

Town of Colesville
Town Board Meeting
September 4, 2014

Minutes of the regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Colesville held at the Town Hall Building, 780 Welton Street, Harpursville, New York, with the following members and guests present:

Supervisor	Glenn Winsor
Councilperson	Margaret Wicks
Councilperson	Douglas Rhodes
Councilperson	Michael Olin
Councilperson	James Hawkins

Town Clerk - Tomi Stewart
Highway Superintendent – James Bulger
Code Enforcement- Brad McAvoy
Town Attorney – Alan Pope

Guests: Leon Miller, Alan LaClair, Jan McKnight, Steve Flagg, Linda Bradbury

Supervisor Winsor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor opened the public portion of the meeting for comments or concerns

Leon Miller and Alan LaClair, Officers of the Sanitaria Springs Fire Station asked the Town Board for an increase of \$10,000.00 to their five year contract to help cover the costs of training, utilities, repairs to equipment, breathing apparatus and mandated demands, that now exist and for those unforeseen They mentioned the number of turkey raffles, ham parties and spaghetti dinners that they regularly hold throughout the year, while striving to keep their expenses as low as possible.

Supervisor Winsor thanked them for all their time and said the Board understands they don't waste money, but they also must understand the budget constraints too.

Mr. Miller invited the Board to stop in anytime to see what they do and what they have or to take a free training class that is opened to the public.

Mr. Winsor said that the board is just getting started on the budget; a workshop is scheduled for September 18th and they will let them know.

Jan McKnight noted that she often helps the Sanitaria Springs Fire Company with their fund raising events and noted that they do put a lot of thought into every thing they buy.

Broome County Legislature Steve Flagg gave an update on the bridge replacements; each bridge should take approximately six weeks to replace. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid October; the project will begin with the bridge near Oliver's Sales and Service followed by the bridge in Doraville. He also mentioned that a meeting was held with the Public Works Commissioner of Broome County regarding repairs and maintenance to County roads in Colesville.

The Board discussed the possibilities of Broome County having Broad Band internet access available throughout the County for both businesses and residence.

Mr. Flagg then discussed his position on the closing of the Mental Health Clinic.

Linda Bradbury, a resident of Wood Estates is trying to resolve conflicts within the mobile home park. She made the board aware of parking along the road side, and lack of a fire hydrant. She noted that when the caretaker of the park is digging with his backhoe, the electricity, cable and telephone services are interrupted. She complained at times the water pressure is low or no water at all. Ms Bradbury also mentioned her frustration with the amount of dog waste in the mobile home park. Mr. Pope said that the Town Board doesn't have any jurisdiction on private property and that he sympathizes with her distress but she should direct her concerns to the Mobile Home Park owner or to the Dept. of Health.

B. McAvoy confirmed that there are no fire hydrants in the Town but there are many dry hydrants.

Mr. Winsor said that we are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Board will be looking at some zoning updates. Ms. Bradbury talked about beginning a Homeowners Association.

Mr. Winsor thanked Linda for coming and bringing this situation to the Board.

Hearing no further concerns from the floor; the public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:10 pm.

Committee Reports:

Highway - J. Bulger reported that he has received a letter of acceptance into the OGS Federal Property Program for the purchase of surplus equipment.

- The County bid price for road salt has increased 27%
- Money soon will be received from the CHIPS program; there will be a slight increase for this year; however the costs for fuel, blacktop, stone and oil has also increased.
- The CHIPS reporting process is changing; A part-time secretary may be needed.
- Oil & stoning of town roads has begun.
- Mr. Bulger started work on both Lippa and Bates Road.
- It was reported that after heavy rains the sluice pipes along Pleasant Hill and Porter Hollow Road were overflowing, the pipes have been unplugged and flushed out; a grate is being built to prevent debris from falling into and filling the sluice pipes. Mr. Bulger expressed his appreciation to Alan LaClair of the Sanitaria Spring Fire Co. for his help with his backhoe in unplugging the pipes during the evenings of the heavy rains.
- The sluice pipe on Welton Street will soon be replaced.
- A sluice pipe on Hawkins Road has been replaced.

- A letter was received complimenting the machine operator for the quality of work preformed on Dilly Road.

Enforcement - B. McAvoy reported on the number of Building Permits issued in August. A Public Hearing is scheduled before the Planning Board for a Site Plan Application.

Youth M. Olin reported that the Committee met on August 20th and there were enough members in attendance for a quorum. He further reported that the softball program has ended, and the field hockey program has begun. Field hockey tournaments have been scheduled. The Youth Committee is still looking for a new member

ZBA - no meeting

Planning - The Planning Board met to review Site Plan Application. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for September.

Historical M. Wicks said that the remaining amount of money in the historical account will be transferred to the cemetery fund. She asked Mr. Pope if donations can be accepted by the Historical Advisory Committee for the repairs needed to be made to broken headstones, located in the abandoned cemeteries. Mr. Pope said "no problem". The guest speaker talked about famous people from our region.

Resolution # 89.14

Resolved, that the Town Board has audited and **approved payment** of General Fund bills # 230 through # 255 totaling \$5,834.32 and Highway Fund bills # 212 through # 243 totaling \$101,708.88. Motion made by M. Olin and seconded by D. Rhodes.

Adopted Ayes 5 Olin, Hawkins, Winsor, Rhodes, Wicks
Noyes

General Discussion:

Supervisor Winsor noted:

- a budget workshop will be a combined meeting with the audit review of the financial operations of various offices on September 18, 2014 at 10:00 AM. The Supervisor said that the overall budget for the Town in 2015 will increase by 1.56 %.
- The fire protection contract has been sign by Fire District #1 and Harpursville Fire Company.
- The Colesville Volunteer Ambulance contract with the Town is up for renewal in December, 2014.
- Mr. Winsor reported on a recent meeting with Br. County Supervisor's and the County Executive. Some of the topics discussed:
 1. The projection that the sales tax revenue in 2015 will decline or at best, flatten out.

2. IDA has changed its policy from allowing all new business to receive sales and mortgage tax relief to whereby now the tax relief is up to the discretion of the IDA.
3. Final touches are being made to the county wide road use agreement; 100 % of the municipalities within Br. County are on board.
4. The tax cap – It's understood that if all municipal jurisdictions (School, Town and Fire District) stay within the tax cap, homeowners will receive money back from the state. The Supervisor of the Town of Kirkwood calculated that the average homeowner would receive less than \$10.00 (ten dollars) back from the State. The program is still not clear, however complying with the tax cap is only one part of the program. There also needs to be a savings within municipalities, of not less than 1% of the total budget from shared services. And, an efficiently plan needs to be developed and sent to the state before June, 2015. Mr. Winsor gave the example of today; whereby many surrounding municipalities' work with our highway department applying oil and stone to our town roads. And, as needed, our highway department reciprocates as to their needs. Because we have been doing this for years and because there is no money exchanged, this type of shared service would not be eligible. It was the consensus of the Board that when considering the hoops that we would have to jump through and the costs to the town; the end does not justify the means. When the credit back to the homeowner is so small.

In receipt of a recent FOIL request, from a business in Florida not from an area resident. Mr. Winsor and Mr. Pope discussed charging a reasonable labor charge, if the request is labor intense. Mr. Pope said that the response time could be estimated and the charge would be payable in advance.

Also discussed was that the West Colesville Fire Co. will be trading in the air packs. Harpursville Fire Co., Ouaquaga Fire Co. and West Colesville Fire Co. were all apart of air pack purchase by the Town. M. Wicks asked if Sanitaria Springs Fire Company was compensated for the air packs even though they purchased their own. B. McAvoy said that they were compensated over their five year agreement.

No updates on the installation of additional service by Adams Cable Company.

Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by J. Hawkins to **approve the Minutes** of Town Board meeting held on August 7, 2014, with M. Wicks adding to her suggestion of recognizing Volunteers of the Town, " to the front page of the newsletter".

Adopted Ayes
Noyes

5 Olin, Hawkins, Winsor, Rhodes, Wicks

Newsletter articles are due to the Town Clerk by October 1st with the mailing after the General Election.

No further business before the Town Board.

Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by M. Olin to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Tomi Stewart Town Clerk
Town of Colesville.