

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 13th day of March 2023.

Present: Kenneth Martin, Supervisor
Jacquelyn McLean, Councilman
Jane Sion, Councilman
James Hotnich, Councilman

Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk
Chris Gerling Highway Superintendent
James Musacchio, Attorney

Absent: Councilman Mary Stelley

Also Present: David Gamel, Brenda Overhoff, Mike Krencik, Janet Hagerman, Howie Lamb

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

RESOLUTION #94: AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Supervisor Martin and seconded by Councilman Hotnich that the agenda be accepted as amended by adding the date of the next trash day as March 25th.

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

RESOLUTION #95: MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilman McLean, seconded by Councilman Sion to approve the minutes of the February 13th meeting.

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

Reports of Department Heads and committees

Building and grounds report was gone through by Councilman Hotnich.

Dog Control submitted his monthly report for February.

Highway, Transfer Station and Parks reports were gone through by Chris Gerling, Highway Superintendent.

Liberty Fest will have a meeting April 22, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Recreation report was sent to the Town Board.

Seniors will have two luncheons a month and a casino trip will be in May.

Town Clerk had sales in February of \$ 3,526.00 with the Town's portion \$ 3,505.00.

Water department report was handed out.

Attorney Musacchio looked over the SPCA contract, and discussed the list of town checks that was not cashed.

Board Reports

Councilman McLean made some telephone calls regarding our phone system, met with Charlie Siegle on this new position, attended two informational meetings regarding wind projects, attended the NEST and buildings/grounds meetings, reviewed the vouchers and updated Facebook.

Councilman Sion attended the NEST meeting and reviewed the vouchers.

Councilman Hotnich reviewed the vouchers and met with the contractor regarding the transfer station project.

Supervisor Martin reported on the meeting he attended regarding eliminating gas stoves, we should keep applying for the 'Sam Grant'. Our sales tax share is greater than the previous amount. Attended the Assoc of Erie County Govt's meeting and the Rural Transit Board Meeting.

New Business

1. Resolution needed to approve payment applications No. 6 to Ehrhart Construction Management Services Inc (contractor) for the Cold Storage Building Project

RESOLUTION # 96: **APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 6 TO EHRHART CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC (CONTRACTOR) FOR THE COLD STORAGE BUILDING PROJECT**

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

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

WHEREAS, the contractor for the Cold Storage Building Project, Ehrhart Construction Management Services Inc, has submitted progress payment application No. 6, and

WHEREAS, MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC have verified the quantities included in this payment application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Collins Town Board hereby approves payment application No. 6 in the amount of \$20,900.00, pending receipt of Certified Payroll, and that the Collins Supervisor be authorized to sign the Application and Certification for Payment.

2. Resolution needed to appoint 2023 seasonal beautification laborers

RESOLUTION # 97: **APPOINT 2023 SEASONAL BEAUTIFICATION LABORERS**

Motion made by Councilman Hotnich, seconded by Councilman McLean, that the following is adopted:

ADOPTED Aye 4 McLean, Sion, Martin
 Nay 0

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 the Personnel Committee interviewed two (2) applicants responding to this ad.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collins Town Board follows the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and hire the following applicants as employees for the 2023 Summer Beautification Program: Susan M. Harvey and Gregory Hazelton effective April 17, 2023 to be paid at a rate of \$16.20 per hour.

3. Resolution needed to approve the SPCA agreement

RESOLUTION # 98: **APPROVE SPCA AGREEMENT**

Motion by Councilman Hotnich and seconded by Councilman Sion to approve the Services Agreement with the SPCA Serving Erie County effective March 1, 2023 and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement.

ADOPTED Aye 4 McLean, Sion, Martin
 Nay 0

4. Discussion on employee picture ID badges – Judge Kinnaird received a letter from a company to make the badges in-house. Councilman Hotnich will check with the school on how they made their employee badges.

5. Discussion on replacement of the telephone system – cell phone companies have contacted us to replace our phone system for less than we are paying now. Councilman McLean is waiting to receive prices. Consensus is to leave the system as it is.

6. Discussion on Wendel proposal to assist with the Towns' Comprehensive Plan and Solar Law Update

7. Discussion on local law proving Real Property Tax Exemption to Volunteer Fire Fighters and Ambulance Workers

8. Discussion on water maintenance agreement with the Village of Gowanda

9. Resolution needed to approve bidding for the transfer station concrete project

Resolution # 99: **APPROVE BIDDING TRANSFER STATION CONCRETE PROJECT**

Motion by Councilman Sion seconded by Councilman McLean that the Collins Town Board hereby authorizes the Transfer Station concrete Work Project be put out to bid pending review and approval of the bidding documents by Kenneth Martin, Town Supervisor and Christian Gerling, Town Highway Superintendent.

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

Approval / Adoption of Abstract

Resolution # 100: **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

Motion by Councilman Hotnich seconded by Councilman Sion that the bills be paid on abstract # 3 for 2023 dated February 13, 2023 for listed vouchers # 82 - 136 for \$ 350,044.16:

General – Townwide	17,303.20	Special Refuse Fund	9,014.84
General – Part Town	1,639.50	Water District # 1	2,256.91
Highway	44,860.46	Water District # 3	642.77
Highway Cold Storage	22,798.40	Water District #4	6.42
Collins Fire District	250,616.03	Total	\$ 350,044.16
Special Lighting	905.63		

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

New Topics

Discussion and Comments

With no further business, on a motion of Supervisor Martin seconded by Councilman Hotnich the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Becky Jo Summers