

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH COLLINS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015, AT 7:00PM IN THE NORTH COLLINS TOWN HALL, 10569 MAIN STREET, NORTH COLLINS, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Rosaline A. Seege
	Councilmen:	Ellen M. Mathis
		Michael W. Perry
		Karen A. Ricotta
		John Tobia, Jr.
	Town Clerk	Margaret J. Orrange
	Highway Superintendent	David J. Winter
	Town Attorney	Richard M. Schaus

Item 1. Supervisor Seege called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Item 2. **LAWTONS WATER PROJECT.** Mrs. Seege introduced Engineer Mark Alianello of MDS Engineering, who explained the recently completed study of the Lawtons Water situation. The Erie County and New York State Health Departments are monitoring their system because of the possibility of contaminants in the ground water..(GWUDI) “ground water under the direct influence of surface water,” and recent nitrate contamination . They maintain that the current system is not working. He presented three options:

- 1) Continue the same private water system, with necessary upgrades to the filter plant.
- 2) Form a water district and purchase water from the Seneca Nation.
- 3) Form a larger water district from Milestrip Road along Route 62 through the Hamlet of Lawtons, and purchase water from the Village of North Collins.

Mr. Alianello recommended that the Town submit the report to the Erie County Health Department, inquire if the Cattaraugus Reservation or the Village of North Collins would sell water to a water district, approach Municipal Solutions for financing, and apply for funding. Private water companies are not eligible for most funding options, so Mr. Alianello recommends that the Town form a water district.

Judy Wilder inquired as to what would happen to the existing abundant water source if the system were suspended. Tom Wilder requested that the engineer accompany him on an inspection of a private water system in East Aurora.

Item 3. Councilman Ricotta presented a “**Hometown Hero**” plaque to Christopher Pulinski, Jr. in recognition of his assisting at a serious accident and possibly saving a woman’s life. Chris introduced his parents Christopher Sr. and Ellen Pulinski.

Item 4. Kathleen Mecca presented a sample of savings to the Town Hall’s electrical account under the Ambit Company. The Town Board would again like to visit savings under the Association of Towns collaborative .

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Item 5. **Library** Board president Susan Alessi reported on summer events at the Library. “Celebrate North Collins” will be held on Saturday, October 3. Volunteers and basket donations are needed.

Item 6. **RECREATION REPORT** was presented by Councilman Tobia, in Jan Mathis’ absence. He presented and moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accept the pay rate schedule for the summer Recreation program as submitted by the Recreation Board. Second: Mathis.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

The Summer Music Series will be Geno McManus, June 24 at Dankner Park, Marty Peters and the Singlecoils on July 8 at Dankner Park, and the Charlie O’Neill Unplugged Club on July 22 at Dankner, Park. Creek Bend will perform August 5 at the Village Gazebo. All concerts are at 7PM.

The Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday June 28 at Winters’ “Covered Bridge Pond” from 10:30am to 1PM. Cost is \$5 per family.

Mr. Mathis believes that all expenses of the “Frisbee Golf” should be covered by donations.

Item 7. **DOG CONTROL REPORT** was presented by Councilman Ricotta. The **HISTORIAN REPORT** was submitted by the Town Clerk.

Item 8. HEARING OF VISITORS

1) Jim Lint, chair of the **Veterans' Site** program presented an aerial photo of the star at the site. The Dedication will take place on June 14 at 1PM. The Town Board is invited. Mr. Winter has erected a flagpole at the site.

2) John Mrozek inquired about how any vacancies created by the November elections would be filled. Mr. Schaus explained that the positions could be filled by the Town Board or left vacant until the next general election.

3) Ann Converso invited all to attend the **Schoolhouse #8 Open House** on June 28 at 1PM. There will be historic games and hot dogs.

4) Karl Simmeth, representative of **State Assemblyman David DiPietro's Office** offered some information.

Item 9. **MINUTES**. Mr. Perry moved to approve the **Minutes of the May 2015** meeting as previously presented. Second: Ricotta.:

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 10. Mrs. Seege presented:

1) **Supervisor's Monthly Report for May 2015**.

2) She requested that the Winterfest account be closed.

3) The Supervisor's email address needs to be changed. The Town Clerk will have it changed.

4) The **Erie County Tax Freeze** agreement was filed with the Town Clerk.

5) **Petty Cash** accounts need to be on the Supervisor's Report.

6) The **Justice Audit** will be forwarded to the Office of Court Administration (OCA).

7) The cost for Retiree's health care has increased to \$344 per month. Mrs. Seege moved: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes payment of \$344 per month for the two employees on Blue Cross 799 policy from January 1, 2015 until 12/31/2015. Second: Tobia.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 11. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** Elizabeth Novoa reported that school would be ending on June 12. "Eagle Energy Day" was considered a success.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Item 12. **GRANT WRITER**. Mr. Tobia presented and moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board retains the firm of KHEOPS Architecture, Engineering, and Survey, DPC as grant writers for the Town of North Collins at a monthly retainer of \$1200 for a twelve month period. Second: Perry.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

The Village will pay \$300 per month to KHEOPS. Jim Lint expressed his hope that the grant writers could find funding for the Veterans' monument.

Item 13. Mrs. Mathis inquired about the status of the internet upgrade and the phone system. Mrs. Seege stated that both are linked and would be active in 9 days.

Mrs. Mathis stated that the Board had voted to cease payment of the Bookkeeper's personal internet.

Item 14. Mr. Perry has obtained two quotes for replacement of 2 furnaces and 2 condensers for the Library. Mr. Schaus directed him to obtain an additional quote since the job is over \$10,000.

Item 15. **LONGEVITY PAYMENTS**. Mrs. Seege presented and moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that **Longevity payments** be continued for full-time employees at the following rates:

After 5 years \$200; After 10 years \$300; and after 20 years \$500, paid on the employees hiring anniversary. Second: Tobia.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 16. Ms. Ricotta presented the **Dog Control Report for May 2015**.

She and the Assessor are looking to purchase an online assessment roll system.

An item was incorrectly charged to the Senior Citizens' account. Mrs. Seege will adjust. Ms. Ricotta met with the Seniors regarding use of the Senior Center and they will be having an informal poll at their next meeting.

Retiree Francis Kohn would like the ProFlex account continued for his wife from his unused sick time account. Ms. Ricotta moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the **ProFlex account** be reinstated, retroactive to May, in the amount of \$1500 for Donna Winter-Kohn, from Francis Kohn's unused sick time.

Second: Seege.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 17. Ms. Ricotta had questions about the ASG Network updating the Windows program, but Mrs. Seege stated that the upgrade was not needed at this time. She also would like to see the charges for monthly payroll service listed on the Supervisor's Monthly Report, as previously requested. Ms. Ricotta still would like to have a copy of the Computer Search Payroll contract. Mrs. Seege stated that there was no actual contract, but only the signed agreement that she had already provided.

Item 18. **TOWN ATTORNEY** Richard Schaus informed the Board that the DEC has noticed broken vents at the Ketchum Road Landfill. Mrs. Mathis moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that Frontier Technical be retained to repair the vents at the Ketchum Road Landfill for \$400. Second: Perry.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 19. **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**. Mr. Winter reported:

1) A budget transfer needs to be made to cover the CHIPS expenses. Mrs. Seege stated that it would be done at a later date.

2) Mr. Winter requested:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board request the Erie County Department of Highways petition the NY State DOT for a reduction of the speed limit on Belcher Road to 30 MPH.

Moved: Mathis. Second: Perry.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

3) BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorize volunteer Elizabeth Thomas to maintain a flower box at the Town sign on Route 62. Moved: Seege. Second: Ricotta.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

4) Mr. Winter will install solar lights on the park flagpoles. All Town roads have been oiled and "chipped". The new mower has been used already.

Item 20. Mrs. Orrange presented the **CODE OFFICER REPORT** in Mr. Tremblay's absence. She was directed to submit the application for Site Plan Review for a small scale WECS on the property of Silvester Tripi to the Planning Board for review.

Item 21. **TOWN CLERK REPORT**. Mrs. Orrange reported

1) American Tower Corporation has assumed operation of the telecommunication tower on the Shirley Road property. Several options for rental payments were given to Attorney Schaus for review.

2) The Library requests assistance from the Town Board members for their October 3 function. They need volunteers and gift baskets.

3) The Board of Elections submitted their agreement for use of the Senior Center on Primary and Election Days.

4) Notice of payment of the Verizon Tower franchise fee, given to Supervisor.

5) Notice of election of School Board member Brandi LoBianco to a five year term.

6) Invitation from the Senior Citizens to the Town Board to attend their annual Senior event on August 5.

7) The **Town Clerk's Monthly Report for May 2015** was submitted to the Supervisor with a check for \$851.66.

Item 22. **AUDIT OF BILLS**

Mrs. Mathis moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that payroll for Glenn Kerwin and the following claims, as set forth in Abstract #6 are approved for payment by the Town Board:

A: #291-293,295-298,300-301,303-329,331,340,342-43,354,356-58	\$23,129.64
B: 290,299,302,332-339,359	5,733.60
DA: #344-347,353,360	2,139.17
DB:#294,330,348-351,355,361-62	116,331.22
SM:#341	91.55
SR #352	<u>13,202.67</u>
TOTALS:	\$160,627.85

Second: Seege .

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 23. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn at 10:00PM by Tobia.. Second: Perry.. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Orrange
North Collins Town Clerk