

TB Mtg September 8, 2022
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
VIA – Go To Meeting at Colden Town Hall & Virtual

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM

SUPERVISOR DePASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MARJORIE KERBER, WAYNE FOLTS AND JEFFREY SACKERSON FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer John Kotlarsz
Bldg. Insp/Code Enf Officer Thomas Dzuilko
Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter
Town Clerk Christina Kerlin
Approximately 1 Residents

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved the minutes for the Regular Town Board meeting held on August 4, 2022 at 7:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor DePasquale stated that New Business and Old Business will be moved to the beginning of the Town Board meetings, so the Town Board can address past and current topics before the committee reports. After discussing the placement of Privilege of the Floor on the agenda with Town Clerk Kerlin it was decided to move it back to the end of the meeting this way it gives an opportunity for a person to comment about any business that was brought to the Town Board during the town board meeting that evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported that the Town Hall Fire Alarm System had a significant failure in the system. The system is 20 years old and is now in need of updating. Johnson Controls came out and installed new heads on some of the detectors in the building. Which will help for a while, but the system will need to be updated. An email was sent out to the Town Board showing the cost to convert the system over to a Central Station Fire Alarm Cellular Monitoring System. Councilman Robinson gave a “Big Thank You” to Councilwoman Zurbrick for the time she spent over at the Town Hall while the alarm was going off and then for the time that it took to repair the system.

Approve to Update Fire Alarm System

MOTION made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to update the fire alarm system at the Town Hall to a Central Station Fire Alarm Cellular Monitoring System from Johnson Controls at a cost \$10,687.92.

Councilman Hrycik asked if the snack shack up at the town park was slated for any work to be done. The building needs a new roof, gutters, and siding. The building will be looked at for repairs, it was noted that the Colden Trail Riders donated the building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

Report for the month of August 2022 – Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer, John Kotlarsz reported that there were:

- 11 Building Permits Issued
- 1 New Dwelling
- 1 Certificate of Occupancy
- 18 Certificates of Compliance
- 1 3-Family Home Fire Inspection
- 2 Phone Complaints
- 1 Buildings Reported to Town Board as Unsafe

Noted: that the Solly house on Blanchard Road has been taken down and removed the house was in disrepair.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that a car show will take place at the Colden Fire Hall on Sunday September 11th during the Colden Art Festival. A Concert and a Memorial Service will take place up at Kummer Park as well on September 11th, band starting at 6pm service at 8:30pm.

Bread of Life Outreach and Gabe's on the Hill Hours:

Tuesday, 10am – 5pm

Wednesday, 1pm – 5pm

Thursday, 3pm – 6pm

Friday, 10am – 6pm

Saturday, 9am – 2pm

Food Pantry Hours:

Thursday, 3pm – 5pm

Saturday, 9am – 11pm

Mobile Food Truck

Mobile Food Truck is every fourth Thursday of the month starting at 1:30pm at the Colden Fire Hall on Gutekunst Road.

Seniors

Seniors meet every second Tuesday of the month starting at noon at the Colden Senior Center at 8811 State Road.

Old Country Presents-Nashville Show Trip

David Kloiber has organized a Nashville Show Trip for 6 days and 5 nights. Monday-Saturday, October 24-29 depart Colden at 8am, Cost is \$655. Check the town website for details.

Stage for 9/11 Service and Concert

Supervisor DePasquale stated that back in June contact was made for a stage at the park for concerts, the sound from the band projects better for the people seating up on the hill. With the upcoming 9/11 service and concert we would need to have the use of a stage again for September 11th.

Approve Stage for 9/11 Service and Concert

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved the rental of a stage from Ripe Audio at a cost of \$2,000.00 for the 9/11 Service and Concert on Sunday, September 11th.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported that DCO Shannon Miller fielded a few calls this month on missing dogs and dogs off their own property, a rabbit hanging around a person's yard and someone inquiring about how to get dispose of a refrigerator all calls were handled or referred to the right department.

Free Rabies VacFree Rabies Vaccination Clinics for Cats, Ferrets and Dogs

Registration is required. If you need assistance with registration, please call the ECDOH at 716-961-6800.

Saturday, September 10, 2022: 9 am – 1 pm Erie Community College – South Campus, Orchard Park (drive – through)

- Saturday, September 24, 2022: 9 am - 1 pm, Erie County Emergency and Training Operations Center, Cheektowaga (drive-through)
- Saturday, October 8, 2022: 9 am - 1 pm, Broadway Market, Buffalo (walk-through)

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

No report

HIGHWAY REPORT & PARKS

Highway Superintendent Wohlhueter reported that the men are working on mowing grass on the side of the roadways, ditching on South Hill Road and winding down on summer work and preparing trucks and plows for winter.

Town Board received an email from Highway Superintendent Wohlhueter explaining an incident from last year where Truck #8, the 2022 F450 had significant plow damage done. Lee is pursuing two options of either replacing the moldboard at a cost of \$2,565.00 or repair of the moldboard at a cost of \$1,800.00 “as is” with no guarantees if it breaks. After discussion.

Approve the Purchase of a New Moldboard

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved the purchase of moldboard for Truck #8 the 2022 F450 at a cost of \$1,800.00 from Valley Fab.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that finish clearing for the disc golf needs to be completed up at the park. A resident in town Nathan Boldt has volunteered his service to help complete the project. Nathan would be doing the project for the cost of the machine with no labor, cost for the machine is \$3,000.00, he has supplied a certificate of insurance and would start this Friday and take around 16 hours to complete the project.

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved Nathan Boldt to finish clear the disc golf with his machine at a cost of \$3,000.00.

INSURANCE REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported that on September 1st the changeover started with the insurance renewal and the new hire was added as well.

LIBRARY REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that donations were being sent out to the Boston Library and West Falls/Colden Library. Both libraries continue their various weekly and monthly activities check the library websites for updates.

Boston Library Hours

Monday 10am – 7pm
Tuesday 12pm – 8pm
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 10am – 7pm
Friday 12pm – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 2pm

West Falls Library Hours

Monday 6pm – 8pm
Tuesday 2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 6pm – 8pm
Thursday 10am – Noon (Story Hour 10:30am)
Friday 10am - Noon

PERSONNEL & TRAINING REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick reminded that if you have not completed your annual training that you need to complete it sooner than later.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that the Planning Board has been working on a Change of Use for a shared driveway on lower Darien Road. The Planning Board asked for some amended drawings and paperwork, which was submitted on Tuesday, not leaving enough time for an adequate response from the Planning Board to the Town Board. The Change of Use will be brought up at next month's meeting.

The Planning Board has been working hard on the Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Protection Plan with the CPL Team and WWS Planning.

WATER REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported that:

- At present time consumption billed by ECWA for prior month 1,626,000 gals. at a cost of \$4,845.48 + \$296=\$5,141.48 expenditure
- Dollar General just requested updated paperwork, to have them get billing vs Broadway Group. Paperwork from Dollar General not yet received. Talked with Tara about the paperwork, she will follow up and see if Dollar General can move it along, as for quarterly payment she has forward the bill to Dollar General accounting.
- Water Operator Greg Adams is working on yearly valve and hydrant opening/closing.
- Williamson Law is having software administration looking into why some entries in water are placed into sewer and then need an adjustment to correct issue.
- Water usage is up across the system.

Councilman Pietraszek explained the PFAS Cost Recovery Program from the NY Rural Water Association and the National Rural Water Association, there is no cost to register, and a system should register prior to any settlement or judgement from a PFAS contamination financial burden. More information may be obtained from the Colden Water Department

YOUTH/ADULT RECREATION REPORT

No report

RESOLUTION

None

BUDGET TRANSFERS

None

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Kerlin reported that the CDBG projects and 2023 Budget Workshop need to be set for the month of October along with the Public Hearing Local Law 2022 - #01 to Override the Tax Cap.

Approve CDBG Projects and 2023 Budget Workshop &
Public Hearing: Local Law 2022 - #01 to Override the Tax Cap

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved to advertise the workshop for CDBG Projects and 2023 Budget for October 6, 2022, at 6pm, the Public Hearing for Local Law 2022 - #01 to Override the Tax Cap for October 13, 2022, at 7:00pm.

IRS approved a milage increase for the second half of 2022, the increase went from .58.5 cents to .62.5 cents.

Approve Updated Milage Reimbursement

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to increase the milage reimbursement to .62.5cents for the remainder of 2022 starting July 1, 2022.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported that Troy & Banks, Inc. reached out to see if the town was interested in another audit & evaluation of the town utility bills. Information that the town needs to provide is bills for Utilities (street/outside lighting, electric, gas, water/sewer) and Telecommunications (land lines & wireless/cell phones). The town did agree to an audit in 2016 and was compensated around \$4,000.00 after the audit was completed.

Approve Troy & Banks Inc. for a Town Audit of Utility Bills

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilman Hrycik and unanimously approved to enter an agreement with Troy & Banks Inc to do a study of the town utility bills for any overage charges.

Supervisor DePasquale stated that he was down at the firehall on August 25th directing traffic and parking for a funeral breakfast while BOLO was having the Food Truck give away. He was very impressed with the BOLO team and gives them “Big Kudos” for all the work and food they provide to residents and encourages residents to utilize the giveaway for it is a great benefit to our community.

PAY BILLS

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

General Fund Warrant Voucher #2022-342 to #2022-380	\$ 20,201.40
Highway Fund Abstract Voucher #2022-100 to #2022-119	\$ 20,083.84
Water District Voucher #2022-40 to #2022-47	\$ 9,083.45
Lighting District Voucher #2022-13	\$ 1,291.88
Refuse District Voucher #2022-09	\$ 25,128.15

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilwoman Zurbrick stated that she was camping at Allegany State Park and was surprised to see that there were not a lot of people using the park. After some time, she found out that there is new park management and they have cut many programs such as the Fourth of July celebration, beach parties, car shows and Christmas with Santa. Currently, a drive through the park will show that although Reserve America, shows all cabins are reserved, very few cabins are occupied during the week & weekends, in the winter camping opportunities were very limited due to vast cabin trail closures the Parks Quaker Museum has been closed all with no explanation given from new park management. When information started getting out about the closures long time park patrons responded by signing a petition. People feel the current Administration is ruining one of the best areas of NY State, by restricting camping opportunities, canceling activities, and failing to communicate with the Patrons. Councilwoman Zurbrick is encouraging residents to go online to [Change.org](https://www.change.org) and sign the petition for Concerned Patrons of Allegany State Park.

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina M. Kerlin
Town Clerk