

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, January 15th, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Mayor George called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:29pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Vincent George Trustee Melvin Bley
Trustee Karen Denne Clerk Jan Hutchinson
Trustee Kathleen Myers**

Excused: Attorney Richard Schaus, Trustee Corinne Leone

Motion by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to accept meeting minutes from the December 18th Regular Meeting as presented. Carried.

VISITORS:

Brandi LoBianco—gave a quick summary of the Community Action Team meeting that took place at 4pm on Monday, January 15th at the Village Hall. Date was set for the 4th of July celebration to take place the Saturday before, June 30th from 4pm to 11pm. Various organizations will be invited to participate with food/fundraising booths; they will be setting a budget to raise money for extra policing, insurance, and fireworks. There will be an email coming that the Village will be included on concerning updates and the next meeting information (sometime in March).

MAYOR:

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee had their final meeting last week and the final plan is now waiting for the SEQR to finish. Each Trustee will receive a copy of the plan and if all goes well, it will be presented to the Board for adoption at the next meeting.

Letter from Erie County Sewer District #2 read, Mayor Vincent George has been reappointed to the Sewer District board for another two-year term.

Letter received from Charter Communications detailing the following changes: MTV2, MTV Classic, TeenNick, NickToons, Logo, MTV Live & Nick Music currently available on Digital Tier 1 will be relocated to Digital Tier 2 in all channel lineups; Nickelodeon, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Spike, TV Land, and VH1 currently located on Digital Tier 2, will be relocated to Spectrum Select; CMT currently located on Digital Tier 1 will be relocated to Spectrum Select.

The January Sales Tax remittance is in: 7.19% above the previous years numbers and Year to Date is 3.29% over last year.

North Collins EMS submitted a letter concerning the classes and certified training that they have available. They offer 2-year CPR training, Blood-born Pathogen training that is renewable upon request from each agency, and Basic First Aid training. Discussion ensued by board members that there is no reason not to go with NCEMS for Fire Department training.

We have received several updates from ECIDA concerning the Firemen's Association grant that they are working on. They are waiting for North Collins Fire Chief Jim Miller to update the SAM registration and complete the requested information. Deadline for this grant is February 2nd and they want to have it complete and submitted 5 days prior to the deadline.

Kirst Construction will complete the fire hall door project as soon as the weather is warmer and the floor can be cleaned and dried to install the adhesive for the sealer. The final payment is being withheld pending completion.

NYSIF issued the Village of North Collins a credit of \$995.88 due to a change in the premium calculation based on the experience rating. An agent will be attending the board meeting in February to present another possible cost savings for the Worker's Comp insurance (safety group).

Southtowns Rural Preservation Company is seeking a grant from the Federal government and is asking for a letter of support from the Village of North Collins. There have been several Village residents who have, in the past, received grants from Southtowns to improve their homes. There is currently one open grant request.

Motion made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Karen Denne for the Mayor to write and send a letter of support to Southtowns Rural Preservation Company. Carried.

The light at the Library that was knocked down by the snow plow is being fixed through the

insurance company.

Received an email from Mark Haloran from the Collins Fire District concerning the mutual aid call in November when one of our fire trucks was damaged. A check was sent to PO Box 448 in North Collins that included the cost of the tire and the repair of the truck fender minus a \$50 copay.

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to pay the \$50 copay for the November mutual aid fire call from the Fire O&M budget line. Carried.

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to pay the renewal dues to the Association of Erie County Governments in the amount of \$200. Carried.

Note from NYCOM concerning OSC announcement that the Local Levy Growth Factor for this year is 2%.

The Facebook post from Sammi Kaniewski, a Village Resident, thanking Mike Davis for unburying garbage cans from snow pile was read.

Motion made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to change the status of Mike Haley to active Fire Police and Jake Haley to active Interior fire in the North Collins Volunteer Fire Company. Carried.

Motion made by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to not have a Village Registration Day for the 2018 Village Election. Carried.

Motion made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Karen Denne to identify the Village Hall at 10543 Main Street as the polling place for the entire village of North Collins with polls open from 12:00 Noon to 9:00pm on March 20, 2018. Carried.

Motion made by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to hire Corinne Martin, Bernice (Jeanne) Martin, and Judith (Judy) Thomas as Election Inspectors and Jennifer Orlando as an alternate Election Inspector for the Village Election on March 20, 2018. Carried.

Mayor read a portion of the Erie County Emergency plan that stated that Fire Departments are NOT designated by the County as emergency shelters primarily because the Municipality would then be fully responsible for any medical occurrence during the emergency. Instead, the County designates specific places that can accommodate up to 1,000 people and can easily be served meals and medical needs by the Red Cross.

A copy of the Town of North Collins and the Village of North Collins building permit fees were given to each Trustee to review before the next meeting when there will be a discussion of updating the fees.

The Dog Control officer submitted the December report. It was a quiet month!

Motion made by Trustee Karen Denne seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to approve the Employee benefit for Longevity as written: (payable for continuous years of service at each anniversary date) Complete 5 years of service: \$200; Complete 10 years of service: \$300; Complete 15 years of service: \$400; Complete 20 years of service: \$500. Carried.

Motion made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to approve the Comp Time benefit as written: may be accrued in lieu of overtime at the discretion of the supervisor and to a maximum of 40 hours. Must be used prior to the end of each calendar year or they will be compensated as straight time in the final check of the calendar year. Carried.

There are 2 water breaks in the Village: one near the corner of Harrison and Railroad Avenues and one on Kimble between Main and Elm Streets. The Village DPW is working to repair both of them.

There is a problem at the #5 Well that the DPW is currently working on with Ehmke and they will keep the Mayor informed.

The probationary period for the Village Hall cleaner is up. The Board has opted to speak with Trustee Leone who has met with the employee prior to a decision being made.

Motion made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Kathleen Myers to advertise for a new cleaning person if the probationary employee is not hired. Carried.

Applications for the part-time DPW worker were reviewed and 4 were selected for interviews. The Village Clerk will call to schedule once the Mayor, board representative, and Mike Perry have decided on a mutually convenient date. There will be a 2-month probation for this position.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Bley – Nothing in particular to report. Did hear that the prison was going to be sending a work team for the firemen at the end of the month.

Trustee Denne – Attended the Northeast Southtowns (NEST) Solid Waste Management meeting last week. Found it very informative concerning recycling of electronics and household goods. Currently two programs—one at ECC North and one at ECC South. Last year, both events had over 2,700 vehicles participated at a cost to the county of \$120,000. They are looking for more funding to have more events further out so there is not so much wait time at city locations. Pretty good attendance at the dinner and brought back information, a calendar, and a flyer about the Dare to Repair Café that can be posted in the Village Clerk’s office.

Trustee Leone – Excused

Trustee Myers – Nothing to report. Happy New Year!

Motion made by Trustee Kathleen Myers seconded by Trustee Melvin Bley to approve Payment of Bills for the Dec/Jan Abstract #8 in the amount of \$70,644.85.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Trustee Melvin Bley seconded by Trustee Karen Denne at 7:44pm. Carried.

Minutes submitted by

Janet L. Hutchinson, Clerk/Treasurer

