

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 6th day of November, 2017.

Present: David Tessmer, Supervisor Peter Waterman, Highway Superintendent
 Mary Stelley, Councilman Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk
 Kenneth Martin, Councilman Susan Gamel, Bookkeeper
 Mary Clark, Councilman James Musacchio, Attorney (7:19)
 Janet Vogtli, Councilman

Others Present: Doug Martindale; Candace Termer; James Eddy; Jason Opferbeck and Margaret Degenfelder

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

Resolution # 201: **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion made by Councilman Martin seconded by Councilman Stelley to approve the agenda as presented.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

Resolution # 202: **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion made by Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Martin to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Town Board meeting.

ADOPTED Aye 4 Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0
 Abstained 1 Vogtli

Resolution # 203: **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Motion by Councilman Stelley seconded by Councilman Vogtli that the bills be paid on abstract #19 for 2017 dated November 6, 2017 for listed vouchers # 726 - 778 for \$ 75,051.27:

General – Townwide	14,320.44	Water District #1	14,164.66
General – Part Town	751.57	Water District #3	25,172.01
Highway	17,496.42	Water District #4	0.94
Special Lighting	956.61	Total	\$ 75,051.27
Special Refuse	2,188.62		

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

Department Reports

Assessor's report was ready by the Supervisor.

Code Enforcement Officer submitted the October report.

Highway Superintendent reported sluice pipes have been cleaned out; roads swept; hauled salt and sand; going over trucks and plows; west drive in the Pine Grove Cemetery has been done and helped with the drain at the town hall.

Transfer station - after trash day had six bins electronics, 1 compactor bin and four open tops hauled away and is looking for bids to replace the cardboard bin.

Parks has completed mowing for the year and the portables have been removed from the parks and the hand washer has been removed from the transfer station.

Town Clerk reported sales in October of \$5,231.89 and the town's portion \$4,205.72.

Water – Jason Opferbeck has spoken with corrections regarding the water tie-in. The town would take over the line and the state will pay all costs. Hydrant flushing has been completed and Wednesday will work on communications issued in District No. 1.

Attorney Musacchio arrived at 7:19 PM.

Board Reports

Councilman Vogtli is still checking with Time Warner and Verizon and is not getting anywhere.

Councilman Martin reviewed the vouchers, attended the building committee meeting and attended the Prison Community Advisory Board meeting.

Councilman Stelley reviewed the vouchers, attended the Prison Community Advisory Board meeting and updated the website.

Supervisor Tessmer did a preliminary walk-through with Wm. Schutt on the drainage issue, did a walk-through of town buildings with Evergyware on the lights and attended the building committee meeting.

Public Hearing – 7:30 PM on Collins Fire Protection District No. 1**RESOLUTION # 204: MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON COLLINS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1 CONTRACT**

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer, seconded by Councilman Clark to interrupt Board meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on the Collins Fire Protection District No. 1 Contract as advertised and scheduled for this evening at 7:30 PM.

ADOPTED Aye 4 Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR TOWN OF COLLINS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
CONTRACT WITH VILLAGE OF GOWANDA**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Collins will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 7:30 pm at the Collins Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, New York on the proposed contract with the Village of Gowanda for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017 to supply fire protection to the Town of Collins Fire Protection District No. 1 (Rosenburg District).

The proposed fire protection contract with the Village of Gowanda includes payments of \$20,751.00 in 2018, \$20,959.00 in 2019, and \$21,168.00 in 2020.

After the public hearing was declared open, Supervisor Tessmer read the notice and explained the district boundaries and this contract has been in place for many years. Schedule A – the map did not come from the Village. It was received later and it is not the same as it has been in the past. Supervisor Tessmer want to make sure the district matches the map we have had. Jim Eddy from the Fire Commissioners reviewed the agreement and found some discrepancies. Mr. Eddy suggests our town attorney; he and a representative from the Village board meet and go over the agreement and map as they both have to match.

Supervisor Tessmer asks if there are any question or comments – none. The contract is not ready to be approved tonight so Mr. Tessmer closed the hearing.

RESOLUTION # 205: MOVE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON COLLINS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1 CONTRACT

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Martinto close the Public Hearing on Collins Fire Protection District No. 1 contract at 7:45 PM.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

Old Business

1. Discussion on lighting upgrades – a few questions came up regarding the lighting upgrade and Supervisor Tessmer will check them out.

New Business

1. Resolution to set public hearing on 2018 Kennel Special Use Permit

RESOLUTION # 206: **SET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 KENNEL SPECIAL-USE PERMITS**

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Vogtli to set a Public Hearing on 2018 Dog Kennel special-use permits for December 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Collins will hold a public hearing under Section 30.65 Kennels of the Town of Collins Municipal Code on the year 2018 Dog Kennel Special Use Permit applications for the following:

Linda M. Bowdish and Sarah A. Bowdish, 5076 Woodside Road, Springville, NY 14141
Karen Fedick, 13688 Brewer Road, Collins, NY 14034
Sandy Maloney, 14600 Collins Center Zoar Road, Collins, NY 14034
Melody Esposito, 4038 East Becker Road, Collins, NY 14034
Deborah Sisson, 4993 Scrabble Hill Road, Collins, NY 14034

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, New York. The Town Board may, under Section 30.65 Kennel of the Town of Collins Municipal Code, impose conditions and restrictions upon said Dog Kennel Special Use Permit.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

2. Resolution to advertise for DCO position

RESOLUTION # 207: **ADVERTISE FOR DOG CONTROL OFFICER**

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Martin that the following resolution is:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of current Town of Collins Dog Control Officer (DCO), effective December 31, 2017, it is necessary to advertise for qualified applicants, to fill the position.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Collins Town Board approve the placement of the following advertisement in the *Gowanda Press* the week of November 11, 2017, for the purpose of identifying candidates for the DCO position:

TOWN OF COLLINS
is accepting applications for **DOG CONTROL OFFICER**
Applications can be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office
or on townofcollins.com
and must be returned by 4:00 PM on November 30, 2017.
Preference given to Collins residents.

PUBLIC HEARING – 8:00 PM on 2018 Preliminary Budget

RESOLUTION # 208: **MOVE TO SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET**

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Clark to interrupt Board meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on the Town of Collins 2018 Preliminary Budget as advertised and scheduled for this evening at 8:00 PM.

**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 2018 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 **6th day of November, 2017, at 8:00 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 \$6,304.82 each per annum, or \$25,219.28
2. Supervisor \$18,914.78 per annum base amount, and an additional \$1,500.00 to supervise the Water Department, making the total \$20,414.78 per annum
3. Town Clerk \$41,106.47 per annum
4. Superintendent of Highways \$54,941.26 base amount, and an additional \$2,000.00 to supervise the Parks and Transfer Station, making the total \$56,941.26 per annum

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

Supervisor Tessmer read the notice of public hearing and then went through the budget. Mr. Tessmer asked if there were any questions and or comments. Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION # 209: MOVE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2018 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Stelley to close the Public Hearing on 2018 Preliminary Town Budget at 8:33 PM.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

RESOLUTION # 210: ADOPT 2018 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Clark to adopt the 2018 Town Budget.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

New Business (cont'd)

3. Resolution to accept Supervisors Report for September 201

RESOLUTION # 211: ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 2017 SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Motion made by Councilman Stelley and seconded by Councilman Vogtli to accept the Town of Collins Supervisor's Report as submitted, for the month of September 2017.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

4. Resolution supporting National Rural Health Day

RESOLUTION # 212: PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

Motion made by Supervisor Tessmer and seconded by Councilman Clark that the following resolution is:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Vogtli, Martin, Stelley, Clark, Tessmer
 Nay 0

WHEREAS, rural communities in New York State and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – they are places where people know each other, listen to/respect each other and work together to benefit the community, and

WHEREAS, rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become

the world leader it is today, and

WHEREAS, rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit, and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens, and

WHEREAS, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where 20 percent of the nation's population lives but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur, and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals – in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care – are also typically the economic foundation of their communities, with every dollar spent generating about \$2.20 for the local economy, and

WHEREAS, being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to offer more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Rural Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and Bertrand Chaffee Hospital play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Supervisor David Tessmer, Supervisor of the Town of Collins, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017 to be National Rural Health Day in Collins, and encourage citizens to honor our rural communities as wonderful places to live and work, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Collins Town Board encourages citizens to recognize the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in those communities, and recognize the New York State Office of Rural Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and Bertrand Chaffee Hospital for the valuable services they provide to address those needs and opportunities.

Councilman Clark brought up an issue of the clothing allowance of \$150.00. She would like the board consider increasing it to \$180.00 - \$200.00. Councilman Vogtli asked if the transfer station employees are required to wear steel toed boots and would the board check out if they would be entitled to the allowance.

Councilman Clark also asked if the board would look into including sick leave to accrue overtime.

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Clark seconded by Councilman Martin the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk