

TB Mtg April 9, 2020  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
COLDEN TOWN HALL – April 9, 2020  
VIA: Go To Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:07pm

SUPERVISOR DePASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MICHAEL WHEELER, OKSANA CHUTKO, JAMISON ELLIS, CAROL NEWBOLD, DOROTHY SMITH, DENNIS NEUREUTHER AND ALL THE PEOPLE SUFFERING WITH COVID-19 AND WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID-19 FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Highway Superintendent Paul Clarkson  
Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer John Kotlarsz  
Asst. Bldg. Insp/Fire Insp. Thomas Dzuilko  
Town Clerk Christina Kerlin  
Approximately 7 Residents

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved the minutes of the March 12, 2020 Town Board Regular meeting as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT

Councilman Arcara reported that the Town Hall is being cleaned twice a day and with the Town Hall closed to the public you can reach the town departments by emails or by phone.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Report for the month of March 2020 – Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer, John Kotlarsz reported that there were:

- 4 Building Permits Issued
- 6 Certificates of Compliance
- 1 Order to Remedy Violation
- 1 Phone Complaint (burning on Stanfield Road)
- 1 Building Permit Denied

Asst. CEO Tom Dzuilko stated that 4 of the Zombie houses that were reported to WNYLAW will have signs placed in their yards stating that they are being watched by Zombie house force. Fire inspections are on hold for the moment and working on some loose ends. A house inspection will take place this Saturday, masks will be provided to the CEO's to wear on site.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported the following:

Monthly Food Truck is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 PM drive through at the Colden Fire Hall.

If COVID has affected your job or are laid off, you qualify for help stop into the food pantry:

Thursday 3-6

Saturdays 9 -noon

Monitory donations are needed at BOLO if you are able.

Colden Seniors meetings are cancelled.

“Thank you” to Evergreen WNY for helping a person in need in our community and to all the restaurants and businesses during this pandemic.

The Easter Bunny will be riding around town on Easter Sunday with the help of the Colden Fire Company starting at 11am so make sure to look out your window and wave.

#### DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Arcara read the following DCO report for March 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020.

NYS Ag & Markets came out and inspected DCO dog kennel and logbook. Kennel in logbook complied.

A resident from Concord called about her dog missing close to the Colden border. Dog returned on his own.

Town of Boston DCO contacted Colden DCO for shared services but was not needed.

A dog was dropped off at the Town Hall and returned to owner.

Call received about a dead deer.

Call received on a cat under a porch in the Town of Holland

A dog complaint was received from a resident on Crump Road.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

No report no meeting.

Councilman Pietraszek stated nothing new to report on any creek work maybe in a month or so there will be an update.

#### HIGHWAY REPORT & PARKS

Highway Superintendent Clarkson reported that paperwork was submitted for the Erie County Snow Removal and Ice Contract.

Gravel bid will need to be placed in the Springville Journal.

#### Advertise Gravel Bid

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilman Hrycik to advertise for Gravel Bids in the Springville Journal with the opening taking place on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 10:00am at the Colden Town Hall.

Sweeping of town roads are being done and there might be some plowing of snow this weekend. A COVID-19 plan has been implemented at the Highway Garage and for highway vehicles for disinfecting after use.

Parks equipment garage roof is leaking and will be looked at for repair.

#### INSURANCE REPORT

No report

#### LIBRARY REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that all libraries are all closed at this time. Lydia from the Boston Library has asked that you stop dropping off donations at this time.

#### PERSONNEL & TRAINING REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that many precautions are being taken if a department needs mask contact Town Clerk Kerlin and the Town Hall is being cleaned twice a day. There have been no layoffs of employees.

#### PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that Planning Board meeting was cancelled for March and will be setting up a meeting on Go To Meeting for future a meeting if needed.

#### WATER REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported that chlorine residuals are up 1.24 usually run around 1.0. Present time consumption billed by Erie County Water Authority for prior month is 1,834,000 gallons, cost is \$4,823.42 + 261.38 = \$5,084.80 expenditure. Retesting of master valves were done. 2” valve constant flow with 8” having a variance. Request to ECWA for web viewing access to check samples and billing, waiting on answer from ECWA.

#### YOUTH/ADULT RECREATION REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that the playground is closed the park is only open for walking if crowded leave and come back later.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Kerlin reported that the dog licenses renewals are still being mailed out and handicap accessible tags will be mailed out if tag is expired.

#### PAY BILLS

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

General Fund Warrant Voucher #2020-78 to #2020-107	\$430,771.90
Highway Fund Abstract Voucher #2020-40 to #2020-57	\$ 13,378.96
Water District Voucher #2020-14 to #2020-18	\$ 5,404.90
Lighting District Voucher #2020-04 to #2020-04	\$ 1,191.94
Refuse Fund Voucher #2020-03	\$ 22,198.93

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No Comment

#### SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale stated:

In just a few weeks, the entire world and our country and our Town were gripped with the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. This pandemic is something we as officials and residents have never dealt with. We are reminded of a quote by our 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, John F Kennedy:

“The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.”

The immediate needs of government center around the ability to communicate with citizens and their internal team. Providing accurate and timely information to citizens helps limit fear in the community. To provide the latest information about the spread of COVID-19 we are using are website, social media, online forums, etc., and we are in the process of putting in place the Code Red phone system to enable the town to contact town residents with emergency information with one phone call. Town employees are working while practicing safe conditions. Town Hall is closed to the public, but residents still can contact by phone with any issues they may have,

stay safe, stay positive, stay optimistic for this shall pass and normal will be restored to the Town of Colden, If anyone needs anything, I am a phone call away please don’t hesitate to call me. May God bless the Town of Colden and keep us safe. Take Care.

Town Board is always monitoring the budget and watching what revenues are coming in and will revisit later if changes need to be made to the budget. Town Board is releasing the \$1,000.00 donation to Bread of Life Outreach Center early this year due to their needs.

#### ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin  
Town Clerk