

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 7th day of November 2022.

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

Also Present: Megan Cook, Sara Gernatt, Kelly Bylbie, Lisa Gernatt, Tom McMullen, Casey Mohr, Brian Denea, Alan and Bethany Butzer

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

Resolution # 183: **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion made by Supervisor Martin seconded by Councilman Hotnich to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by Alan and Bethany Butzer.

ADOPTED Aye 5 McLean, Sion, Stelley, Hotnich, Martin
Nay 0

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 PM – 2022 Town of Collins Preliminary Budget

RESOLUTION # 184: **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 TOWN OF COLLINS ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Motion made by Councilman Hotnich, seconded by Councilman McLean to open the public hearing on the 2023 Town of Collins Annual Preliminary Budget at 7:03 PM.

ADOPTED Aye 5 McLean, Sion, Stelley, 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 2023 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 **7th day of November, 2022, 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 \$7,309.00 each per annum, or \$29,236.00 in total
2. Supervisor \$39,655 per annum base amount, and an additional \$1,500.00 to supervise the Water Department, making the total \$41,155.00 per annum
3. Town Clerk \$47,856.70 per annum
4. Superintendent of Highways \$63,691.99 base amount, and an additional \$2,000.00 to supervise the Parks and Transfer Station, making the total \$65,691.99 per annum

Dated: October 18, 2022
By Order of the Town Board
BECKY JO SUMMERS, Town Clerk

Supervisor Martin presented an overview of the budget explaining line items have been fairly consistent for many years and the minimum wage is increasing so wages will increase. Mr. Martin also went over the handouts of taxable values, sales tax revenues, 2022 capital projects, tax cap form, yearly comparison sheet, tax rates from 2010 to 2022 and the Town's 5-Year Capital Cost Plan dated November 7, 2022.

Mr. Martin asked if there were any comments. After hearing none the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION # 185: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 TOWN OF COLLINS ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Motion made by Councilman Sion, seconded by Councilman McLean to close the public hearing on the 2023 Town of Collins Annual Preliminary Budget at 7:40 PM.

ADOPTED Aye 5 McLean, Sion, Stelley, Hotnich, Martin
 Nay 0

RESOLUTION # 186: APPROVE TOWN OF COLLINS FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL COST PLAN DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2022

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

ADOPTED Aye 5 McLean, Sion, Stelley, 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 November 7, 2022 for the Town of Collins.

RESOLUTION # 187: ADOPT 2023 TOWN OF COLLINS BUDGET

Motion made by Councilman Sion, seconded by Councilman McLean to adopt the 2023 Preliminary Budget as the 2022 Town Budget.

ADOPTED Aye 4 McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin
 Nay 1 Stelley

Old Business

1. Discussion on Town recreation programs – at the last town board meeting, the board voted down the winter recreation program. We did not get the number of staffing needed to run a safe program for the participants. A number of parents presented their views on why this program is needed and asked if there is anything different that can be done. Suggested ranged from having parents volunteer, participants pay more and have a mentoring program whereby younger staff could be utilized. Supervisor Martin handed out a breakdown of the summer program costs to look at. The total cost of these programs are paid out of the town resident's taxes.

New Business

1. Resolution needed to approve Town of Collins 2022 – 2023 Employee health insurance plan

RESOLUTION # 188: APPROVE TOWN OF COLLINS 2022 – 2023 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Motion by Supervisor Martin, seconded by Councilman Hotnich, that the Collins Town Board will continue to offer its full-time employees Health Insurance through the BC/BS Plan for the period of December 1, 2022 – November 30, 2023 and the Town will pay 75% of the premium payment and the employee will pay the remaining 25%.

ADOPTED Aye 4 McLean, Sion, Hotnich, Martin
 Nay 1 Stelley

2. Discussion of highway employee concerns – covered health insurance buy-out, pay rates for 2023, safety shoe allowance increase, overtime pay after eight hours per day worked and holiday pay.

Presentation by Alan and Bethany Butzer

The Butzer's purchased the Crassi building and wants to renovate/restore the property to put in a meat market and living space upstairs. Mr. Butzer was told to look into "Restore NY" for funds to do this. They would fund 90% of the cost and the owner would put in 10%. The property owner cannot apply for this, the Town has to apply by the end of the month. There would be no expense to the Town as the Butzer's would put the money in and after completion, they would receive the "Restore NY"'s reimbursement.

New Topics

1. NYSEG street light LED conversion program – wants to change out the last seven streetlights to LEDs

With no further business, on a motion of Supervisor Martin seconded by Councilman Hotnich the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk