

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 pm

PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson – excused, arrived at 6:15 pm
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilwoman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter
CEO John Kotlarsz
CEO Tom Dziulko
Planning Board Chairman Walter Kammer
Town Clerk Deborah Jusiak
DCO Michelle Zak
Environmental Board Member Paul Idzik
Asst Recreation Director Carrie DePasquale

2024 REORGANIZATION MEETING

2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Councilman Pietraszek read the following:

1. The elected Town Officials are salaried for the year 2024 as per budget as follows:

Supervisor	James DePasquale	<u>\$33,748.00</u> \$33,748.00
Budget Officer	Tammy Nuttle	\$2,880.00
Council Members (4)	Gerald Pietraszek	\$7,304.00
	Patricia Zurbrick	\$7,304.00
	Jesse Hrycik	\$7,304.00
	Dennis Robinson	<u>\$7,304.00</u> \$29,216.00
Town Clerk	Deborah Jusiak	\$49,564.00
	HWY Clerk Typist	\$3,414.00
	Vital Stats	<u>\$674.00</u> \$53,652.00
Highway Supt.	Lee Wohlhueter	\$77,612.00

Town Justice (2)	Michael Schneider	\$14,696.00
	Martin McMahan	<u>\$14,696.00</u>
		\$29,392.00

2. Highway employee's salaries for 2024 as per contract are as follows:
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|-----|-------------|---------------------------|
| MEO | \$31.96 hr. | Motor Equipment Operators |
| MEO | \$47.92 hr. | Overtime |

3. Deputy Highway Superintendent of highways will assume his duties during the absence or inability of the Town Superintendent of highways and be vested with all the powers and duties of the town superintendent as provided by law.

All town equipment such as keys, truck, phone & pertinent information containing to the duties of the job (access to computer, etc.) will be turned over to the deputy in the Superintendents absence.

The compensation for this position will be as follows: Regular pay \$31.96 plus \$5 extra per hour for a rate of \$36.96 per hour & overtime rate of \$47.92 plus \$7.50 extra per hour for an overtime rate of \$55.42 per hour. A minimum of 1 hour will be compensated for all call outs, checking roads & etc.

4. RESOLVED THAT **Ronald Bennett** be appointed contractually as Attorney for the Town in accordance with Section 20 (2) (b) to serve as needed throughout the year of 2024 at a flat fee of **\$12,000.00** for general municipal legal services and \$195.00 per hour for court municipal litigation. One (1) year term ending December 31, 2024.

5. RESOLVED THAT **Brian Attea** be appointed as Town Prosecutor at a rate of **\$120.00** per hour. **Ryan F. McCann Esq.** be appointed to Deputy Town Prosecutor at **\$120.00 per hour.**

6. RESOLVED THAT **Steven Lehman** be appointed as Constable with the rank of Sergeant and **Paul Sobkowiak** be appointed as Constable to the Justices for the year 2024. All constables to serve with compensation of **\$23.16** an hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Read by Supervisor DePasquale:

7. RESOLVED THAT **Mark Adamchick** be the Certified Public Accountant for the Town of Colden for the year 2024 a flat fee of **\$7850.00** for AUD and Budget preparations and **\$85.00** per hour for auditing books quarterly.

8. RESOLVED THAT Town Clerk **Deborah Jusiak** be appointed as Highway Account Clerk Typist.

9. RESOLVED THAT **Dawn Martin** be retained as the Town Assessor at the rate of **\$19,500.00** per year.

10. RESOLVED THAT Town Clerk **Deborah Jusiak** appoints **Crystal Barrett** as Deputy Town Clerk at a salary of **\$36,306.00**.

11. RESOLVED THAT **Supervisor DePasquale** appoints **Tammy Nuttle** as Secretary/bookkeeper to the Supervisor at a salary of **\$36,306.00**.

12. RESOLVED THAT **Michelle Zak** be appointed as Dog Control/Dog Census Officer with a salary of **\$11,818.00** yearly to be paid bi-weekly. The DCO shall assume responsibility for preparing a monthly report to the Town Board on duties performed with full details according to town code. DCO shall submit and maintained an accurate town wide dog census through the year 2024.

RESOLVED THAT the **DCO** be authorized to accept and obtain all information and certificates pertaining to the licensing of a canine to release a seized canine to the owner outside of regular business hours. All information and certificates collected will be turned over to the Town Clerk on the next regular business day for processing.

13. RESOLVED THAT **John Kotlarsz** be appointed as Code Enforcement Officer in charge of Zoning & Enforcement with a salary of **\$16,129.00** yearly to be paid bi-weekly.

RESOLVED THAT **Thomas Dziulko** be appointed as Code Enforcement Officer / Fire Inspector regarding zoning, enforcement with the salary of **\$16,129.00** yearly to be paid bi-weekly.

RESOLVED THAT **Crystal Barrett** be appointed as Code Enforcement Clerk with the salary **\$2,880.00** yearly to be paid bi-weekly.

14. RESOLVED THAT **Greg Adams** be appointed Water Operator at a rate of **\$25.07** per hour as needed with no benefits. Employee to be paid at the first payroll following service rendered.

RESOLVED THAT **Ron Smith** be appointed as Water District Clerk at an hourly rate of **\$19.95** per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

RESOLVED THAT **Ron Smith** be appointed as Assistant Water Worker at an hourly rate of **\$19.95** per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

15. RESOLVED THAT **Kalei Brautlacht** be appointed to Town Grounds/Maintenance Worker at a rate of **\$22.28** per hour with benefits. Employee to be paid at the first payroll following service rendered.

16. RESOLVED THAT **Jaime Hacker** be appointed as court clerk with a wage of **\$19.95** per hour paid bi-weekly.

RESOLVED THAT **Marie Falzone** be appointed as Court Clerk Assistant/Trainer with a wage of **\$19.95** per hour paid bi-weekly as needed.

RESOLVED THAT the **Court Stenographer** with a wage of **\$110.00** for two hours worked and **\$65.00** for each additional hour to be paid contractually.

Read by Councilwoman Zurbrick

17. RESOLVED THAT **Kip Palmateer** be appointed as Recreation Supervisor at a yearly salary of **\$14,012.00** to be paid bi-weekly with no benefits.

RESOLVED THAT **Carrie DePasquale** be appointed as Recreation Assistant Supervisor at a yearly salary of **\$10,000.00** to be paid bi-weekly with no benefits.

18. RESOLVED THAT **Amy Brautlacht** be hired as part-time cleaner for the Senior Center and the Town Hall at a rate of **\$17.30** per hour.

19. RESOLVED THAT **Brian Sudyn** be appointed as Disaster Coordinator and **Lee Wohlhueter** be appointed as Assistant Disaster Coordinator.

WAGES & SALARIES

RESOLVED THAT HOURLY EMPLOYEES be paid the following salaries, commencing January 1, 2024, to be paid bi-weekly unless otherwise noted:

Skilled Laborers:	\$18.39 per hour
Recreation Workers:	\$16.00 per hour
Tennis Instructor:	\$18.80 per hour
Umpires & Referees:	\$16.00 per hour for Soccer and Baseball. \$16.00 Hockey for Floor Hockey
Board of Assessment Review	\$16.00 per hr. or \$50.00 a day for school/review (whichever greater)

20. RESOLVED THAT **USI Insurance Service** be the insurance agent for the Town of Colden for the year 2024.

RESOLVED THAT this Board approve as the form and amount the Employee's Blanket Bond—which includes the offices of Supervisor & his Secretary, Highway Superintendent, Town Justices, Court Clerk, Town Clerk—Tax Collector, and her Deputy, Peace Officer, Councilmen, Councilwoman, Youth Supervisors, Code Enforcement Officers, Dog Control Officer & Emergency Manager and Water Clerk.

RESOLVED THAT the regular monthly meeting of the Colden Town Board for the year of "2024" shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at **7:00 PM** for the regular time and date of the Town Board meeting unless otherwise resolved to change and that the October Board Meeting be held on October 3rd and the November meeting be held on November 7th.

RESOLVED THAT any business to be brought to the attention of the Colden Town Board by any elected or appointed official or by the public be submitted for the agenda **72 hours** prior to a meeting.

RESOLVED THAT **the Springville Journal** be the official newspaper of the Town of Colden for the year 2024.

RESOLVED THAT **ALL BOARDS** receive a copy of the unapproved **Board Minutes (from all Town Boards)** for public review within **ten business days** of the date of such meetings. (Open Meeting Law 106) All Boards to receive a copy of the **agenda 48 hours** prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED THAT the Town Board will hold a work session the first **Thursday** of each month at **6 PM** at the Town Hall. If a work session is not necessary and the Town Board does not meet it will be posted on the front door of the Town Hall.

RESOLVED THAT Deborah Jusiak be appointed as the Record Access Officer to accept and receive all **FOIL** requests.

Read by Councilman Hrycik

RESOLVED THAT the Town of Colden **Tax Assessor** be authorized to re-levy any unpaid water bills to be submitted prior to November 20th of each year.

RESOLVED THAT warrants and abstract checks to be paid within terms of invoice or seven days of authorization.

RESOLVED THAT Bank of Holland be designated as the official depository for all Town of Colden funds.

RESOLVED THAT **Supervisor DePasquale** is authorized to endorse checks, withdraw, or transfer funds with the Bank of Holland and **Patricia Zurbrick** is authorized to endorse checks in the event the Supervisor is absent.

RESOLVED THAT **Patricia Zurbrick** be appointed as Deputy Town Supervisor and is authorized to endorse checks and act on behalf of the Supervisor in the event the Supervisor is absent.

RESOLVED THAT **Tammy Nuttle** is hereby authorized by the Supervisor to obtain information and direct telephone transfers for all Town of Colden Checking and Savings accounts.

RESOLVED THAT the Investment Policy for the Town of Colden be adopted.

RESOLVED THAT the Current Procurement Policy for the Town of Colden be adopted. The Procurement Policy will be updated during the year 2024.

RESOLVED THAT the **Supervisor** be authorized to invest any surplus monies and tax monies as prescribed by law, wherever most advantageous rates are available.

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 118 of NY Town Law the Town Board authorizes payment of claims presented to the Town Board and such voucher shall be accompanied by a statement by the officer who originates the claim that he approves the claim, and the services were rendered or supplied, and the equipment delivered in lieu of the verification of the creditor.

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 118 of NY Town Law the Town Board may permit the Supervisor to pay claims for public utilities, insurance, debt service, postage, freight, and express charges, before they are audited or reviewed by the Town Board.

RESOLVED THAT the Highway Superintendent be requested to present with all vouchers, signed invoices showing who received what material and on what date.

RESOLVED THAT all officers be permitted to attend meetings of a legal nature and be reimbursed for the costs. Conferences should be told to the Town Board prior to attendance. Dues for national, state and county associations shall be paid by the Town of Colden from General Funds.

RESOLVED THAT all employee reimbursement requests are submitted within 60 days of said expenditures to be eligible for payment within the budgetary year.

RESOLVED THAT any official using his automobile on Town Business shall be reimbursed based on **\$.67** per mile, upon submission of a duly executed voucher stating the date, reasons for travel and the number of miles. That food allowance for employees who attend business meetings or seminars for the Town of Colden be allowed to **\$70.00** per day. Food Allowance for NY City will be **\$125.00** a day. Receipts will be required for reimbursement.

RESOLVED THAT Feed More of WNY volunteers for the Town of Colden be reimbursed based on **\$.67** per mile, upon submission of a duly executed voucher, stating the date(s) and number of miles.

Read by Supervisor DePasquale

21. RESOLVED THAT the Tax Collector & Town Clerk retain a petty cash fund of **\$100.00** each during 2024, Supervisor retain a petty cash fund of **\$200.00** during 2024.

RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk retain a petty cash fund of **\$100.00** during 2024 for collection of Water District Payments.

RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor be authorized to pay the bills for all funds including payroll and the Town Board shall audit the bills every month prior to the Town Board meeting.

RESOLVED THAT the Supervisor shall submit to the Town Clerk within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year a copy of the report sent to the State Comptroller as required by Section 30 of the General Municipal Law; and thereafter a summary of such report to be published pursuant to law. Upon written request from the chief fiscal officer, the comptroller may extend the period for filing such report for an additional sixty days.

22. NEXT ITEMS ARE APPOINTMENTS & COMMITTEES

I appoint **Joseph Marren** as Town Historian at the yearly salary of **\$878.00**.

I appoint **Dennis Robinson** as Affirmative Action Officer

Town Law Section 6 authorizes the Supervisor to appoint solely in his or her discretion, committees consisting of the members of the Town Board. Since the Supervisor has the discretion regarding the creation of these committees as well as appointments of the Town Board members, the Supervisor also has the discretion of which matters are referred to the committee.

The following committees for the year 2024 appointed by the Supervisor:

Buildings	Councilman Robinson
Code Enforcement	John Kotlarsz/ Tom Dziulko
Community Development	Councilwoman Zurbrick
Dogs	Councilman Robinson
Environment	Councilman Pietraszek
Highway & Parks	Superintendent Wohlhueter/
Insurance	Councilman Robinson
Library	Councilman Hrycik
Personnel & Training Coordinator	Councilwoman Zurbrick
Planning	Councilman Hrycik
Water District	Councilman Pietraszek
Youth/Adult Recreation	Councilwoman Zurbrick

23. RESOLVED THAT attendance at board sessions is an essential responsibility of board members. Failure to attend 70% of sessions is grounds for revocation of appointment.

24. RESOLVED THAT **Crystal Barrett** be appointed as Secretary of the Board of Assessment Review, Planning, Environmental & Zoning with a wage of **\$19.95** per hour paid bi-weekly.

25. Planning Boards (7 – 7 Year Appointments)

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7 PM

Robert J. Walker	December 31, 2024
Walter Kammer	December 31, 2025
Andrew Gow	December 31, 2027
Cheryl Schenne	December 31, 2028
Dakota Forgione	December 31, 2029
George Reinhardt	December 31, 2030
John Riley	December 31, 2026

26. Environmental Board (5 – 2 Year Appointments)

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7 PM

Craig Bouguin	December 31, 2024
Deborah Pasco	December 31, 2024
Linda Antkowiak	December 31, 2028
Ellen Eigenbrod	December 31, 2025
Paul Idzik	December 31, 2026

27. Zoning Board (5 – 5-Year Appointments)

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7 PM

Andrew Geist	December 31, 2027
Bernie Horschel	December 31, 2026
Alexander Keogan	December 31, 2025
Shawn Webster	December 31, 2028
Mark Bus	December 31, 2024

28. Board of Assessment Review (5 – 5 Year Appointments) 4th Tuesday of May

Jill Masset	September 30, 2027
Megan Jarecki	September 30, 2026
John Pasco	September 30, 2025
Keith Van Lew	September 30, 2024
Craig Bouquin	September 30, 2027

29. RESOLVED THAT all Department Heads and Volunteer Board Chairmen are to submit reports and/or requests to the Town Clerk within 72 hours prior to the monthly Town Board meeting. A representative from each department or board is encouraged to attend the monthly Town Board Meeting.

Approve the Organizational Appointments for 2024

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Robinson and unanimously approved to accept the 2024 Organizational appointments as read. Supervisor James DePasquale adjourned the Organizational meeting at 6:27pm. The books were opened for Town Board and Public Review.

JANUARY 4, 2024

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 pm

THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN
MEMORY OF MARTHA KALINOWSKI

FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

PRESENT

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

MOTION made by Councilman Pietraszek, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and
unanimously approved the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on
December 14, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor DePasquale discussed the scheduled Public Hearing for review of the Town's
Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) and it's SEQR. Chairman Kammer and
the Town Board discussed the Town residents' multiple opportunities and commendable
participation in forming the Plan. They also discussed the plan's approval received from
the Erie County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board.

Supervisor DePasquale opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm. There were no comments.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick and seconded by Councilman Robinson and
unanimously approved to close the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and discussed Parts 1-3 of the AFPP SEQR and the accompanying
documentation supporting a negative declaration. Supervisor DePasquale called for a roll
call vote to accept the AFPP SEQR.

On the vote:

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

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilman Robinson and
unanimously approved to accept the Final Draft of the AFFP. Supervisor DePasquale
called for a roll call.

On the vote:

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

Supervisor DePasquale read a resolution to accept the Town’s first AFPP.



**TOWN OF COLDEN
COLDEN N.Y. 14033
RESOLUTION #2024-1
ADOPTION OF AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, In the early 2020 the Town of Colden tasked the Town Planning Board to develop the Town of Colden’s first Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

WHEREAS the Covid Pandemic severely affected the Towns ability to conduct the update and the project was put on temporary hold.

WHEREAS the Colden Town Planning Board held multiple meetings and workshops that were all open to the public to attend.

WHEREAS the Planning Board along with Project Consultants received valuable input from Residents during the development of the plan.

WHEREAS the Colden Town Environmental Board prepared and reviewed the Long SEQR.

WHEREAS The Colden Town Board acting as Lead Agency reviewed and accepted the SEQR prepared by the Environmental Board.

WHEREAS the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan draft as well as Section 239-m Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation law was reviewed and accepted by the Erie County Agriculture and Farmland protection board.

WHEREAS the Colden Town Board set a public hearing for this date 1-4-2024, the Town Clerk advertised the hearing in the Springville Journal and the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan draft was accessible through a link located on the Town of Colden official website.

WHEREAS the Colden Town board held a public hearing on 1-4-2024 for public input. No residents appeared and the Town Board received no input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by a unanimous vote the Town of Colden Town Board adopts in its entirety the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan on this date the 4th day of January 2024.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Zurbrick, seconded by Councilman Robinson, and unanimously approved to accept the resolution.

On the vote:

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

WWS will issue the document and it will be filed with NYS Ag & Markets. The Board thanked Chairman Kammer and the Planning Board for their hard work in creating the AFPP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported on draft plans received from Schenne & Associates showing a proposed design of a new roof of the Highway Garage. The Board, Superintendent Wohlhueter, and CEOs Dziulko and Kotlarsz discussed the plans, insulation, roof materials, pitch and venting of the proposed project. It was determined that CEO Kotlarsz and Superintendent Wohlhueter will perform a walk-through of the Highway Garage with a general contractor to get a ballpark quote on the project. Superintendent Wohlhueter will follow up with the CEOs and Schenne & Associates with any recommended plan changes.

Councilman Robinson reported that the Senior Center Generator project was accepted by the CDBG committee. Rotella will get quotes for the building's generator.

Supervisor DePasquale asked if additional lighting could be installed at the back of the Senior Center to light up the back of the parking lot. They will follow up with Parks Brautlacht.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Report for the month of December 2023 – CEO Kotlarsz read the following report:

- 3 Building Permits Issued
- 2 Certificate of Occupancy Issued
- 2 Certificates of Compliance
- 1 Court Appearance
- 3 Fire Inspections
- 2 Phone Complaints
- 1 Building Reported to Town Board as Unsafe

CEOs Kotlarsz and Dziulko reported that one tree was taken down at 8253 Boston Colden Rd but 2 are still standing. The homeowner is due back in Court on January 22nd with a plan to remove the house. They discussed ongoing projects and sales within the Town.

Supervisor DePasquale asked to set a Workshop with the CEOs, Town Board, Planning Board Chairman and ZBA Chairman regarding storage containers and accessory structures. The Workshop was set for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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 begin January 25, 2024, the 4th Thursday of the month.

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

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

Councilman Robinson gave the following DCO reports:

On 12/7 A caller had a question about court payments, she was told to call the Town Clerk. 12/9 A resident called about a missing dog and later reported the dog was located. 12/11 A call from the Town of Boston DCO about a chocolate lab found on Omphalius Rd. The Colden DCO had no reports of a missing dog in Colden.

A second DCO report had the following information:

12/29 A call from EC Health Dept requesting a health check on a dog from Lower East Hill Rd. The DCO checked the dog and found it to be healthy and reported back to the Health Dept. Also, on 12/29, the DCO received a call from a resident of Lewis Rd about a neighbor's dog chasing & growling at her. The DCO went to the dog owner's home and the complainant's home to resolve the dispute.

Councilman Robinson announced the Town's new DCO Michelle Zak. She has already received most of the DCO equipment. Councilman Robinson will be purchasing a high vis vest, magnetic car signs and an ID tag to help identify her.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek reported that there was no Environmental Board meeting in December. He also reported on a Design Memo received from Schenne & Associates regarding Murray Hill Road's slope repair. The report recommends beginning legal and survey work on the project before failure occurs. Councilman Pietraszek will contact Erie County Soil & Water to see what repair measures are anticipated this spring. The Town Board and Chairman Kammer discussed getting grant funding to stabilize the bank and rebuild the bottom section of the existing roadway.

HIGHWAY AND PARKS REPORT

Superintendent Wohlhueter reported the following:

We took delivery of the used plow truck from auction. We did some preventative maintenance to it and it's ready to go when needed.

As per approval of our 2024 budget, I ordered the new mig welder that was requested by our department and hope to see delivery of it within a couple of weeks.

The agreement to spend was signed by the Town Board.

MOTION made by Supervisor DePasquale and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and unanimously approved to accept the Agreement to Spend.

A Pave our Potholes check was received in the amount of \$11,246.40 and is the last of the 2023 CHIPS money.

Councilman Hyrcik asked about two town tractors being stored in Mike Spagnola's storage barn. Superintendent Wohlhueter and the Town Board discussed acquiring more storage for Highway

and Parks equipment. A workshop for the Town Board, CEOs, Superintendent Wohlhueter, and Parks Brautlacht to discuss possible construction of a new parks building was set for Wed, January 31, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

INSURANCE REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported that a rate increase was made to the insurance because of an outstanding claim dating back to 2022.

LIBRARY REPORT

Councilman Hrycik reported that the Boston Library has a snowman craft scheduled for January 18, 2024 and a Valentine craft scheduled for February 8.

PERSONNEL REPORT

No report

PLANNING REPORT

Councilman Hrycik welcomed John Riley as a new Planning Board member.

WATER DISTRICT REPORT

Councilman Pietraszek read the following report. At the present time consumption billed by Erie County Water Authority for the prior month is 1,564,000 gallons at a cost of \$5223.76 + \$332.04 = \$5,555.80 expenditure.

*ECWA water cost \$3.56/Thousand

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

The Water department received a letter from ECWA stating increases in the cost of water to \$3.64/thousand and infrastructure prices to be raised to \$3.61/month. Prices will vary depending on the amount of water used.

Erie County is requiring us to update our Lead & Copper testing and check all district residences for homes with copper pips with lead solder. Talked with ECWA, this is not due until 10/2024.

Account 0400, 8794 Lower East Hill Rd was placed on inactive. The water was shut off per a bank management group.

Neptune 360 is to be loaded onto desktop and A-pad before February Billing.

Chlorine residuals are good, similar to last January.

Water Billing as of 11/1/2023 billing:

219 Bills	\$18,780.67
Infrastructure Amt Invoiced	\$3,891.30
No Arrears Billed	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Billed	\$22,671.97

Current Receipts	\$19,874.66
Arrears post Billing	\$2,824.31

The US EPA released proposed lead and copper rule improvements on 11/2023. The initiative aims to replace all lead pipes in 10 years. Systems will be required to make multiple attempts to contact private properties with lead service lines for complete replacement. An inventory of lead service lines is required to be submitted by 10/16/2024. The lead action level will be lowered from 15 ppb to 10 ppb requiring systems to inform the public if this limit is exceeded. Systems have access to \$15 billion to offset the costs of lead service line replacements.

The Town Board discussed Erie County’s increases to the costs of bulk water and infrastructure. They determined that the County’s billed 9% increases can’t be absorbed by the Town’s Water Department and must be passed on to district customers resulting in a cost of \$5.37/quarter to the minimum quarterly charge. Notification will be by postcard.

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Supervisor DePasquale and unanimously approved to increase water and infrastructure prices by 9% to keep up with Erie County.

RECREATION REPORT

Asst Recreation Director DePasquale read the following report:

Sweet Little Songbirds, 1/20/24 2 sessions Registration is open.
Yoga on 1/24/24 Registration is open.
First Teen Cornhole Night 1/26/24 Ages 12-16, no registration.
Vibrational Sound Bath 2/9/2024 Registration begins 1/8/2024.
Defensive Driving Class offered on 3/6/24 from 6pm -10:30pm

Councilwoman Zurbrick suggested a craft for making a “height chart” snowman.
Supervisor DePasquale is lining up a CPR/AED class for all Town employees and volunteers.
The County will also run a public event for a “hands – only” CPR class for residents.

RESOLUTIONS

See Above

BUDGET TRANSFER

None

TOWN CLERK REPORT

NYS Association of Towns municipal training school Feb 18 – 21 in NYC, registration is open now. See the Clerk for more information.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Supervisor DePasquale wished everyone a Happy New Year. He is beginning to organize Colden’s First Night on New Year’s Eve, possibly co-sponsored with the Colden Fire Department.

PAY BILLS

The Town Board discussed the price of the highway garage’s eyewash station maintenance contract. Superintendent Wohlhueter will follow up with the terms of the Cintas contract.

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik, seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick and and unanimously approved to pay the following bills:

General Fund	2023 Voucher #2023-533 – #2023-562	\$6,906.23
	2024 Voucher # 2024-1 - #2024-18	\$56,778.76
Highway Fund	2023 Voucher #2023-226 – #2023-234	\$22,996.13
	2024 Voucher # 2024-1 - #2024-5	\$4,560.99
Water District	2023 Voucher #2023-66 – #2023-67	\$5,565.62
Lighting District	2023 Voucher #2023-22	\$219.33
Refuse District	2023 Voucher # 2023-12	\$26,177.35

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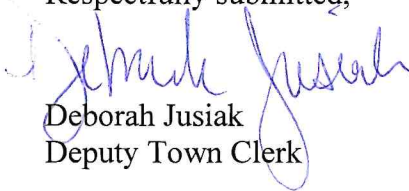
None

ADJOURN

MOTION made by Councilman Hrycik and seconded by Councilwoman Zurbrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Deborah Jusiak
Deputy Town Clerk