

Town of Colesville
Town Board Meeting
October 5, 2017

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 Gordon Carroll
Councilperson Gary Cower
Councilperson Michael Olin
Councilperson Douglas Rhodes

Town Clerk Tomi Stewart
Highway Superintendent Jim Bulger
Code Enforcement Officer Bradford McAvoy
Town Attorney Alan Pope

Guests: Bernard Walling, Jan McKnight, Matthew F. Gawors representing the Broome County Executive Office.

Supervisor Winsor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Winsor opened the floor for public comments or concerns:

Matthew F. Gawors, Director of Broome County Parks and Recreation; representing Broome County Executive Jason Garnar; addressed the Town Board with highlights of the County's 2018 proposed budget. Mr. Gawors began by saying that the present state of the County's reserve fund is far below the amount NY State recommends. Mr. Jason Garnar wants to establish a budget whereby the proposed expenditures are spot-on with departmental spending as outlined in the budget and that each department will be doing their part to find savings. Mr. Gawors said one goal the County has is to restructure departments and to focus on capital improvement projects and to put resources where needed for recovery. Mr. Gawors invited the Board and Guests for their input and to ask questions regarding Broome County's 2018 Budget. After no further discussion, Supervisor Winsor thanked him for coming.

Supervisor Winsor asked for comments or concerns; Jan McKnight asked how the results from the survey taken for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan are being implemented with regards to poor visual appearance of some properties and junk cars. Mr. Winsor said that the Board has been actively working. A Property Maintenance and a Storage Container Law have been adopted. The Town Board and Planning Board are working together reviewing a new Sign Ordinance; updating the Amusement Ordinance; and the Solar Committee has been diligently working to establish a Solar Energy Ordinance. D. Rhodes noted that he's been working towards the start-up of a hiking club and installing an ice skating rink. Mr. Winsor concluded by saying that the new Plan has not changed much from the first Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Hearing no further comments or concerns; the public portion of the meeting was closed at 7:20 pm.

Supervisor Winsor said that he met with Mr. Bob Firmstone of Teamsters Local Union 693 with regards to negotiating salary changes to the current collective bargaining agreement. All agreed on a salary change from 1.5% to 1.63 %. The following resolution was offered.

Resolution # 91.17

Resolved, that the **salary increase** for all Town Employees will be 1.63% for the fiscal year 2018. Motion made by M. Olin and seconded by D. Rhodes.

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

Resolution # 92.17

Resolved that a **public hearing** be held on November 2, 2017, at 7:05 PM regarding the **2018 Preliminary Budget** per the attached resolution, is herein approved. Motion made by G. Carroll and seconded by G. Cower.

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

Resolution # 93.17

Resolved, that the Supervisor is authorized to request the services of the **Auxiliary Police** from Broome County Emergency Services for **Halloween patrol**, from 6 PM to midnight, Sunday October 29, 2017, through Tuesday October 31, 2017. Motion made by M. Olin and seconded by G. Cower.

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

Resolution # 94.17

Resolved, that the **Justice Court** is authorized to submit application for funding through the Justice Court Assistance **Program (JCAP)**. Application to include request for various items (flooring, blinds and scanning) with cost approximately \$13,285.00, is herein approved. Motion made by G. Carroll and seconded by M. Olin.

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

Reports submitted in the Board’s monthly folder included monthly reports from the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer and Dog Control Officer.

Committee Reports:

Highway - Mr. Bulger said that because Colwell Brother's Construction does not have a full season's supply of screened road sand, he has received three different prices for screened sand including the contract amount through Broome County.

Mr. Bulger determined that purchasing screened sand from Boland's is the best price at \$3.90 per yard when we pick-up.

Mr. Bulger said that the town roads that were scheduled to be oiled and stoned have been completed and that it was a successful season after the rain stopped.

Mr. Bulger gave an update on the Hartz Road and Dilly Road projects.

Mr. Bulger noted that the blacktop roller needs a replacement part costing \$3,300.00 and said when running it doesn't have a value of 3,300 dollars. He would like to bid on a black top roller that will be auctioned.

Resolution # 95.17

Resolved, that the Highway Superintendent is **authorized to bid** on a **black- top roller** through the auction for a price not to exceed \$10,000.00 and a trailer at a price not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by G. Cower.

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

Mr. Bulger also reported that the Gradall is down; he reviewed prices to rent a Gradall to be able to the finish work that has been started. G. Carroll suggested having someone come and take a look at the one we have and if the repairs are too extensive, then opt to rent.

Enforcement - B. McAvoy reported that 38 Building Permits have been issued to date. A couple of Orders to Remedy were issued in September; one for an unsafe structure and the other is for garbage and debris left in a yard. No public hearings are scheduled for either the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Youth - M. Olin said that the Committee met on September 20th. Janice Parker from the Rural Health Network came and discussed their benefits. The Field Hockey program is off to a good start. A local tournament will be held in Colesville on October 21st. Next meeting will be held October 12th 7:00 pm.

ZBA – G. Cower reported that the Board met; with no application, a training session was held.

Planning - G. Carroll said that because of limited sign restrictions, the Planning Board has begun to review the height and sight limitations of the sign ordinance, permissible within special districts. It was the consensus of the Town Board that advertising signs would better accommodate small businesses in town and those along the interstate. An application for a variance would go before the Planning Board for a special permit.

Historical – J. McKnight said the meeting was very interesting. Katie Seaberg, an Archaeologist from Binghamton University, wrote her thesis on the early Indian settlement from Center Village to Ouaquaga. In the early 1700's, there were fourteen different Indian groups with approximately 500 to 700 residents living near the Susquehanna River. Ms. Seaberg offered the Town a copy of her thesis for a valuable historical reference. The guest for the meeting will talk about the Joseph Knight Sr. 1815 Ancestral Farmhouse which was the start of The Church of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Religious beliefs).

Parks – G. Cower said that the Town Parks are checked regularly for damage; he noted that one of the swings in Clyde S., Woodard Park was reported broken. Mr. Cower further said that the necessary repairs were made.

Resolution # 96.17

Resolved, that the Town Board has audited and **approved payment** of General Fund bills # 235 through # 257 totaling \$10,650.26 and Highway Fund bills # 245 through # 275 totaling \$137,537.33. Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by M. Olin

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

General Discussion:

Supervisor Winsor said that Rob Washburn will no longer be the Teamster Union representative, Mike Rhodes will be the new spokesperson.

The budget for the Nineveh Public Library is available for review.

Councilmen Rhodes and Carroll talked about a recent meeting they attended that would require all home improvement contractors to be registered with the Southern Tier Home Builders & Remodelers with an annual registration fee. More information about this will be forth coming.

Motion made by G. Carroll and seconded by G. Cower to approve the Town Board Minutes of the meeting held on September 7, 2017.

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

No further business before the Board:

Motion made by D. Rhodes and seconded by M. Olin to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Tomi Stewart Town Clerk
Town of Colesville