

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, December 19th, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Mayor Vincent George called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Vincent George Attorney Richard Schaus  
Clerk Jan Hutchinson Trustee Kathleen Myers  
Trustee Melvin Bley Trustee Corinne Leone

Excused: Trustee Karen Denne  
Absent: Student Rep Angela Filkov

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to accept meeting minutes from November 21st, 2016 Monthly Meeting. Carried

Visitors:  
Marci Dolan, Walt Cawthard—nothing to discuss

Department Head:  
DPW Supervisor Mike Perry: Well Inspection was completed by the US Geological Water Testing; inspector was impressed and wants to use our wells in the future as an example of how well set up and organized they are kept. Village DPW is ready for winter: salt is in stock and the truck is fixed. Having the part-time help is very helpful especially when it starts to snow; part time person can plow sidewalks while the three trucks are being used and that will save hours of overtime.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to make the PT Laborer a provisional position. Per the recommendation of DPW Supervisor Mike Perry, the motion also includes ending the probationary period for PT Laborer Matthew Parnitzke. Carried.

There is a water break somewhere on the high-pressure side of the village and that is causing the booster station to lose pressure. EJP will be coming to assist in locating the leak using the new meter system.

Mayor:  
Received three Village plumber letters of interest; per Attorney Schaus, no need to exclude any, keep all names and numbers available to ensure that residents have someone to call at any time. Village clerk to request certificate of insurance. Their company names can be included in the newsletter if they have insurance.

Reviewed of Zoning Board of Appeals requests for clarification of various codes. Board of Trustees feels that the matters should first be handled with Code Enforcement issuing citations for properties that are in violation of existing codes as they are written.

The resignation of Zoning Board member Theresa Mardino was regrettably accepted with motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to advertise for Village of North Collins Zoning Board of Appeals volunteer member. Carried.

Land Bank properties inspected by Code Enforcement officer Phil Tremblay at the request of the Village were reviewed & resolution made:

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED  
BY  
*Vincent George, Mayor*  
OF THE *Village of North Collins*

WHEREAS, in July 2011 in recognition of the growing problem of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties, New York State passed the Land Bank Act, as Article 16 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, which authorizes any Foreclosing Governmental Unit (FGU) to create a land bank to strategically acquire, improve, assemble, and sell these properties; and

WHEREAS, under this law, the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (BENLIC) was formed in May 2012 via an inter-municipal agreement among the county's four FGUs: Erie County and the Cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, county-wide land banks have proven highly successful in Michigan, Ohio, and other regions experiencing growing numbers of problem properties by supporting municipal and regional revitalization efforts by strategically acquiring, improving, assembling, and selling these properties; and

WHEREAS, BENLIC (the land bank) seeks to work collaboratively with the cities, towns, and villages within Erie County to address the growing problem of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties; and

WHEREAS, the *Village of North Collins*, Erie County, has recognized the need to address the growing issues of distressed, vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties and is desirous of partnering with BENLIC to address this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that *the Village of North Collins* hereby officially requests that BENLIC acquire the following propert(y)ies:

10544 Main Street, North Collins, NY 14111	SBL# 269.190-8-11.000
2021 Brant Road, North Collins, NY 14111	SBL# 269.190-8-8-100
2045 Kimble Avenue, North Collins, NY 14111	SBL# 269.190-5-19.000
10380 Main Street, North Collins, NY 14111	SBL# 269.150-1-10.000
2082 Spruce Street, North Collins, NY 14111	SBL# 269.190-3-18.000;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the *Village of North Collins* has completed the required Standardized Inspector's Reports and Maintenance, Disposition and Reuse Plans (SIR/MDR plans) each property listed above and has attached the SIR/MDR plans to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the *Village of North Collins* agrees to reimburse Erie County for the costs associated with foreclosure of this property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the *Village of North Collins* agrees to maintain each property selected by BENLIC during the time in which BENLIC holds title to the property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the *Village of North Collins* hereby agrees to the terms and conditions of the BENLIC Pay It Forward Policy, *to be adopted October 23, 2015\** and that pursuant to section 1610 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law will remit to BENLIC 50% of the real property taxes collected for a period of five years on all of the parcels identified herein for which, upon disposition of the parcel, net proceeds are negative

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RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be sent to the Executive Director of the Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation; the Commissioner of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning; the Director of the City of Buffalo's Office of Strategic Planning; and the Mayors of the cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda.

Resolution passed: Monday, December 19, 2016

First: Trustee Kathleen Myers

Seconded: Trustee Corinne Leone

Carried.

The issue of how to verify how many water units to charge per residence was discussed. Form will need to be filled out for Code Enforcement to follow up.

2017 Village office closure dates were set: MLK Day, 1/16/17; President’s Day, 2/20/17; Good Friday, 4/14/17; Memorial Day, 5/29/17; Independence Day, 7/4/17; Labor Day, 9/4/17; Columbus Day, 10/9/17; Veterans Day, 11/10/17; Thanksgiving Day, 11/23/17; Thanksgiving Holiday, 11/24/17; Christmas Day, 12/25/17; and New Year’s Day, 1/1/18.

Solar presentation will be given at the March 2017 meeting.

There have been no feasible responses to Fire House property request.

The Village of North Collins did not receive the 2017 CDBG funding for RR/Park Water system looping. If a project that was selected to receive funds is unable to complete their project, the Village of North Collins may be selected to replace that recipient. We would find out in the Spring of 2017.

Just a reminder, please notify Mayor of desired 2017 projects as we start the budget process.

Comprehensive Plan proposal review date set for 4pm Thursday, December 29, 2016.

Work session to complete employee handbook scheduled for 4pm Monday, January 30, 2017.

Schoolhouse #8 received \$10,000 from County.

**TRUSTEES REPORT:**

Trustee Denne – Excused

Trustee Bley – Still looking for property for the Fire Department, Inmates from the Correctional Facility will be here to do various jobs in the training center; Trustee Bley is very disappointed in National Grid because they did not get 6 poles lit this year for the holiday decorations; concerned about the parking in front of Shelly’s because people cannot see to get onto Route 62 from Spruce Street, would like to see if a better no parking sign can be used, Trustee Myers would also like parking restricted on Main Street in front of the Pharmacy.

Trustee Leone – Joe Mills giving \$10,000 to Schoolhouse #8, adding a stone for previous director, June Karbowski is the new president.

Trustee Myers – Very proud of the work all employees did this past year

Motion made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to approve payment of Bills: Total November 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup> expenditures \$157,974.52. Carried

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley. Carried

Minutes submitted by

Janet L. Hutchinson, Clerk/Treasurer

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