

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, January 16th, 2017 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
Trustee Karen Denne

Absent: Student Rep Angela Filkov

Motion by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to accept meeting minutes from December 19th, 2016 Monthly Meeting. Carried

Visitors:

Brenda Bauer-Petrus, Dicci Montaldi; nothing to discuss

Mayor:

Read email concerning Governor Cuomo's NY Promise Agenda

Reviewed Governor Cuomo's 2017 State of the State, for this area, it concerned mainly the Buffalo city area

Sales Tax remittance below last year

Historic Preservation Grant opportunities email briefly discussed

NC High School Water Lead testing results—good results at the High School

Town of Collins letter re: Helmuth—Village will be receiving a refund of around \$750.

**VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING QUIT CLAIM DEED**

Whereas, the Village of North Collins was formerly the owner of a vacant parcel of land situate on the south side of Gurney Avenue approximately 66' front by 165' depth and designated on the tax roll as SBL # 285.07-1-6 (the AParcel@); and

Whereas, the Parcel had no useful purpose to the Village and was declared to be surplus property of the Village; and

Whereas, the Village advertised the Parcel for sale to the highest bidder and sealed bids were solicited and opened at the January 6, 2015 meeting of the Village Board; and

Whereas, Jason DiChristopher of 2013 Gurney Avenue, North Collins bid \$3,500 to purchase the Parcel from the Village and he was declared to be the highest bidder therefore; and

Whereas, the Village accepted Mr. DiChristopher's bid and did in fact sell and convey the vacant lot to Mr. DiChristopher and the deed was then recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber 11277 of Deeds page 9297 on April 7, 2015; and

Whereas, Mr. DiChristopher has now approached the Village with information indicating there is a title discrepancy with the parcel because the tax maps of Erie County show the Parcel to be a vacant parcel which is 66' front by approximately 214.7' in depth (as opposed to 165' in depth as previously described); and

Whereas, Mr. DiChristopher has pointed out that there may be some discrepancies in the tax maps which depict the Parcel conveyed previously by the Village; and

Whereas, Mr. DiChristopher has asked the Village to quit claim to him the additional 49.7' in depth so it is treated as one with the Parcel previously purchased from the Village and which will help to clear the title to the Parcel; and

Whereas, it will not cost the Village anything to give Mr. DiChristopher an additional quit claim deed to the requested land and it will help Mr. DiChristopher clear the title to the Parcel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a quit claim deed conveying to Mr. DiChristopher the lands known as SBL # 285.07-1-6 on the tax roll and being 66' front by 214.7' depth, provided that Mr. DiChristopher shall be responsible for all recording fees, transfer taxes and other charges that may be imposed by the State of New York and/or the County of Erie and that said deed shall be subject to any and all easements, restrictions, encumbrances of record and to the rights of the public in and to the use of Gurney Avenue.

Dated: January 16, 2017

Resolution approved by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley. Carried.

Motion to appoint Josephine Bellezza Deputy Registrar for the Village of North Collins made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Karen Denne. Carried.

The heater in the Fire Department has been replaced.

The Community Development Block Grant memo regarding the Village of North Collins 2017 project was read; was not approved for this year. Verbally were told that it was a great project...resubmit as is for next year when they have more money.

The letter with the list of winning Erie County Community Development Block Grant projects was discussed.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of North Collins hereby authorizes the mayor to sign and execute a contract with Erie County for the Master Plan update. Motion made by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers. Carried.

Possible 2017 Eagle Energy projects were discussed. The Clerk is to submit the project applications by the due date in February.

Dog Control update was given. Animal Control officer is Ray Zebron in Eden; call 992-9344 leave message if no answer. If emergency, contact Erie county Sheriff's office.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Karen Denne authorizing the Mayor to sign the Animal Control Municipal Agreement with Town of North Collins. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Karen Denne authorizing the Mayor to sign the Police Municipal Agreement with Town of North Collins. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone authorizing the probationary hire of Peter Tremblay as a part-time North Collins Police Officer. This probationary employment is contingent on his successful completion of the Police Academy and his successful certification as a Police Officer in New York State. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers authorizing the hiring of Michael LiVecchi as a part-time North Collins Police Officer. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley approving vacation request of Michael Perry for Friday, March 24 through Thursday, March 30th. Carried.

Read incoming correspondence—thank you cards to the Board.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Denne – would like to purchase additional Christmas decorations—discussion around which type and it was decided on Poinsettias; Has been researching Welcome signs for the Village and they seem to be around \$3,000 - \$4,000 for nice wooden ones but will keep looking.

Trustee Bley – All work has been completed upstairs above the Fire Hall as well as at the Training Center, inmate program officer said that North Collins is “#1 on their list” when it comes to future projects, he recommended that we contact them again in 6 months to wax floors as needed or to do other projects; on behalf of the Fire Company, Trustee Bley would like to request use of the upstairs meeting area for the Company Fire meetings and access to their weight equipment, Mayor and Trustees discussed restrictions.

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to allow Fire Department access to the area above the Fire Department with the following restrictions: no beer or liquor on Village property, Fire Company members only (no date night, spouses, or friends can be invited up to use the room, pool table, or weight equipment), no public rentals of this facility. Carried.

Also mentioned that he has been approached by taxpayers concerning the number of hours worked by part time Village employees. Discussion by Trustees and confirmation by the Clerk that the hours of part time employees range from 10 – 19 hours per week and are determined by the needs of the department at the discretion of the manager. Trustee Bley said he would pass on that information.

Trustee Leone – excited about the Comprehensive Plan project, Trustee Leone offered to contact the schools regarding writing an essay about what students would like to see in the Village of North Collins; needs to change the time of the January work session to 4:30pm if possible—Done; Heard after the event about the New Year’s Eve party at The Well, would like to hear more about their events, Trustee Bley commented that it was a wonderful event and Village Police were on hand to make sure all was safe for everyone.

Trustee Myers – Talked with the Town regarding Dog reports, would like those reports to include # of Village calls (put something in the quarterly newsletter about who to call); an application was submitted to have inmates from Collins Correctional clean creeks around Village; reminded everyone about the NYS minimum wage increase.

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of: \$221,615.79. Carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley. Carried

Minutes submitted by

Janet L. Hutchinson, Clerk/Treasurer

