

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 pm

SUPERVISOR DePASQUALE OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF ALICE WANGELIN FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter  
CEO John Kotlarsz  
CEO Tom Dziulko  
Recreation Director Kip Palmateer  
Planning Board Chairman Walter Kammer  
Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak  
Springville Journal Editor Max Borsuk  
Approximately 7 residents

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Town Board members to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on November 9, 2023

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

Colden resident Mary Gardon brought forth a concern about a vacant home located at 8253 Boston Colden Rd. The home is next door to a home she co-owns with her daughter and is directly in front of Colden Elementary School. She stated that the home is in complete disrepair, attracts wild animals and is not structurally sound having openings in the foundation and an accumulation of debris. She voiced concerns about risks to her family and school children from the house and from some dead trees in the backyard. Mary asked for action be taken before an accident occurs. She also provided photos showing the areas of concern on and around the home. The Board explained that the homeowner is due to appear in court on December 18th. They also discussed that there are processes which must be followed to have a home remedied or

demolished and attempts to secure the house have been made by the Town in the past. CEO Dziulko will have the Clerk call Mary with the results from the Monday's court hearing.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor DePasquale reported that the Senior Center has been inspected by the Town and is ready to be used by Sue Clapp from Aurora Adult Care Services as an additional adult care service location. The board discussed allowing the site to be used on Wednesdays and Fridays. If needed additional days will be discussed by the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Pietraszek and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to approve the Senior Center's use as an adult care site on Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No Report

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### BUILDING REPORT

Councilman Robinson spoke about the ongoing CDBG opportunity for a Senior Center Generator. We are waiting to hear whether the grant will be offered. If granted, the generator installation will take about a week, in late spring of 2024. Councilman Robinson checked to ensure the existing gas line will support the recommended 60 kW generator. Parks Employee Brautlacht changed lighting in the elevator as suggested by the CDBG committee and she may be converting the Senior Center lighting to LEDs. The Board also discussed a light out on the park monument that needs to be fixed.

##### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE REPORT

Report for the month of November 2023 – CEO Dziulko read the following report:

- 9 Building Permits Issued
- 1 New Dwelling Permit Issued
- 1 Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- 12 Certificates of Compliance
- 1 Stop Work Order
- 1 Order to Remedy Violation
- 3 Fire Inspections
- 8 Phone Complaints
- 1 Building Permit Denied

CEOs Kotlarsz and Dziulko stated they are finishing up the legal work with 8253 Boston Colden Rd and they discussed some other homes in town that need attention.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Zurbrick asked that the following information be added to the minutes:

### Free Lunch

BOLO holds a free lunch once a month with a guest speaker, check the website for details.

### Feed More Mobile Food Truck Feed More Food Truck

The Feed More Food Truck Giveaway will not come in November and December due to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

Tuesday, 10am – 4pm

Wednesday, 10am – 4pm

Thursday, 2pm – 5pm

Friday, 10am – 4pm

Saturday, 9am – 2pm

### Food Pantry Hours:

Thursday, 3pm – 5pm

Saturday, 9am – 11am

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that the Town's tree lighting and professional caroling was wonderful and so was the combined Christmas Party between the Colden Fire Company and Colden Recreation Department.

## DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Robinson stated that Bill Newell, the Town of Holland's DCO, is temporarily covering Dog Control for Colden until the position is filled. He read the following Dog Control report: 11/8/23 Picked up an Australian Shepherd from Crump Rd and brought it to a dog kennel on Genesee Rd in East Concord to be adopted out. It was boarded for 6 days. 11/14/23 The dog was transferred to Foxwood Rescue Wildlife. 11/28/23 He received a call from a Springville resident missing 2 dogs from Zoar Valley Rd in Springville.

The Board discussed the upcoming interviews for the DCO and Planning Board positions. They determined interviews would begin at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 19th with a backup date of Wednesday, December 20th.

## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

No Report

## HIGHWAY AND PARKS REPORT

Superintendent Wohlhueter reported the following:

We have submitted to get our first payment of the season for plowing Erie County roads. We are working with the dealers to get the bugs worked out of our newer trucks. We were able to purchase a used plow truck through auction from the Town of Sardinia to fill in for the downed truck #4. The final winning bid we submitted was \$35,800 which kept us under our max of \$50,000. The Board discussed their gratitude for the mild weather while these problems are being worked out.

## INSURANCE REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported that a small adjustment was made to the insurance because an employee added dental coverage.

## LIBRARY REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that the West Falls Library will be offering a Gluten Free 101 class on January 3, 2024, at 6:30 pm, there is no charge for the class but you must sign up in advance. He also reported that the Boston Library has snow equipment that can be checked for free when the weather cooperates.

## PERSONNEL REPORT

Councilwoman Zurbrick read the following resolution:

### HONORING Honorable Christina M Kerlin, COLDEN TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS Honorable Christina M Kerlin is completing **15.75** years of Service to the Town of Colden

WHEREAS, Honorable Christina M Kerlin has served the residents of the Town of Colden with integrity and fairness for **3.75** years as Deputy Town Clerk and **12** years as elected Colden Town Clerk

WHEREAS we believe as both Deputy Town Clerk and Elected Town Clerk you protected the best interest of the Town you love, as well as always representing the residents of the Town of Colden.

WHEREAS Honorable Christina M Kerlin and her husband Joe will be missed at the Town Board meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Colden wishes Christina M Kerlin and her Husband Joe, a long and happy life together and the best in all their future endeavors during their Retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Colden Town Board does hereby present to the Honorable Christina M Kerlin this certificate of public recognition and extend to her our deepest appreciation for her distinguished service to the Town of Colden.

Duly adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, by the following vote:

Vote: Councilman	Dennis Robinson- Yes
Councilman	Jesse Hrycik -Yes
Councilman	Gerald Pietraszek – Yes
Councilwoman	Patricia Zurbrick - Yes
Supervisor	James DePasquale - Yes

Councilwoman Zurbrick reported that the Deputy Town Clerk position will be filled by Crystal Barrett. She will begin her training tomorrow Friday, December 15, 2023.

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek and Councilwoman Zurbrick seconded and unanimously approved by the Town Board to appoint Crystal Barrett as Deputy Town Clerk beginning in January 2024.

#### PLANNING REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that there was no regular meeting last month. Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer reported on his meeting with a Rotella representative about funding related to action items contained in the Town's proposed AFPP and Comp Plan. He also reported that Assistant Recreation Director Carrie DePasquale is pursuing a grant through Parks and Recreation for funding to upgrade the Town's playground equipment to become ADA compliant and create an ADA compliant trail. The Board discussed getting federal funding for the rehabilitation of Murray Hill Rd, enhancement of the Mill St access for EMS purposes, and upgrading street lighting in the Colden Hamlett to LEDs.

Chairman Kammer has been working with EC to get a reimbursement of postage costs related to the AFPP and Comp Plan.

#### WATER DISTRICT REPORT

Change all this

Councilman Pietraszek read the following report. At the present time consumption billed by Erie County Water Authority for the prior month is 1,455,000 gallons at a cost of \$4,859.70+ \$332.04 = \$5191.74 expenditure.

\*ECWA water cost \$3.57/Thousand

\*Neptune moving to cloud app start of 2024. Price planned into budget, agreement signed for change in 2024 after February billing. Neptune 360 to run on android Tab A.

\*Continue to rebuild meters as we replace radios with T-10 radios.

\*Relevy letters sent to 33 accounts, some were paid. Relevy 19 accounts with a cost of \$4934.45.

Erie County has raised their rates so an increase in the Town's bills may be coming. The NYSDOT will be replacing 2 cross culverts along State Rd that will require moving the Town's water lines.

#### RECREATION REPORT

Recreation Director Palmateer read the following report: We received positive feedback on our Christmas Ornament making night. Thank you to Carrie DePasquale for making it go smoothly. The Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling night was also a big hit. There will be a Defensive Driving Class offered on March 6th from 6 pm - 10:30 pm for a cost of \$35.00. Another "Sweet Little Songbirds Class is starting January 20, 2024 and runs for 8 weeks. The cost is \$80/family with a limit of 10 families.

#### RESOLUTIONS

None

#### BUDGET TRANSFER

None

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT

The Town Board determined that the Town's Reorganizational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 pm followed by regular meeting and a Public Hearing for the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan to be held at 7:00 pm on January 4, 2024.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale reported that a NYS DOT speed study done on Hayes Hollow Rd resulted in a decrease of the speed limit to 45 MPH. The decreased speed will be on the portion of Hayes Hollow Rd between Irish Rd and Blanchard Rd.

Supervisor DePasquale announced a Town Shredding date on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Colden Fire Hall on Gutekunst Rd. The event will begin at 9:00 am for disposal of Town Hall

documents and then be open to residents from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. Event notification will be by Town Newsletter scheduled to be mailed in March.

He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked Superintendent Wohlhueter for his work on keeping the roads in great shape.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None

**PAY BILLS**

The Board discussed the current activities of the Town Historian, and they will reach out to see if he is still interested in the job.

**MOTION** made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved by the Town Board to pay the following bills:

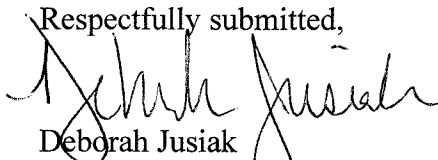
General Fund	2023 Abstract #476 - 532	\$57,727.40
Highway Fund	2023 Abstract #205 - 225	\$93,978.54
Water District	2023 Abstract #62 - 65	\$6,149.40
Lighting District	2023 Abstract #20 - 21	\$2,549.07
Refuse District	2023 Abstract # 11	\$26,424.35
Cares Act	2023 Abstract # 13	\$556.29

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** made by Councilman Robinson and seconded by Councilman Pietraszek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Jusiak  
Deputy Town Clerk