

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, September 18th, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

Following an update from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, Mayor Vincent George called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to accept meeting minutes from the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented. Carried.

**VISITORS:**

Scott Taylor  
Georgianna Bowman  
John Mrozek  
Jo Bellezza  
Joan Renaldo  
Marie Thornton  
Dicci Montaldi  
Julie Kowal

George & Marcy Jablonski—concerned with the junkyard on Main Street: seems to have too many cars; also asking about the double power poles in front of his house. Mayor said we will check both situations out.

**MAYOR:**

Reviewed NYS Financial Services letter concerning Vacant and Abandoned property. A registry has been formed and owners/banks are mandated to maintain the property and expedite the foreclosure procedure to get the property back on the active tax roll.

According to an article about the New York State Local Retirement System, the rates for employers will decrease to 14.4% of payroll.

The NYS Comptroller's office released an email stating that New York has a higher than national average of workers overall for the 2016 year.

Charter Communications sent a letter that they will be discontinuing Spectrum Sports.

Erie County reports that the Sales Tax Revenue is up 2.75% over last year.

The Village of North Collins has received an online bid through Auctions International for the surplus Water Softener system in the amount of \$1,925.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myer to accept the online bid for the surplus water softener in the amount of \$1,925. Carried.

NY Rural Water Association sent a letter stating that their rates for 2018 would include an increase of \$75 taking our amount to \$318. This service is very beneficial to our Village as the DPW uses them to find leaks in the system that are difficult to detect.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to pay the increased dues to be a member of the NY Rural Water Association. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to pay the dues to the American Association of Notaries for Jan Hutchinson. Carried.

Attorney Richard Schaus forwarded an article for the board to review concerning temporary yard type signs (i.e. political signs). They cannot be restricted but can, if specified in the code, be required to be taken down within a reasonable time after the election. The code should not be about a specific sign or event but should be more general to include all such signage.

Use of the Village Hall applications from Fidelis were submitted. These three events are to assist the senior citizens in our community to find answers and possible solutions to their Medicare supplemental insurance questions.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to waive the room usage fee for these events. Carried.

Received a request from the chief of the Village Fire Department to provide a written "State of Authority" to New York State so the NCFD could provide public emergency medical services to Village residents as needed. A discussion provided some possible alternatives: encourage firemen and others in the community to volunteer to be drivers for EMS or to use mutual aid when needed. The Village would be liable if any problems were to arise.

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to not submit the requested letter at this time. This action is tabled until further notice. Carried.

A Board of Trustees work session has been scheduled for 4:00pm on October 23, 2017 to discuss the updates to the local laws as well as to continue work on the Employee Handbook.

**Resolution  
Village of North Collins  
Adoption of the State of New York Deferred Compensation Plan**

Whereas, the Village of North Collins wishes to adopt the Deferred Compensation Plan for Employees of the State of New York and Other Participating Jurisdictions (the "Plan") for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and

Whereas, the Village of North Collins is a local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to section 5 of the State Finance Law\*; and

Whereas, the Village of North Collins has reviewed the Plan established in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and section 5 of the State Finance Law of the State of New York; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to make and continue careers with the Village of North Collins by providing eligible employees with a convenient and tax favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis and thereby provide for their retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of North Collins hereby adopts the Plan for the voluntary participation of all eligible employees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the appropriate officials of the Village of North Collins are hereby authorized to take such actions and enter such agreements as are required or necessary for the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of the plan; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Administrative Services Agency is hereby authorized to file copies of these resolutions and other required documents with the President of the State of New York Civil Service Commission.

Adopted the 18th day of September, 2017, at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Collins.

I hereby certify that the Village of North Collins is a local public employer within the meaning of Section 5 of the State Finance Law and that the adoption of the Plan has received all required approvals of any local governing body or officer and otherwise complies with local law.

\*A local public employer eligible to adopt the Plan pursuant to Section 5 of the State Finance Law includes: a county, city, town, village or other political subdivision as defined

by in Section 131 of the retirement and Social security law or civil division of the State; a school district or other governmental entity operating a public school, college, or university; a public improvement or special district, a public authority, commission, or public benefit corporation; or any other public corporation, agency or instrumentality or unit of government which exercises governmental powers under the laws of the State.

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to adopt the above resolution to participate in the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan. Carried.

The lawsuit with Level 3 Communications is still ongoing. Recently received a Verified Answer. More to come.

We have received a grant writing request from the Fire Department for SCBA Replacements.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to gather additional bids for grant writing services. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to pay for membership for Clerk/Treasurer Jan Hutchinson in the City & Village Clerks Association. Carried.

The North Collins Central School District Homecoming Parade will be at 6pm on Friday, September 29, 2017. The Board of Trustees and the Mayor are invited to participate. There will be a bonfire and soccer game to follow.

Be it RESOLVED that the Mayor and Village clerk are authorized to solicit interest rates from various local banks for upcoming Bond Anticipation Notes.

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to adopt the above resolution. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to advertise for a BAN to cover balance of Fire Hall Door Expansion cost. Carried.

The following budget adjustment was proposed:

\$12.32 from F8340.403 Training → F1950.400 Taxes

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to approve this budget transfer. Carried.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Bley – Love North Collins was held over the weekend, there was approximately 250 people attending; Primarily the Wesleyan Church members painted the Senior Building. The Fire Hall Building should be completed in the next three weeks. There are a couple of houses for the Code Enforcement to check on: High Street, Pine Street, Thiel Rd, and Main Street. Very proud of North Collins and wants all the houses to look better.

Trustee Denne – also two houses and one business on Langford Rd still needs attention; would like to get the picture taken of the gazebo for the welcome signs coming into the village.

Trustee Leone – Recently attended the Erie County Village Officials Organization meeting in Eden, really enjoyed it and would love to attend other meetings if able; would like to get business cards if possible (clerk will get prices); will be attending the Homecoming parade on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Myers – it is nice to see some projects winding up; dog control report for the month is in the clerks office; wish she would have known about the Love North Collins event—she would have liked to attend; will be attending the Town Budget meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to Approve Payment of August/September Abstract #4 bills in the amount of: \$70,999.12. Carried.

**Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Karen Denne. Carried.**

**Minutes submitted by**

**Janet L. Hutchinson, Clerk/Treasurer**

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