

**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH COLLINS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015, AT 7:00PM IN THE NORTH COLLINS TOWN HALL, 10569 MAIN STREET, NORTH COLLINS, NEW YORK.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	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
	Code Officer	Phil Tremblay

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

Item 2. James Lint of Marshfield Road requested:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board allow the **Veterans Green Committee** to establish a memorial green space in the Town's Parks. Moved: Tobia. Second: Perry.

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Item 3. **CODE OFFICER REPORT.** Mr. Tremblay presented January and February activity reports. Mrs. Seege would like to have the schedule of remediations for a property on Shirley Road, which is currently in court.

Item 4. **LIBRARY BOARD** President Susan Alessi reported that the building's furnace has been fixed, and questioned about repairs to the parking lot. Mrs. Seege plans to include this in the 2016 budget. Mr. Winter stated that nothing can be done until the weather breaks.

Item 5. **RECREATION DIRECTOR** Jan Mathis presented a schedule of the month's activities. He will compose an ad for ballfield maintenance persons.

Item 6. **HISTORIAN** Georgianne Bowman presented January and February reports. She stated that the "little blue house" that the Village is trying to demolish was one of the first gasoline stations in Town.

Item 7. **SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE** Elizabeth Novoa reported on upcoming "Eagle Day" and the school Musical. The Girls and Boys varsity basketball teams have both won sportsmanship awards. The Senior High held "kindness week" and an honors reception for those with a GPA of 90 or above.

**HEARING OF VISITORS**

Item 8. Jeannette Gier, whose Mother owns property on Harrison Avenue in the Village would like to offer her Mother's property for a "safe route to school". There is a possibility of a grant for this.

Item 9. **PLANNING BOARD** Secretary Alicia Jaworski reported on the open meeting about the Planning Survey.

Item 10. **MINUTES.** Ms. Ricotta moved to approve the Minutes as previously presented. Second: Perry.

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

Item 11. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.** Mr. Tobia moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the Supervisor's financial reports from January and February 2015 and files same with the Town Clerk. Second: Perry.

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

Mrs. Seege explained the year end adjustments and Mr. Tobia moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the Budget Journal entries for the A, B, DB, SF, SM funds, as submitted by Supervisor Seege. Second: Perry.

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

Item 12. **SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.** Mrs. Seege received the following:

- 1) From Kathleen Mecca re using Ambient as an alternative energy supplier. She will have a presentation at the next meeting.
- 2) From the Association of Erie County Governments, regarding the shared services grant proposal. Erie County will present a group proposal to the Governor. Mrs. Seege moved: BE IT RESOLVED that Councilmen Mathis and Ricotta shall be the Town's committee for the **Government Efficiency Tax Savings plan**. Second: Perry.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.
- 3) Mrs. Seege reported on her attendance at the Association of Towns School in New York City.
- 4) Ms. Ricotta moved:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the **Highway Equipment Inventory** submitted by Superintendent Winter. Second: Perry.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

### COUNCILMEN REPORTS

- Item 13. Mr. Tobia thanked the Planning Board for its work on the revisions to the Windmill Law. He explained the changes that have been made and approved by the Planning Board. He presented and moved:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hold a Public Hearing on **Local Law #1** for the year 2015, which is a **"local law to amend the North Collins Town Code to Make Revisions to the Existing Town Law governing Wind Energy Conversion Systems ("WECS")** at 7:30PM on April 8, 2015. Second: Perry.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.
- Item 14. Mr. Tobia spoke about the Planning Board community survey meeting. Consensus was that the Town needs Senior Housing, internet access and bike paths, especially between the Town's parks, a Boys and Girls Club and Main Street improvements in the Village. They recommend a "Community Social Director" or marketer. He moved:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will investigate hiring a grant writer. Second: Seege.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.
- Item 15. 1) Mrs. Mathis spoke to the Community Bank manager and they have a payroll program available. Mrs. Seege will contact the bank.  
2) Mrs. Mathis inquired about a monthly bill for DFT for the Helmuth account, which was not on the current abstract. The amount of \$132.66 needs to be paid.  
3) She informed the Rec Director that sixth grade students have expressed an interest in creating the markers for Frisbee Golf on Eagle Energy Day. He will submit the request.  
4) Mrs. Mathis questioned paying the bookkeeper's internet while she is on a two month leave, the charge for ASG to set up a new network, and discrepancies on the Blue Cross bill. Mrs. Mathis moved:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board disallows the \$40 per month charge for the bookkeeper's internet, effective immediately. Second: Ricotta.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Tobia. Noes: Seege. Motion carried.
- Item 16. Mr. Perry reported that the Library furnace has been repaired. There are 3 furnaces there and they need to be replaced. Bid specs will be available next month.
- Item 17. Ms. Ricotta 1) would like to create a "Hometown Heroes" wall in the Town Hall, and have a quotation printed along with plaques honoring the heroes. Possibility is: "One's true wealth is the good we do in this world."  
2) The Dog Control report was submitted.  
3) Ms. Ricotta has been working on closing the Helmuth operations. She has moved boxes of files to the Town Hall and needs help moving a file cabinet.  
4) Police and Fire contracts have not all been returned and payments should be held until all the paperwork is in place.  
5) Ms. Ricotta inquired why the Town Clerk has not been allowed "read only access" to the bookkeeping program, as per last month's resolution. Mrs. Seege stated that she had voted against that resolution, and had several opinions opposing this, but that she would contact Williamson Law about this access.  
6) Ms. Ricotta noted that the Supervisor's conference reimbursement voucher would not be paid until the proper documentation was included.

Item 18. **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.** Mr. Winter reported:

- 1) The Department plowed the roads 152 times so far this season.
- 2) Seasonal Lenox Road has been opened for Maple Syrup Weekend at Gabel's.
- 3) BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board advertize for bids for Highway Fuels, to be opened at 8:00PM on April 8. Moved: Seege. Second: Perry.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.
- 4) National Fuel has grant programs available for extension of service.
- 5) He learned about possible use of the Ketchum Road Landfill for a Solar Field at the Association of Towns School.
- 6) The Albany Advocacy Trip seems to have successfully lobbied the Legislature for additional CHIPS funding for 2015.
- 7) Mr. Winter inquired if Mrs. Seege had heard any reports about the FEMA funding.
- 8) The Town needs to submit a bill to the Village for about \$8,000. for reimbursement for repairing the Spruce Street drainage and sidewalk problem. Mrs. Seege moved:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Town submits a claim to the Village for the sidewalk repairs.  
Second: Mathis.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Perry: Abstained due to conflict. Motion carried.
- 9) Mr. Winter also inquired about a final claim submission for reimbursement for the Highway Garage door repair. The Town has received \$13,000 so far.

Item 19. **TOWN CLERK REPORT.** Mrs. Orrange reported:

- 1) Young Explosives is requesting to hold a private fireworks display in New Oregon Park in August. This was referred to Attorney Schaus.
- 2) BE IT RESOLVED that Town Clerk Orrange is authorized to attend the annual conference of the New York State Town Clerks Association in April in Rochester.  
Moved: Seege. Second: Mathis.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.
- 3) Tax Collection is now in the penalty stage until June 30 and the Town has been fully paid.
- 4) **The Town Clerk's Monthly Report** was submitted to the Supervisor for the Month of February 2015, with a check for \$434.16.
- 5) Mrs. Orrange recommended:  
BE IT RESOLVED that the account A6772.44 Rural Transit be created and be funded with \$216 from A8686.4 Contingency Account. Moved: Seege. Second: Mathis.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mathis, Perry, Ricotta, Seege, Tobia. Noes 0. Motion carried.

**AUDIT OF BILLS**

Item 20. Mr. Perry moved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following claims, as set forth in Abstract #3 are approved for payment by the Town Board:

A: #96,98-99,101-102,105-106,108,120-149,158,162-63,168	\$85,242.38
B: #97,100,103,107,150,152-53,157	37,812.83
DA: #109-113,160,164	2,719.44
DB: #104,114-119,151,159,166-167	23,308.32
SF: #154-156	150,250.00
SM: #165	132.00
SR: #161	<u>12,109.94</u>
TOTALS:	\$311,574.91

Second: Mathis.

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

Item 21. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn at 9:58PM by Tobia. Second: Mathis. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Orrange  
North Collins Town Clerk