

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON TUESDAY, March 4th, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Deputy Mayor Bauer-Petrus presiding opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Trustee Karen Denne
Trustee Brenda Bauer-Petrus
Clerk Lynn Maciejewski
Attorney Richard Schaus

Excused absence- Mayor George

Motion by Trustee Paul Carozzi, seconded by Trustee Karen Denne, to approve minutes of February 4th 2013 as submitted. Carried.

Visitors: None

Mayor:

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Paul Carozzi to authorizing village attorney and clerk to renew High Street & Drainage on April 4th 2014 for 120,000.0 one year at current interest rate. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne, seconded by Trustee Paul Carozzi to have a public hearing for budget on April 1st at 7:15pm. Carried.

Letter from East Aurora Property Tax information given
Community Block Grant Drainage Letter sent
Town of Evans Recycling Committee information given
Election is March 18th at the Village Office 10543 Main Street form 12-9pm. Information given.

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Paul Carozzi to accept the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Andrew Cuomo as Attorney General made it clear that he intends to reduce the layers of government that exist in New York State by forcing the "Citizens Empowerment Act" through both houses of the New York State Legislature with little or no public or legislative discussion targeting village government and promoting dissolution of Villages, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and Senate with little regard for community dialogue or in house debate surrendered to the Governor's bullying and voted to approve the Citizen's Empowerment Act, and

WHEREAS, As Governor, Andrew Cuomo continues to create legislation that is intended to create fiscal hardship on Villages and local government by capping property taxes at less than 2%, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Assembly and Senate again with little regard for community dialogue or in house floor debate surrendered to the Governor's bullying and voted to approve the Property Tax Cap, and

WHEREAS, the property Tax Cap has reduced local revenues with no increase in AIM funding to municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the "Tax Freeze" is a temporary program that does not provide relief from unfunded NY State mandates which annually increase the cost of local government services and further contributes to the tax burden on residents, and

WHEREAS, Reduced tax revenues eventually will make it necessary to reduce locally delivered services or exceed the imposed tax cap, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo is proposing, in his 2014 - 15 budget, to impose further punitive legislation upon local government under the proposed "Tax Freeze", and

WHEREAS, The "Tax Freeze" requires consolidation of municipal services, and

WHEREAS, Village of North Collins has consolidated many municipal services and have little or no opportunity to further consolidate, and

WHEREAS, The "Tax Freeze" if enacted will promote additional fiscal hardship upon local government and especially upon Villages that have previously consolidated services, and

WHEREAS, Compliance with Governor Cuomo's continuing assault upon Village property tax revenue will eventually put Village governments in fiscal distress.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of North Collins opposes the Tax Freeze legislation included in Governor Andrew Cuomo’s proposed 2014-15 New York State Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Village of North Collins encourages the Senate and Assembly members to delete the punitive legislation known as the “Tax Freeze” from the Governor’s proposed budget. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Paul Carozzi Seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to accept the 2014 Elections Chief Jim Miller, 1st Assistant Chief Dave Wilczynski, 2nd Assistant Chief Keith Ayers; Captains Aron Ayers, Brandon Wilczynski and Kyle Hoffman; Administrative officers are: President Russ Judson, Vice President Brandon Wilczynski, Treasurer Aaron Renaldo and Secretary, Larry Wroblewski; Elected to three years terms on the Board of Directors were: Stan Gretka, Rich Bley, Rick Williams and Brandon Wilczynski. Kristina Miller has been accepted as Associate Member. Carried

**Trustee Carozzi- Booster Station will be starting up on the 17th of March, pot holes – drive with caution
Trustee Denne- Went to the dinner and some interesting people were there.
Trustee Bauer Petrus- Meeting NYTECH gave information on road closings, also if there is a driving ban that there are forms to be filled out.**

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Karen Denne, seconded by Trustee Brenda Bauer-Petrus, Approve payment of Bills Total March expenditures \$ 155,151.86 Carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm by Trustee Paul Carozzi seconded by Trustee Karen Denne Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Maciejewski, Village Clerk

