

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, October 16th, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Following the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant program and an Executive Session meeting, Mayor George called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:32pm.

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 Corinne Leone to accept meeting minutes from the September 18th Regular Meeting as presented. Carried.

VISITORS:

Russ Judson

Fire Chief Jim Miller – proposed that the NC Vol Fire Department provide emergency medical services to residents of the Village and the Town. Discussion ensued.

Al Kornowicz – present to answer questions about Fire Dept proposal if necessary

Jo Bellezza

Brenda Bauer-Petrus – appreciates that the light on her corner was finally fixed by National Grid after two requests by the Village Clerk.

Shawn Bishop – owner of Eden Valley Auto; wishes to introduce his business to the Village Board, will keep his property clean and is planning improvements.

Mike McCarthy – new partner of Eden Valley Auto

Karen Howard from Senator Gallivan’s office – to introduce herself and offer support

MAYOR:

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne, seconded by Trustee Corinne to authorize the Mayor to sign, submit, and execute a contract with the Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following projects;

1. New Water line on Front Street between School Street and Woode Avenue
2. Rural Transit Service, Inc

Carried

Email from NYS Comptroller states that the Federal government has paid back considerably less to New York State than the state has paid in.

NYCOM Email read requesting action concerning the Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Disability Benefit bill that would amend the General Municipal Law to make this benefit mandatory while providing no funding. Discussion followed. Any response is requested by October 23rd because the Governor will be reviewing the bill at that time.

NYCOM Email read requesting a resolution to be passed and forwarded to our representatives concerning the deductibility of local and state taxes (SALT).

VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS RESOLUTION
OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE
DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

WHEREAS Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes;

WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and our State;

WHEREAS New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;

WHEREAS the state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments;

WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, including diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values and erode our local tax base,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of North Collins expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, and Representative Chris Collins to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

Motion made by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to adopt above resolution. All in favor. Carried.

NYCOM Email mentioned requesting individual action to representatives concerning the deductibility of local and state taxes (SALT).

Email from Ken Vetter with Erie County stating that the sales tax remittance is up significantly over this time last year.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to declare as surplus the Cummins generator previously used at the Langford Road pump station and no longer needed. It is to be disposed of if possible through online auction. Carried.

Recently Clerk Treasurer Jan Hutchinson attended the Office of the State Comptroller class in Batavia entitled "Accounting Principles and Procedures" and has received a certificate of completion.

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to accept the Vacation request for Keith Ayers for Nov 20-22 and Nov 27- Dec 1, 2017. Carried.

Reminder that the Work Session scheduled for Monday, October 23rd has been rescheduled for Monday, October 30th at 4:30pm.

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to hire Peter Tremblay (previously on an internship) as a Part Time Police officer at the current rate of pay with six months' probation. Carried

Motion by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone to accept the termination during the probationary period of Christopher Schole. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to approve the hiring of Brian Donohue as PT Laborer for the DPW at the budgeted rate of pay and with a six-month probationary period. Carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bley – Nothing to report

Trustee Denne – Nothing to report

Trustee Leone – Gullo's buildings on Main Street continue to improve, has heard that he wants to bring corner building back to former glory; front of the fire hall is also looking good; has received some concerns about increased break-ins occurring around town and some residents have wondered if there is going to be any increased police presence.

Trustee Myers – Attended the Town of North Collins budget meeting: Dog Control is going to continue to be done by Eden; all of the Village Contracts will remain the same.

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to Approve Payment of September/October Abstract #5 bills in the amount of: \$73,484.95. Carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by Trustee Corinne Leone seconded by Trustee Karen Denne. Carried.

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss Employee Discipline made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley. Carried.

Motion to conclude Executive Session made by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone. Carried.

Minutes submitted by

Janet L. Hutchinson, Clerk/Treasurer
