

TB Mtg March 14, 2019
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
COLDEN TOWN HALL – March 14, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM

SUPERVISOR DePASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR STORM VICTIMS IN THE SOUTH FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENT: Councilman David Arcara – absent
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek arrived at 7:45PM
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO

PRESENT: Town Clerk Christina Kerlin
CEO John Kotlarsz
Asst. CEO/Fire Inspector Thomas Dziulko
Highway Superintendent Clarkson
Approximately 8 Residents

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved the minutes of the February 14, 2019 Town Board Workshop and February 14, 2019 Regular Town Board meeting as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported that Councilman Arcara is working on getting quotes for the Town Hall roof.

-Senior Center elevator had a leaky seal around the piston so that is being looked at for repair.

-A new email address has been setup for the building inspectors the new email address is CEO@townofcolden.com

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

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

2 Building Permits
1 New Dwelling
1 Certificate of Occupancy
6 Certificates of Compliance
1 Order to Remedy Violation
1 Fire Inspection
Working on year end reports

Asst. CEO Dziulko is working on a list of zombie properties in Colden to report to NY State, there may be possible grant money available to help with this matter.

-A call was received from the Colden Fire Chief on a resident from Irish Road needing assistance the house is in bad shape. Social Services was contacted and a case worker from Erie County will be appointed to follow up on the resident.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported the following:

Some residents have been gathering letters of support for the Erie County Rails to Trails system.

Colden Fire Company will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 17th from 8am – 1pm. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Bread of Life Outreach Center Hours of Operation

Food Pantry

Thursdays 3pm-6pm

Saturdays 10am - 1pm

Gabriel's Closet Thrift Shop

Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday 3:00pm- 6:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Pizza Glen will be holding a Celebration of Life for Michael “Pizza Mike” Rowan on March 31st if anyone is interested in donating a basket to raffle or a dish to pass or snack feel free to drop that off at the Pizza Glen.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale read the following DCO report for February 1, 2019 – February 28, 2019.

-Received a total of 12 calls, very slow month in comparison to other months.

-A woman called about a dog on Center Street a lab mix nowhere to be found and no one reported one missing.

-SPCA called to update their records.

-Emily Bailey came from NYS Kennel check everything was fine.

-A report was received from a woman who was walking down the road when she was approached by an aggressive dog. The dog was not licensed a letter was sent to the dog owner to register the dogs.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported that there was no business for the Environmental Board Meeting.

A letter was read from Erie County Rails to Trails updating the progress on the trails.

HIGHWAY REPORT & PARKS

Highway Superintendent Clarkson reported that the SALT Contract is up this year with Erie County so discussions are going on with that contract.

Advertise Gravel Bid

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to advertise the gravel bid for the Town of Colden Highway for two weeks in the Springville Journal, bid opening will take place Monday, April 22nd at 10:00am at the Colden Town Hall.

Colden Highway Department will be going to the Town of Wales to attend an OSHA training. There will also be an “811 Dig Safely” training course on April 11th with the Town of Concord the cost is \$25 per person.

Clean up has started on the roadways for trees and debris around town with the weather starting to be nice.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that different GPS services have been contacted and he has also watched a webinar from Verizon Connect Network Fleet Management GPS System. There were also some complaints from some residents on Facebook stating the highway department was not out clearing snow from the roads during the last snowstorm specifically Heath Road. The highway department was out clearing roads and with the amount of snow that fell on the roadways it was hard to keep up on the roads but with that said the highway department was out clearing roadways. The Town Board has decided to use a GPS system in the town vehicles as a good way to track accountability and safety for the highway department. If a complaint has been received the Town Board could pull up the truck information and verify where any truck is in town. The GPS system has roadside assistance and diagnostic reports which work off the trucks computers and can also keep track of fuel usage. The cost to install the system to the trucks is \$1,590.75 and a monthly charge of \$166.65.

Approve Verizon Connect Network Fleet Management GPS System

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek to approve to purchase Verizon Connect Network Fleet Management GPS System at a cost of \$1,590.75 to come out of Capital Outlay and a monthly charge of \$166.65 to come from Highway Superintendent Contractual line.

On the question it was asked who would be responsible if there was an equipment failure on the truck or with the program. The company is responsible.

On the Vote: Councilman David Arcara – out of town
Councilman Jesse Hrycik - yes
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick - yes
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek - yes
Supervisor James DePasquale – yes

INSURANCE REPORT

No report

LIBRARY REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported the following

Boston Library

Mother's Day Mug

Thursday, May 9th, from 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Design your own custom mug for mom, all supplies provided and all ages welcome.

Battle of the Books Informational Meeting

Monday, May 13th, 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Discuss this year's selections and talk about the program and the competition.

For students entering 6th-9th grade in the Fall of 2019

West Falls – Colden Library

Wednesday, March 20th - 7pm – 8pm Steve Teeft of Echos Through Time will take us back to 1812 and the story of two sunken ships in the Niagara River, Pre register, no charge

Saturday, March 30th - Join Carol Kowalik on a visual trip of her vacation to China, Pre register, no charge

PERSONNEL & TRAINING REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that some of the town employees went to the annual training in Wales Center. Another day will be planned for the rest of the employee's.

Supervisor DePasquale and Councilwoman Zurbrick will be attending a training session on Harassment to see if the town's policy is met with what is required currently.

The annual government training at Houghton College will take place May 9th which is also the regular Town Board meeting date. Therefore the meeting will be moved to May 2nd to allow employees and officials to attend the training.

May Town Board Meeting Date

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved to move the Regular Town Board meeting for May to Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm to allow for employees and Town Officials to attend government training at Houghton College.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer received the verification letter from Supervisor DePasquale to be the representative from Colden for Green Springville which supports renewable energy and environmental issues.

Walt will keep the Town Board informed with any new information from the committee.

There was discussion on Special Use Permits versus Special Events and what the difference is between them pertaining to the festival and music played at local restaurants.

WATER REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported that at the present time water consumption billed to ECWA for the prior month was 1,501,000 gallons at a cost of \$4,128.83

- Water usage is being followed weekly via ECWA mail billing meters and eoders.
- Bread of Life re-tapped main at SW corner of site for better service issues.
- Received 1 letter back for water tapping service from a contractor for 2019 prices.
- The annual Water Quality Report is being prepared and should come out sometime in May.
- A representative from the Department of Health has requested the number of people being served in the water district if less than 500 the water department could delete a D/BP test for a savings of \$450. Information is being gathered.
- Chlorine levels were good last month and are running slightly high at the moment.

YOUTH/ADULT RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Director Kip Palmateer reported that soccer registrations are still being accepted the deadline is March 16th. An application has been sent to Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding instructional assistance for a community garden. The application was received for review with their volunteers and Master Gardeners. Boy Scout Nick Sullivan will be doing a separate project to coincide with the community garden for his Eagle Scout project.

Councilwoman Zurbrick read an email from Michelle McMahon from the Bread of Life Outreach Center requesting a discount to the town's recreation programs for families that receive assistance from Bread of Life. The names of the families that would receive the discount would be anonymous. There was discussion on the request with lots of ideas to help out the families. The matter was tabled for now and the town is looking into other avenues maybe through sponsorships or donors.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

BUDGET TRANSFERS

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick, seconded by Councilman Hrycik, and unanimously approved to transfer funds as follows:

From: A7620.4 Senior Citizens – Contractual	\$3,179.93
Into: A6772.4 Aging Programs – Contractual	\$ 482.80
A7110.4 Parks – Contractual	\$1,327.69
A8090.4 Environmental – Contractual	\$1,193.44
A8760.4 Disaster Assistance Contractual	\$ 176.00

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Kerlin reported that the NYS Spring Burn Ban is in effect starting March 16 through May 14th.

Tax collection has been going well the last day to pay without penalty is March 15th.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported that there will be a Public Hearing on the adoption of a Local Law regarding Flood Damage Prevention. The DEC approved the plan for Colden now the town can move forward to pass a Local Law at the next Town Board meeting on April 11th.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law 01-2019 Flood Damage Prevention

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to have Town Clerk Kerlin advertise for a Public Hearing in the next edition of the Springville Journal for the adoption of a Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that when he was in NYC at the Government Conference there was a discussion on AIM Funding being placed back into the State as well as winter recovery monies being placed back into the State Budget.

Bands are being lined up for the 2019 Concert Series at the Town Gazebo. Sponsorship is \$200 and this year there will possibly be rain dates set up.

PAY BILLS

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

General Fund Warrant Voucher #2019-54 to #2019-88	\$425,973.72
Highway Fund Abstract Voucher #2019-20 to #2019-38	\$ 32,436.90
Water District Voucher #2019-06 to #2019-09	\$ 4,438.91
Lighting District Voucher #2019 -03 to 2019#-04	\$ 2,084.37
Refuse District Voucher #2019 – 02	\$ 19,119.05

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated that he will be attending the Annual Advocacy Day Conference in Albany with Highway Superintendents from all across New York State. Some of the items that will be touched on are Extreme Weather funds being put back into the State Budget along with an increase to the “CHIPS Program”.

The Town Board and Highway Superintendent discussed the GPS System in the Town Highway Vehicles and who would have access to the information on the computer.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin
Town Clerk