

TB Mtg May 14, 2020
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
COLDEN TOWN HALL – May 14, 2020
VIA: Go To Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03pm

SUPERVISOR DePASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MARTIN MCCALLUM, CHERYL SCHRADER, BARRY VIZENA AND MATILDA SWAIN FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Town Clerk Christina Kerlin
Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer John Kotlarsz
Asst. Bldg. Insp/Fire Insp. Thomas Dzuilko
Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer
Highway Superintendent Paul Clarkson
Asst Rec Director Carrie DePasquale
Approximately 3 Residents

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved the minutes of the April 9, 2020 Town Board Regular meeting as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT

Councilman Arcara reported that the roof at the park garage will be looked at for repairs or replacement he will meet with Highway Superintendent Clarkson to access the roof.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

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

9 Building Permits Issued
1 Order to Remedy Violation
1 Phone Complaint (on Stanfield Road)

Asst. CEO Tom Dzuilko reported that one of the four ZOMBIE houses that were reported to WNY Law Center has had significant clean up.

- 4 Orders to Remedy notices were sent out
- Fire Inspections will start first with restaurants and taking all the necessary COVID-19 recommendations wearing of masks, six-foot distancing.
- CEO's are working on 5 hours online training and NYS Code Book has been downloaded on computers.

There was discussion on the yearly SUP inspections, and it was decided that Town Clerk Kerlin will send out letters having the SUP holder contact Councilman Pietraszek who will coordinate with Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer for towers and bridge inspection. CEO John Kotlarsz will be the contact for the reminder of the SUP. A team will inspect taking all necessary COVID-19 recommendations wearing of masks, six-foot distancing.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported the following:

Monthly Food Truck is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th 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.

BOLO will hold a drive up Spaghetti dinner on May 20th starting at 4pm tickets can be purchased at Colden Market and Essential Oils.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Arcara read the following DCO report for April 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020.

A golden retriever wandered onto a neighbor's lawn in Craneridge referred them to the Town of Concord.

A call about two missing cats.

A resident called about a dog in the road, dog was near the driveway and went home.

A call was received about a dog bite which ended up was in the Town of Boston referred them to Boston DCO, did a follow up call on the matter and proper procedure for a dog bite.

A resident called about a rescue/rehousing of her dog.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

No report no meeting.

HIGHWAY REPORT & PARKS

Highway Superintendent Clarkson requested to hire Michael Palmateer back as a seasonal highway worker.

Approve Seasonal Highway Worker

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to appoint Michael Palmateer back for a seasonal highway worker at a rate of \$13.11 an hour.

- Highway will start working four days a week at 10hours a day.
- Chip sealing will start first week in June
- Crack sealing on roads is finished
- 2 Culverts are complete

Supervisor DePasquale stated that the Western Star 4700SB Truck and snowplow that was approved to be ordered last year for this year is almost completed the funds were budgeted for this year. Financing for the truck came in with the following options:

Option #1: Truck Only – 2 years / annual payment schedule

Amount to Finance = \$124,764.00

Interest Rate = 3.84%

Yearly Payment Amount = \$63,783.52

Option #2: Truck and Equipment package – 2 years / annual payment schedule

Amount to Finance = \$214,103.00

Interest Rate = 3.60%

Yearly Payment Amount = \$109,308.28

Option #3: Equipment Only – 2 years / annual payment schedule

Amount to Finance = \$89,339.00

Interest Rate = 4.07%

Yearly Payment Amount = \$45,731.89

All payments are advance payments and are to be paid at the beginning of each year.

Discussion was held on the various options and there was also a \$940.00 difference in purchase price from last year's quote.

Approve Financing the Truck and Equipment

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved Option #2 for the Truck and Equipment package for 2 years pending the clarification of the updated cost along with the confirmed cost. An email will be provided to the Town Board with the updated cost so as not to miss out on the financing deadline.

-Gravel bids were received and opened on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 10:00am and are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Bids were received from McEwan Trucking & Gravel products, Gernatt and D & H Materials. Highway Superintendent Clarkson's recommendation is to do what has been pass practice and use various companies as needed per availability. McEwan is good for gravel, Limestone purchase are good at County Line Stone under Erie County bid, sand through Gernatt and the availability at the point a job is needed.

Councilman Arcara asked if any road work would have to be put on hold this year due to the pandemic.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that the funds are there for road work that was budgeted no problems.

Gravel Bid Approval

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved the following for gravel purchases as needed McEwan Trucking & Gravel, Gernatts, D & H Materials and County Line under Erie Count Bid.

Town Clerk Kerlin asked Highway Superintendent Clarkson for the current Gravel Bid sheets from Erie County. Highway Superintendent Clarkson stated once the list is available, he will give them to her.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that parks employee Tere Feidt is unable to start working in the park at this time. A temporary park employee will be needed to fill position until Tere can return to work. In the meantime, Supervisor DePasquale and Council members have been working in the park along with the highway department when they have the opportunity. An advertisement will be placed in the Springville Journal for a temporary park's employee.

INSURANCE REPORT

No report

LIBRARY REPORT

No report

PERSONNEL & TRAINING REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that as stated above an advertisement for a part time parks employee will be posted in the Springville Journal and after discussion interviews will take place on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 6:00pm.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

No report

Supervisor DePasquale reported that the Code Enforcement can reevaluate the fees and fines for the town codes and a line will be added for reroofing on structures.

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilman Arcara and unanimously approved to add a line in the Town Code for reroofing of structures at a cost of \$75.00 for the building permit.

WATER REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported the following

Present time consumption billed by Erie County Water Authority for prior month is 1,936,000 gallons, cost is \$5,091.68 + 261.38 = \$5,353.00 expenditure.

Water Operator Greg Adams continues to reach out to ECWA to recheck both meters and valves.

Request to ECWA for web viewing access to track samples and billing no answer yet

Bill were sent out with \$17,016.79 in arrears.

YOUTH/ADULT RECREATION REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale stated that prior to tonight's meeting a conference call on NY PAUSE with other Town Supervisors was held with towns cancelling summer programs for 2020, The town did hold interviews for summer help but with the cancellation of all summer programs there will be no hiring for the summer programs and the applicants will now have an opportunity to find work elsewhere.

ASST Rec Director Carrie DePasquale stated that the recreation department is coordinating with the Colden Fire Company on a Scavenger Hunt more information to come once all the details are worked out.

There was discussion on funding of the Scavenger Hunt with the Colden Fire Company.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor DePasquale reported that due to the COVID-19 crisis, that most if not all Memorial Day observances have been cancelled. The Town of Lancaster's Events Coordinator, Dawn Gaczewski has come up with an event called "Ring For Remembrance". The own Board is reaching out to all churches and venues in Colden with bells or chimes to stand United and ring them at 9am on Memorial Day, May 25th with a moment of silence to follow. Dawn is working with VFW and Amvets posts along with charters of the American Legions and they fully support her idea

RESOLUTIONS

None

BUDGET TRANSFERS

None

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Kerlin asked the Town Board if they received the 2019 AUD report. Response was Yes. Request to advertise in the Springville Journal.

Advertise 2019 AUD Report

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to have Town Clerk Kerlin advertise that the 2019 AUD Report has been completed and on file in the Town Clerk's office.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported that the Town's new website is up and running along with a Town Facebook page with information posted by Councilwoman Zurbrick, Carrie and Tammy any information for the website can be sent to Tammy.

NYSEG sent a letter informing the town of a Scam the letter is posted on the web and Facebook page with all information regarding the scam.

Sign up for Code Red is posted on the town website and Facebook page a test call will be done sometime after May 26th.

Supervisor DePasquale read the following statement:

“Hope everyone is doing well during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Your Town Government is still working on your behalf. The highway department is working on projects in town. Town Hall is open by appointment and you can utilize the drop box at the rear entrance of Town Hall.

We are hoping to plan a town gathering as soon as we can, safely of course. Town Board cannot wait to get the park swings and basketball courts open again. We want every resident to know how impressed we are watching all of you support each other during this very trying time. Our town is truly a great place to live.

Happy to report that the Town Board is instituting the Code Red notification system. I urge everyone to register to receive notifications from the Town in times of emergency or with necessary information for our residents. Registration can be done at town website or the Town Facebook page.

To our brave Town employees who have not wavered during this pandemic, they keep everything running as normal as possible.

The Colden Fire Company, I must report that since our last meeting our dedicated volunteers have answered several calls for help. Our Fire Company answers calls that leave a long-lasting effect on them. They are committed to our residents and would give all for you. I am Proud and Honored to be part of this company. Be safe and stay healthy the people of Colden need you. My thoughts and prayers are with all who are affected by the COVID-19 virus as the curve seems to have leveled out. Here in WNY the numbers are still not where they need to be. There fore we will not enter phase 1 until approximately the end of May. To our residents I stress stay safe as things open back up. I have all the confidence that everyone can follow the guidance you have received for the last 3 months. COVID-19 will live on but so should the very freedoms we are accustom too as Americans! Soon this shall pass and normal will be restored to the Town of Colden. As always if anyone needs anything your Town Officials are just a phone call away and please do not hesitate to call on us.

May God Bless the Town of Colden and keep us safe.

To close my thoughts, I will continue to refer to the quote from our 40th president of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

“The future doesn’t belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave.”

Thank you and Take Care”

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PAY BILLS

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

General Fund Warrant Voucher #2020-108 to #2020-165	\$ 27,257.93
Highway Fund Abstract Voucher #2020-58 to #2020-75	\$ 19,278.72
Water District Voucher #2020-19 to #2020-22	\$ 5,457.47
Lighting District Voucher #2020-06 to #2020-07	\$ 1,181.92
Refuse Fund Voucher #2020-04	\$ 22,309.32

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No Comment

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin
Town Clerk