

TB Workshop, Thursday, August 6, 2026
TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
Colden Town Hall – 6:00 pm

WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 pm

PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

CEO John Kotlarsz
CEO Tom Dziulko
Planning Board Chairman Walter Kammer
Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak

Employee Health Insurance Update

Supervisor DePasquale reported that the employees met with benefits coordinator April Hartloff to discuss health insurance options; either stay on the current plan or move to an HRA deductible plan. The employees chose to stay with the current plan and to increase their contributions to 10% - 15% depending upon their hire date. The subject will be discussed at the August meeting.

Dog Control and Kennel

The Board discussed contracting dog control services with the town of East Aurora beginning January 1, 2027. Implementation of the new NYS Ag and Markets kennel regulations make it too expensive for the Town to maintain its own kennel. If passed, the change will be advertised.

Kummer Park Updates

The Board discussed a request from Parks Scott Kirby to purchase a set of disc golf baskets to have multiple baskets at each hole. Profits from the disc golf tournaments would be used to offset the costs. DePasquale is seeking Erie County and State funding to add lighting and install Wi-Fi and cameras at Kummer Park.

Short Term Rental Fees & Fines

Supervisor asked the Board if there were any questions for tonight's meeting. There were none.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

The Board discussed scheduling a BESS Public Hearing for Wednesday, September 2, 2026, to allow all Board Members to be present.

WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Jusiak
Town Clerk