

**Town of Colesville  
Town Board Meeting  
May 7, 2015**

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 Michael Olin  
Councilperson Gordon Carroll  
Councilperson Douglas Rhodes  
Councilperson Margaret Wicks

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

Guests: Jan McKnight, Steve Flagg

Supervisor Winsor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The public portion of the meeting was opened for comments or concerns; hearing none, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Legislator S. Flagg and the Town Board discussed the quarterly meeting held with Broome County Executive Debbie Preston, Town Supervisors and Village Mayors. Discussion continued regarding the challenges of bringing the distribution of sales tax revenue back to the original 50/50 split between the county and local municipalities. Also during the meeting a presentation was given by Kevin McLaughlin of Broome County IDA on Governor Cuomo’s 1.5 billion “Upstate New York Economic Revitalization Competition” program. The program will award \$500 million dollars to three of the seven - upstate regions. The award is intended to help to restore and rebuild opportunity and to grow the economy in Upstate New York. The award will be given to the regions with the best transformation plans. The 1.5 billion is a result of money received from a legal settlement from the banking industry. The discussion concluded with - the money should be given to benefit all Upstate New York State regions and should not be a competitive prize.

**Resolution # 65.15**

Be it resolved that the **Highway Superintendent** is authorized to attend the 70th Annual **School** for Highway Superintendents to be held in Ithaca, New York on June 1 - 3, 2015, with an advance of \$500.00, is herein approved. Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by M. Olin.

Adopted Ayes           5 Olin, Carroll, Winsor, Rhodes, Wicks  
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**Committee Reports:**

Highway – J. Bulger reports were:

- He and B. McAvoy attended a meeting held by FEMA regarding the NY State share of completed projects. Also a “dig safely” meeting will be attended by Mr. Bulger and other Town Officials.
- A few complaints were received about the amount of dust caused by the sweeping of the roads.
- The new road signs are being set in place.
- Arrangements are set for the upcoming cleanup days.
- A letter was received by NY State confirming the amount of money to be received this year from CHIPS.
- The extreme winter money will be used for an upgrade to Bates Road.
- He accepted delivery of the excavator.
- Repairs and maintenance of town trucks is routine.
- He is working on the list of roads that will to be oiled and stoned this season.
- Quotes for the Main Street project are being put together and will be reviewed. The project will begin in July.

Supervisor Winsor and Mr. Bulger agreed that the Lower Hartz Road project is the only project that has not been settled with FEMA.

Enforcement - B. McAvoy reported on the number of building permits issued in April. One Order of Remedy was issued to stop work for lack of a building permit. No public hearing scheduled before the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. The application for a co-location - to install a microwave dish onto the Walling Road Tower will be further discussed during the Planning Board Meeting.

Supervisor Winsor asked if there has been any communication from the property owner of 3278 NY State Rte 79. Mr. McAvoy replied “no”. With all procedures in place we can go ahead and begin the demolition process. The first step will be to call NYSEG.

Youth - M. Olin reported that the Committee met; applications for the coaching positions are being received and interviews will be held during the next meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Board – The Board discussed the application for a co-location - to install a microwave dish onto the Walling Road Tower.

Historical - Jan McKnight reported: on behalf of the Whitney Titus Fund an Iron sign commemorating Robert Harpur has been ordered and will be placed near the Riverview Cemetery. The Committee further discussed the repainting of the Doraville School House. Through the donation made by Erwin Kahn, a Cemetery Historian, the funds will be used to help repair and preserve headstones in abandoned Cemeteries' within the Town of Colesville. Vickie House, Historian from Oxford, gave a very interesting presentation on the contributions made by Women who served during the Civil War.

Parks – M. Wicks said the rent-a-johns are in place in the Town Parks. She inquired about the part time summer employee, hire by the Highway Dept and that maybe they could also help in the parks. Mr. Bulger said that he has to look at his budget to see how much is left after the increase from the winter’s overtime pay.

The Board discussed the following proposed agreement: Mr. Winsor said that the County would like to see continuity amongst municipality with no change in our costs and all costs throughout the County will be the same. Mr. Winsor also said that a uniform agreement would be advantageous to any industry coming in to Broome County. A public hearing will be held before the law goes into effect and the previous Road Use Agreement adopted the by the Town Board would be rescinded.

**Resolution # 66.15**

Resolved that the **Supervisor** is authorized **to sign** the “**Road Use Agreement**” Established and Implementation of a Local Road Protection Program” **with Broome County**, is herein approved. Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by M. Olin.

Adopted Ayes            5 Olin, Carroll, Winsor, Rhodes, Wicks  
Noyes                    0

Mr. Winsor said that the Bookkeeper’s computer system was infected by a virus and all files were encrypted. Mr. Winsor also noted that all employees will be notified to be on the lookout for any personal information that can be compromised.

**Resolution # 67.15**

Resolved, that the **Town Board** has audited and **approved payment** of General Fund bills # 119 through #144 totaling \$ 9,137.74 and Highway Fund bills # 129 through # 169 totaling \$221,355.35. Motion made by M. Wicks and seconded by M. Olin.

Adopted Ayes            5 Olin, Carroll, Winsor, Rhodes, Wicks  
Noyes                    0

**General Discussion:**

The Town Board being very intrigued by the concept and being very impressed by the quality of work done by Amedeo Cimini, they have reservations committing to be the responsible party for the microgrid project The Board considered whether the project would qualify for a permit to dam the Susquehanna River. The Board discussed the cost of the project and whether or not the costs of the feasibility study would be reimbursed. The cost for the study is one - hundred thousand dollars. To date the overall project is projected to cost 10 million dollars. The maximum amount of money allowed by the government under this application is seven million dollars; the difference would be paid for either by the Town or by private investors. The thought is that a project of this size could easily exceed ten million dollars. On speakerphone the Town Board and Amedeo Cimini discussed the application process and concerning questions.

After weighing the risks and the costs of the microgrid project, it was the consensus of the Town Board that with this relatively new technology and the uncertainties of

this project and having to make decisions whereby the ending cannot be predicted, they felt that it is in the best interest of the residents not to commit to this project.

The Board discussed an email received regarding complaints that the Justice Office is closed during posted hours of operation. Having two part time employees was discussed but not a practical solution. It was suggested that where the hours are posted the posting should include with "Call Ahead to be sure the Justice Office is opened".

Mr. Winsor mentioned another complaint received, it was about dirt being dumped in a flood plain. He said "to the best of his knowledge there are no rules or regulations controlling the dumping of dirt on private property".

M. Olin noted that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee met. Copies of the plan will soon be available for review and the Informational Meeting should be scheduled in the month of July.

Mr. Pope will be following up with the auto insurance company for reimbursement of the \$1,500.00 paid out for the veterinarian bill for the injuries that the dog involved had encountered during the motor vehicle accident along I88.

D. Rhodes and Mr. Pope discussed the transfer of titles on the town's abandoned cemeteries. Mr. Pope said that a request to transfer titles of all abandoned cemeteries will be combined into one to application to submit to the Supreme Court for their review and direction.

M. Wicks and Mr. Pope discussed the agreement in place with Adams Cable Company (ACC). Mr. Pope asked ACC, what their plans are for 2015 and they replied that they have no plans to upgrade. Mr. Pope reviewed the contract and the agreement is for the work to be done within 5 years with no clause specifying when the cable extensions need to be completed. It was noted that the only extension left is for Dilly Road. Mr. Winsor questioned how many new subscribers Adams Cable has picked up from the upgrades they've made. It was discussed that it may be difficult to tell at this point because some residents may be in contract with another service provider and they need to wait until their existing contract has expired before making a change. Mr. Pope suggested we begin negotiations well before the existing contract expires.

Motion made by M. Olin and seconded by M. Wicks to approve of Minutes of Town Board meeting held on April 2, 2015.

Adopted Ayes	4 Olin, Winsor, Rhodes, Wicks
Noyes	0
Abstain	1 Carroll

No further business before the Board Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by M. Olin adjourn at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Tomi Stewart Town Clerk Town of Colesville