

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NORTH COLLINS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH, 2021 AT 7:00PM IN THE NORTH COLLINS TOWN HALL, 10569 MAIN STREET, NORTH COLLINS, NEW YORK.

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| PRESENT: | Supervisor | John Tobia |
| | Councilmen: | Ellen M. Mathis |
| | | Michael W. Perry - Excused |
| | | Peter Robbins |
| | | William Moritz |
| | Town Clerk | Lynn M. DiVincenzo |
| | Town Attorney | Richard Schaus |
| | Highway Supt. | David J. Winter |

Item 1. Supervisor John Tobia called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag, and prayer.

Item 2. Approved the July 2021 Meeting Minutes, as previously presented.

MOVED: Ellen Mathis

SECOND: Peter Robbins

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Tobia, Mathis, Robbins and Moritz. Noes 0. Motion carried.

AUDIT OF BILLS

Item 3. **MOVED:** Ellen Mathis

BE IT RESOLVED that the following claims, as set forth in Abstract # 8 and in the amount of \$71,524.27 are approved for payment by the Town Board:

A#370,373,376,377,378,379,380,382,383,384,386,388,389,390,391,392,393,395,403,404,405,406,
407,408,409,410,411,412,413,414,415,418,421,422,424,

B# 372,374,375,376,391,394,405,409,426,

DA# 396,401,402,405,416,417,419,420,

DB# 371,379,380,397,398,399,400,401,428

SF#

SR# 387,

SW# 381,385,409,423,427

SECOND: Peter Robbins

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Tobia, Mathis, Robbins and Moritz. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Item 4. **VISITORS:**

Ann Converso - the 45mph signs went up and it's making a difference on Marshfield Road.

Item 5. **HIGHWAY:** Everything is all good. We have had some freak storms and are taking everything in stride.

Item 6. **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** No report given

LIBRARY: John Faria -The Library pavilion needs to be replaced. He has done a lot of research. The Town will have to match 25% because the Town owns the property. Also, he stated there is poor drainage that is causing the concrete to heave up. That would have to be fixed before the concrete. He will let the town know when he knows what the Towns portion will be. He also requested a meeting with the Town Supervisor and the Librarian liaison.

HISTORIAN: Excused – No report given

RECREATION: Summer Recreation wrapped up on 8/6, everyone had fun, and they had to use the community center due to the weather. They didn't have to cancel any days of camp.

Youth Soccer- unfortunately there wasn't enough interest in soccer this year. Adult Aerobics they would like to start in September for 6 weeks on Saturdays from 9-10am and Mondays from 7-8pm.

Afterschool program will resume on Thursday 9/2/2021. They are in the process in securing the building at Elementary School.

Item 7. **COUNCILMEN**

Moritz – The welcome sign coming into North Collins - the paint is coming off. He asked if it's a new sign that was just purchased just a few years ago. He will get some paint and paint it.

Robbins – There was another accident on 75 and Genesee again. He wanted to know where the State was in their study. State is still working on the study.

Perry – Excused
Mathis – All good

Old Business: September 8th at 7:30pm a Public Hearing will be held for the Home Occupancy Proposed Law.

Recreation Bids: John Tobia feels that we should reject bids for the recreation project and feels we should hire sub contractors and bid out the building in small parts.

MOTION by Peter Robbins, seconded by William Moritz to reject the two bids presented in July for the Recreation Building project. Carried.

MOTION by Peter Robbins, seconded by William Mortiz to close the regular business meeting at 7:30pm. Carried

MOTION by Peter Robbins, seconded by Ellen Mathis to open public hearing at 7:30pm. Carried

Sisson Highway Commercial Zoning:

Richard Schaus - a proposed law has been drafted and sent to Erie County for review. The North Collins Planning Board is meeting on August 12th, 2021 to discuss the rezoning of Sisson Highway from School Street to Genesee Road.

Some questions: Is it 250 feet deep on both sides of the road? Yes, it would be both sides of the Road. Richard Schaus explained what was allowed in a C-2 district. RA will still be permitted.

Councilmen Robbins questioned; will taxes go up for a C-2? They will call the assessor in the morning to ask this question.

Councilmen Moritz questioned; should we look at other places in the Town of North Collins such as Lawton's to rezone a C-2. We don't want to be putting business all over in the Town of North Collins.

Supervisor Tobia would like to hold a meeting in Langford to discuss this proposed law.

Richard Schaus stated that many Langford businesses were already established prior to the zoning code existence.

MOTION by Peter Robbins, seconded by William Moritz to adjourn the public hearing until September 8th at 7:45pm. Carried

MOTION by Peter Robbins, seconded by William Moritz to close the public hearing and open the regular business meeting at 7:49pm. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

MOVED John Tobia:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board acknowledges receipt of the Ketchum Road Landfill quarterly report and further directs that a copy of the report be filed with the New York State Department of Environment/preservation.

SECONDED Ellen Math

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Tobia, Mathis, Robbins and Moritz. Noes 0. Motion carried.

MOVED William Moritz:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to take steps to maintain the Ketchum Road Landfill under the direction and supervision of the town's engineer David Harty of Frontier Technical Associates Inc. once said steps are authorized by the New York State DEC.

SECONDED by Peter Robbins

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Tobia, Mathis, Robbins and Moritz. Noes 0. Motion carried.

MOVED Peter Robbins:

BE IT RESOLVED, the North Collins Town Board Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for bids by placing appropriate legal notice in the Dunkirk Observer for the town parks maintenance & landscaping, pursuant to the RFP reviewed by the board. Bids will be opened by the Town Board on September 8th, 2021.

SECONDED William Moritz

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Tobia, Mathis, Robbins and Moritz. Noes 0. Motion carried.

Skyway Resolution

Whereas, the Town of North Collins is a thriving and vital community engaged in initiatives targeting revitalization, and

Whereas, given the Town of North Collins location south of the City of Buffalo, the Route 5 and Skyway corridor provides an efficient transportation route and connectivity to the City of Buffalo and points beyond essential to ongoing revitalization efforts, and

Whereas, removal of the Skyway Bridge or restricting vehicle traffic from the bridge would result in significant hardships for the residents and businesses of North Collins and the Southtowns.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the North Collins Town Board affirms the Skyway Bridge as essential to the community for commerce, revitalization, access to employment, public safety and efficient travel to points north, and opposes its removal or restrictions to vehicle use.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board calls upon the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to convene a public meeting within the next thirty (30) days to outline its plans relative to the demolition or prohibition of vehicular traffic on the Route 5 Skyway Bridge and to hear from Southtowns residents relative to their questions or concerns regarding the same, and

Be It Further Resolved, that certified copies of this Amended Resolution be sent to the NYSDOT, Town Boards of Evans, Brant, Hamburg, Eden and Collins along with the Boards of the City of Lackawanna and Village of Blasdell and Hamburg and in addition to United States Congressmen Brian Higgins and Christopher Jacobs, New York State Senators Timothy Kennedy and Patrick Gallivan and New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro.

Motion was made by Supervisor John Tobia to approve the Resolution as presented: seconded by Councilperson Ellen Mathis; Ayes: All Opposed: None Abstain: None Motion carried.

Item 9. SUPERVISOR:

MOTION by Ellen Mathis, seconded by William Moritz, to accept the Supervisors report for July 2021. Carried

Food Pantry open on Wednesdays from 1-5pm

It's budget time. Copies of budget requests were given out to department heads. These are due by August 31st, 2021

Still trying to figure how to spend Covid money.

Discussion took place on whether to mandate masks back in public town buildings for unvaccinated people. Ellen Mathis and William Moritz agreed that unvaccinated people should wear masks. Peter Robbins said it is a personal decision and should leave it alone.

MOTION by John Tobia, seconded by Ellen Mathis, the Town of North Collins will encourage people to follow CDC Federal guidelines about COVID. Carried.

Lawn Mower: We need to put bids out for lawn care for the parks. We need to decide what we are doing with the lawn mower, that is currently stored in the town barn at the park, after we look at bids.

Working on grants: sidewalk grants, recreation grants

There was possible vandalism at the community center. The glass door panel will be replaced in the next couple of weeks. We need to put a security camera at the senior center.

Item 9. TOWN CLERK:

Monthly Town Clerks Report: Total Revenues \$1,321.00 Dog \$85.00 DEC \$177.12, Marriage, \$22.50, Supervisors \$ \$1036.38.

Dog Control: Reports submitted.

Soccer: They are looking for coaches

Tree fell at the Historical Society Museum, Mike Perry called a company to pick up the tree.

AARP class Sept 27th 8:30am-12:30pm Contact to Bonnie Noto

Hunting licenses are on sale.

Item 10. **ATTORNEY:** Already discussed everything on his list.

Item 11. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm by Peter Robbins
Second: Ellen Mathis. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Lynn DiVincenzo
Town Clerk