintaining the Town parks, cemeteries, and other Town properties, and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to fill the positions necessary for this program, and

WHEREAS, the Town advertised for the positions of Seasonal Beautification Laborers and received seven (7) applications for employment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collins Town Board follow the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and appoint on as needed/weather dependent basis the following applicants as employees for the 2025 Summer Beautification Program at a rate of \$17.95 per hour: Susan M. Harvey, Gregory S. Hazelton, Christina Wilder, Rebecca D. Bushen (alternate) and Cathleen S. Allen (alternate).

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE TOWN OF COLLINS POLICY ON THE RELEASE OF EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY RECDPS UNDER FOIL**

WHEREAS, in order to comply with Public Officers Law §87 (6), all Towns in New York State shall adopt a policy to notify Town employees, and former Town employees, when the Town responds to a request concerning their disciplinary records.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collins Town Board hereby adopts the Town of Collins Policy on the Release of Employee Disciplinary Records Under FOIL.

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ERIE COUNTY DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (ECEMS) AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the Collins Town Board hereby send a letter to Erie County Department of Health-EMS in support of the Erie County Division of Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Service application to transition their temporary Medical Certificate of need to a permanent status.

**RESOLUTION: APPROVE MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS, INC CONTRACT TO DEVELOP FOR SUBMISSION A WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT (EPG)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Collins does not operate any centralized sewer systems outside of the Village of Gowanda, thus relying on individual septic systems throughout the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Collins wishes to study the feasibility of the installation and operation of sewers systems in the more concentrated developments within the Town (Hamlets of Collins and Collins Center).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collins Town Board hereby approves the contract with Municipal Solutions, Inc to prepare an application to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation for an Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) to study the feasibility of constructing a wastewater

collection and treatment system for the Hamlets of Collins and Collins Center at a cost of \$4,900.00, and that the Town Supervisor be authorized to sign the contract.

**RESOLUTION: AMEND THE BUY AMERICAN SALT ACT (S9441)**

WHEREAS, the Buy American Salt Act (S9441) went into effect in the fall of 2024, requiring New York State governments to procure salt exclusively from American-sourced salt mines, and

WHEREAS, due to this legislation, Erie County was forced to reject the low salt bid submitted by Compass Minerals, as their material was sourced in Ontario, Canada, with the winning bid awarded to American Rock Salt in Livingston County, which subsequently secured both Erie County and New York State salt supply contracts, and

WHEREAS, at the time of the award, the Town Highway Superintendents Association of Erie County raised concerns about the potential negative effects of relying on a single supplier for salt, anticipating the lack of competition could lead to price increases and the risk of supply shortages, and

WHEREAS, the expressed concerns have come to fruition within less than one year, as there is currently a significant salt supply shortage, and

WHEREAS, this shortage poses serious challenges to our ability to maintain proper service levels and ensure the safety of residents across Erie County, and all respective towns,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Collins strongly urges the State Legislature to amend the Buy American Salt Act to a Buy North American Salt Act. This amendment would allow us to source materials from a broader range of vendors, including Canadian suppliers, ensuring a stable and adequate supply of salt to keep our roads safe during winter months; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Republican Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.