

**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH COLLINS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017, AT 7:00PM IN THE NORTH COLLINS TOWN HALL, 10569 MAIN STREET, NORTH COLLINS, NEW YORK.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Supervisor:	John M. Tobia
	Councilmen:	William R. Moritz
		Michael W. Perry
		Peter D. Robbins
		Richard M. Schaus
Town Attorney	David J. Winter	
Highway Superintendent	Heidi L. Kibler	
Deputy Town Clerk		
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Town Clerk	Lynn M. DiVincenzo
	Councilmen	Ellen M. Mathis

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

Item 2. **MINUTES** Mr. Perry moved to approve the June Minutes as previously presented. Second: Robbins.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins. Motion carried.

**Item 3. AUDIT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following claims, as set forth in Abstract #7 are approved for payment by the Town Board: TOTAL: \$33,498.05

Moved: Perry. Second: Moritz.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins. Motion carried.

**Item 4. HEARING OF VISITORS**

1) Dicci Montaldi Re: The Well that Never Runs Dry. They would like to hold a 5K race event on September 9<sup>th</sup>. It will start and finish in the village, but will probably need to run through part of the town. The Well is requesting permission from the Town Board. Tobia suggested holding the event on September 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Town's Fall Festival, but otherwise, the Board has no issues. Mrs. Montaldi will take the information back to The Well.

2) Brandi LoBianco Re: Community Watch Team. The group has doubled in size. Their mission is to start fostering relationships with neighbors, businesses and organizations. A new meeting date is coming soon. Tobia stated part of the program is to bring support and attention to our local businesses and organizations.

3) Jim Lint Re: The Veterans Tribute. Everything is going good, but slow. Working with Gallivan's office to find more funding.

4) Thomas and Bill Woods Re: Noise problems on Route 62. It was brought to their attention that a complaint was made regarding dirt bike noise on his property. He wanted to let the Board know that all dirt bikes have mufflers and they do not ride at night. He knows one neighbor is complaining with a petition, but four other neighbors will not sign it. The property is 180 acres that they ride on and also has a business on it where big trucks come and go.

The Board let him know that they are currently working on an updated noise ordinance and a Public Hearing regarding it will be set in the future.

5) Karen Ricotta Re: Attendance of Playground Safety Meeting. The meeting was put on by an insurance company with a lot of good information. She received a Public Playground Safety Handbook, which she will get a copy to the Town Board.

Ricotta questioned Highway Superintendent Winter regarding the half-log benches in New Oregon Park. They will be removed.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Item 5. **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.** Mr. Winter submitted:

- 1) Department is working on damage control due to all the rain. Culvert, ditches and driveways.
- 2) They have been working hard with shared services with neighboring towns.
- 3) Thinking about next year's budget. Working on a collective bargaining agreement. No real raises, big budget cuts and underappreciated workers.

Richard Schaus suggested a meeting with the Highway employees, the Supervisor and himself. The meeting is set for Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

- 4) The Luther Gulf Project is a time sensitive project, but the weather has caused many delays because of the protected stream. Their permit is good until 2019.

Item 6. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**

- 1) All houses that were in question on Langford road are being handled either through court or by housing companies.
- 2) Tobia requested that a house on Sisson Highway be looked at.

Item 7. **LIBRARY** Sue Alessi reported

- 1) Gutters need to be cleaned and the parking lot requires resealing. Perry will look into it.
- 2) Events coming up: Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 In-Jest, Book A Technology Trainer and the Summer Reading Programs are going on.
- 3) Is it possible to get a more involved community calendar so all the organizations don't schedule events on the same days?

Item 8. **RECREATION** John Tobia submitted:

- 1) Lawn Chair Music Series Schedule.
- 2) Hike through Franklin Gulf Park on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- 3) Coaches are needed for the upcoming soccer season.

Item 9. **DOG WARDEN** John Tobia submitted:

- 1) Dog Wardens June Report

Item 10. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.** Mr. Tobia presented the Supervisor's financial report from July 2017 and filed same with the Town Clerk. Motion to accept by Perry. Second: Robbins.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins Motion carried.

Item 11. **SUPERVISOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.** Mr. Tobia received the following:

- 1) Senior Building update: Floors are being stripped, new DVD player purchased, Town Wide Event on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 2) Agreement has been signed with the Seneca Nation for the Lawtons Water Project. Mr. Tobia thanked everyone involved for their participation. He stated we are building good relationships.
- 3) Mr. Tobia moved to approve the 2017 Summer Recreation Counselors pay rates as follows: Terry Blidy \$15/hr, Kylie Mathis \$11/hr, Regular Counselors \$9.70/hr. Second: Robbins  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins Motion carried.
- 4) Interested in scheduling a Public Hearing during the next Town Board meeting for “Maintenance of Woods at the Town Park”. There is a possibility of logging the woods for revenue without hurting the landscape of the park. Tobia has already walked the woods with one forester, who feels the Town could see \$40,000. Tobia would like him to come to the meeting and explain the process. If we take money from the parks, we could give it back to the parks (ex. Veterans Tribute).
- 5) National Night Out is scheduled for August 1st. Legislator Mills is donating hotdogs again this year.
- 6) Fall Festival is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>
- 7) Received several calls regarding damage done by flooding in New Oregon Park. Tobia spoke with Erie County Soil & Water about setting up a meeting with them. Looking into finding available grants to help fix the problem. Also contacted the Grant Writers and Legislator Mills.
- 8) Started getting price quotes for a speaker system for the Board meetings. Prices are very high. The Grant Writers are looking for funding. The audience suggested getting a quote from RONCO.
- 9) Tobia is inviting SMEC (School and Municipal Energy Cooperative of WNY) to a Board meeting to discuss their energy savings program. Based on information provided by the town, they feel they could save us 38.2%. The contract with Constellation expires in August.
- 10) Industrial Appraisal Company – Need to have the Towns assets appraised. Fixed asset report for insurance, show capital. Tobia could invite a representative to the next Board meeting. Mr. Winter added that the Town of Tonawanda had an appraisal done as a UB Student Project. Everything was even put on a GPS computer system. It was paid for with grants.
- 11) Spoke to the North Collins Emergency Squad. They do not have enough staff to cover the Langford Tractor Pull. The hours are long and hard and everyone is a volunteer. Tobia stated it is up to the community to get help for the EMS. They might not be able to provide their services if people don’t step up and volunteer.
- 12) The yearly budget process begins next month.
- 13) Wrote a letter to Gallivan’s office in regards to the Genesee Road water works.

## Item 12. **RESOLUTIONS.**

Mr. Tobia Moved:

- 1) BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board acknowledges receipt of the Ketchum Road Landfill quarterly report and further directs the attorney to file a copy of the report with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Second: Perry.  
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins Motion carried.
- 2) BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board moves to approve the continuance of longevity payments for all full time, non-elected town employees as per the following schedule:  
\$200 for employment of 5 to 9 years  
\$300 for employment of 10 to 14 years  
\$400 for employment of 15 to 19 years  
\$500 for employment of 20 years and beyond  
To be paid at the year’s end.  
Second: Robbins

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins Motion carried.

Item 13. **TOWN CLERK** Mrs. Kibler presented:

- 1) The Town Clerk's Monthly Report submitted to the Supervisor for the month of June 2017.
- 2) The Town Clerk, Lynn DiVincenzo, will be attending Erie County's Fair Housing Training as the Affirmative Action Officer for the community. The training takes place on July 26, 2017 at the Orchard Park Town Hall.

Item 14. **COUNCILMEN REPORTS.**

- 1) **Moritz:** Completed Judge Stevens audit, hopes to meet with Town Clerk and Bookkeeper next week regarding new computer programs to help keep information transparent. Feels the library parking lot is a capital expense and should be set up in the budget for next year.
- 2) **Robbins:** Parks are holding up despite all the rain. The dumpster in New Oregon did shift, but has been put back in place. Stated the noise ordinance is going to be a long, but necessary process. He has received a lot of feedback regarding it.
- 3) **Perry:** He will be looking into getting the gutters cleaned at the library. All buildings are okay.

Item 15. **ATTORNEY.** Mr. Schaus presented:

- 1) Planning Board Meeting regarding Solar Law is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- 2) Working on the Noise Ordinance. The Town Board needs to balance everyone's needs. He has reached out to General Code and a consulting attorney. They recommend using a decimal level ordinance. There will be a Public Hearing when the preliminary law is complete.
- 3) Completed the RFP paperwork for the Engineering Services for the Lawtons Water District. Schaus stated we have had the current engineer for almost two years. He has a professional expertise with these types of small water system projects and with working with the Seneca Nation. It is not smart to be changing mid-stream, but we will go ahead with this process.

Mr. Tobia moved to authorize Richard Schaus to put the Lawtons Water District Engineering Services out for Public Bid and for the Town Clerk to publish the legal ad in the Dunkirk Observer.

Second: Robbins

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins Motion carried.

All bids will be due by August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The best procedure then is to table the decision until everyone has time to review the bids and make the vote at the September meeting.

Item 16. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn at 8:267PM by Perry. Second: Moritz

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Perry, Tobia, Moritz, Robbins Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi L. Kibler  
North Collins Deputy Town Clerk