

TB Mtg November 8, 2018
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
COLDEN TOWN HALL – November 8, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:14PM

SUPERVISOR DePASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR SHIRLEY HARE AND ALL THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE TOUCHED WITH TRAGEDY THROUGH THE COUNTRY FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENT: Councilman David Arcara
Councilman Jesse Hrycik - absent
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO

PRESENT: Town Clerk Christina Kerlin
Highway Superintendent Clarkson
Approximately 12 Residents

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved the minutes of the October 4, 2018 Town Board Budget Workshop, October 11, 2018 Regular Town Board meeting and October 17, 2018 Special Town Board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 TOWN BUDGET

Opened Public Hearing at 7:16pm

Supervisor DePasquale asked Town Clerk Kerlin if the Public Hearing was posted. Response was yes.

Supervisor DePasquale asked for any public and Town Board comments.

No Comments

Supervisor DePasquale stated that the Preliminary Budget had the following changes:

- Consolidate lines in the Buildings Contractual and the Youth Recreation lines as stated at the workshop
- The CEO salary was increased from \$13,135. to \$15,000.
- There was discussion on hiring a part-time Asst./Fire inspector position for 2019.
- Highway tax increased from 4.3% to 5.3%
- Water District had a slight increase for water infrastructure repair and the water debt increased due to a property that was combined in the district.
- Street lighting stayed the same

- Refuse increased 2.5% through the contract with Waste Management which will be coming up for renegotiation in 2019.
- Town employees and Town Board received a 3% increase

Fire districts kept rates within reasonable spending and brought a fair budget to the town residents. The volunteer firemen are very dedicated group men and women.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:27pm

Approve the 2019 Town Budget

Motion made by Councilman Arcara and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick to approve the 2019 Town Budget.

On the Vote: Councilman David Arcara – yes
 Councilman Jesse Hrycik – absent
 Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick – yes
 Councilman Gerald Pietraszek – yes
 Supervisor James DePasquale – yes

PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law Senior Citizen/Veterans Exemption

Opened Public Hearing at 7:28pm

Supervisor DePasquale asked Town Clerk Kerlin if the Public Hearing was posted. Response was yes.

Supervisor DePasquale asked for any public and Town Board comments.

No Comments

Public Hearing Closed at 7:30pm

The following resolution was read by Supervisor DePasquale:

WHEREAS, Local Law Intro. No.04-2018 has been submitted increasing the maximum annual income for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over and excludes from the calculation of exemption for any senior citizen who has a service connected disability veteran and receive disability compensation from the United States Department Veteran Affairs, and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Town Code set forth in the said Local Law have been carefully considered by the Town, and

WHEREAS, Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(5) requires a public hearing to be held before the Town Board within five(5) days' notice of said public hearing, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 8, 2018 permitting public comments in regard to the proposed amendments, which included amendments to the Town Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, Local Law No. 04-2018 is hereby adopted and shall become effective upon filling of the Local Law with the New York Secretary of State, and be it further

RESOLVED, THE Town Clerk is directed to file a copy of the Local Law with General Code Publishers for the purpose of updating the Code Book of the Town of Colden.

MOTION made by councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick to approve Local Law 04-2018 Senior Citizen/Veterans Exemption.

On the Vote: Councilman David Arcara – yes
 Councilman Jesse Hrycik – absent
 Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick – yes
 Councilman Gerald Pietraszek – yes
 Supervisor James DePasquale – yes

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

Supervisor DePasquale stated that Jim Howe requested to be on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Jim Howe "Thanked" the Town Board for their help with the Colden Festival and presented a "Thank you" card on behalf of the Colden Festival Committee. Jim stated that the festival committee is looking into holding the festival in September 2019 when the Colden Fire Company holds their annual car show as long as the weekend does not conflict with East Aurora's Borderland Celebration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT

Councilman Arcara reported that the outside light was out at the back entrance of the Town Hall the timer needed adjusting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Arcara read the following:

Report for the month of October– Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer, John Kotlarsz reported that there were:

- 6 Building permits issued
- 2 New Dwelling Permit
- 2 Certificates of Occupancy issued
- 1 Court Appearance
- Working with WKBW Tower on replaced antennas

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported:

- BOLO will be holding a Pancake Breakfast from 9am – 1pm
- Take a Breath for Life 5K, Saturday November 10th, at 11am at the Hamburg Fair Grounds
- BOLO Community Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service November 20th, 7pm
- Town of Colden Ornament Decorating Activities and Tree Lighting, Friday, November 30, starting at 6pm
- Colden Fire Company will have Santa on Saturday December 8th at 6pm
- BOLO Monthly Mingle Budgeting to Reduce Holiday Stress Part 1 on November 8th at 6:30pm
Part 2 on December 13th at 6:30pm
- Gabe's Closet is open at the Bread of Life
- Redeemer Lutheran Church is holding a cereal collection for the month of November they ask for any cereal except no cheerios

Supervisor DePasquale explained that after review of the CDBG for the Bread of Life the grant would only cover around \$20,000 to \$26,000 so the request was withdrawn. Colden would still be in the running next year with a stronger chance for receiving a grant.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Arcara reported the following DCO report for
October 1, 2018 – October 31, 2018

There were a few reports of dogs missing on Route 240 dogs were all accounted for after a short time.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported on the creek bed erosion that was discussed at the Town Board workshop prior to tonight's meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORT & PARKS

Highway Superintendent reported that barricades have been put up on Murray Hill Road for the seasonal closing.

Working on cleaning out ditches

Bathrooms at Kummer Park have been winterized and closed up for the winter

Snow blower head on the park tractor has been repaired and ready for clearing sidewalks in town.

Trucks are winterized and ready to clear the town roads for winter and the salt barn is full.

Supervisor DePasquale requested the Vehicle Maintenance reports for January 2018 to December 2018 for the December Town Board meeting. Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated he will bring the reports for the December meeting.

INSURANCE REPORT

A meeting was held with the insurance company on a summary of coverage and it was noted that the park garage was not on the insurance which has now been added.

LIBRARY REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported the following:

West Falls Library

Wreath Decorating, Monday, November 26th at 6:30pm – 9pm

Cookie Party, Saturday, December 15th at 1pm to 3pm

Boston Library

Nature Play Saturday, November 17th at 11:00am ages 6 to 11

Holiday Cards, Saturday, December 8th from 10:30am to 12pm all ages

Graham Cracker Houses, Saturday, December 1st from 10:00am to 11:00am all ages

Supervisor DePasquale stated that he attended the GALA Fundraiser at the Boston Library with his daughter and presented the library with a donation from the town.

PERSONNEL & TRAINING REPORT

No report

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

No report

WATER REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported that at the present time consumption billed by ECWA for prior month was 1,313,000 gallons at a cost of \$3,491.03.

-Water usage is being followed weekly via ECWA mail billing meters on Lower East Hill Road.
-ECWA placed Ecoders on the main meters which can further track water usage closer. Both are working well.

-Water usage at the present for past month was 20,782 gallons a day or 14.4 gallons a minute

-Chlorine levels are more stable since ECWA dumped tank water and fixed issues

-All water valves are turned and hydrants serviced

-Relevy is complete and presented to the Town Board with 14 delinquent accounts for a total of \$3,373.69 in unpaid water bills.

YOUTH AND ADULT RECREATION

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported the following

The Ornament Decorating, Tree lighting and Caroling Event will be November 30th, from 6:00-7:00 at the Senior Center. Christmas Caroling will begin about 7:00.

Floor hockey registration has begun. Floor hockey will be on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 at Colden Elementary School, from January 10th through March. Cost is \$6 per child for whole session.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Use Permit Suplicki Dog Kennel Review – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

The following items were discussed at the Town Board Workshop prior to tonight's meeting and are on the agenda for approval:

1. Holiday lighting for streetlights

Approve Snowflake Holiday Lighting

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously approved to purchase 10 Snowflake Holiday Lights for the Historic light posts in town at a cost of \$2,855.00

2. Debris removal from creek

Approve Creekwork

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved to enter into an agreement with Denny Neureuther from Southern Erie Construction to go in to the creek to remove debris at a cost of \$1,500. a day starting when the weather cooperates to go into the creek.

3. Colden Phone Plan Review

Approve Phone Plan

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved to enter into an agreement with Verizon under the OGS service for the Town of Colden 10 phone lines for local and long distance calling.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor DePasquale read the following:

RESOLUTION #2018-13
RELEVY UNPAID WATER BILLS

WHEREAS, The Town of Colden has 14 delinquent Water accounts in the amount of \$3,373.69, remaining unpaid, including late charges;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That no further payments will be accepted after October 26, 2018, and any and all unpaid water accounts as of this date, be relevied onto the 2019 Town of Colden Property Taxes.

Duly adopted this 8th day of November, 2018, by the following vote.

On the Vote: Councilman David Arcara - yes
 Councilman Jesse Hryck – absent
 Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick – yes
 Councilman Gerald Pietraszek – yes
 Supervisor James P. DePasquale – yes

BUDGET TRANSFER

None

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Kerlin asked to update the Town Code Books for Local Laws that have been approved for the years 2017 and 2018. The online version for the Town Code is updated this would be for the hard copies of the Town Code.

Approve Town Code Book Local Law Updates

MOTION made by Councilman Arcara and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously approved for General Code to update the Town Code Books for Local Laws that have been passed for the years 2017 and 2018.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported that the Meals on Wheels program dropped off two emergency food boxes off in event that meal service is cancelled for the day. The town highway and Colden Fire Company are also available in the event of a bad winter storm if something is needed.

-Thank you notes were received from the following for 2018 donations:

Pat Thoman from Bread of Life Outreach
Linda Rainforth from the Bread of Life Outreach
Boston Free Library
Glenwood Maltby Cemetery
Colden Cemetery

Supervisor DePasquale stated that he attended a presentation with Councilwoman Zurbrick at Colden Elementary School on October 24th. The school was awarded \$15,000 from Smuckers to build a school garden plus a visit from Paralympian snowboard cross racer Evan Strong who lost his leg as a teenager after an accident involving a drunk driver. Evan addressed the children and staff about overcoming obstacles in life and whatever you're facing in life, a good attitude conquers all.

Karen Howard Community Affairs Assistant with Senator Gallivan's office was recognized for being in attendance at tonight's Town Board meeting.

PAY BILLS

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously approved to pay the following bills.

General Fund Warrant Voucher #2018-406 to #2018-442	\$48,670.81
Highway Fund Abstract Voucher #2018-176 to #2018-92	\$46,750.31
Refuse District Voucher #2018-33	\$18,904.60
Water District Voucher #2018-71 to #2018-75	\$ 3,675.91
Lighting District Voucher #2018-18 to #2018-20	\$ 3,131.61

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Karen Howard stated that she was also in attendance at Colden Elementary when the school was awarded \$15,000 and was also very moved with Evan Strong's presentation along with a little boy who was there who had lost his two legs and was mesmerized by Evan Strong and what he has accomplished with his life with the loss of his leg.

Karen also mentioned to contact Senator Gallivan about the creek problems he is aware of the issues and could possible help out in some way.

There was discussion on the tractor parked on Route 240 and problems that could occur with having it parked along the roadway.

Karl Simmeth Community Liaison for Assemblyman David DiPietro was recognized for being in attendance at tonight's meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Arcara and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin
Town Clerk