

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2011**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting August 11, 2011, at the town building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Weiss, Councilmen Buddle, Burke, and Teletnick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Keeler

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Highway Supt., Aaron Smithson; John Murtha, Planning Board Chr.; 11 residents of the town

Supervisor Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

A **motion** was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman Teletnick, to accept the minutes of July 14, 2011.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Teletnick, seconded by Councilman Buddle, to accept the Supervisor and Town Clerk monthly reports.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Weiss, seconded by Councilman Burke, for the board to enter executive session for a legal issue with Attorney DeFiokean along with Highway Superintendent and Clerk. The board entered executive session at 7:05 p.m. The board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m. Supervisor Weiss stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Lou Allstadt, former Mobile Oil executive, spoke regarding safer gas drilling.

- Better technology
- Regulations
- Enforcement
- Financial accountability

Mr. Allstadt answered questions from the audience and Supervisor Weiss thanked him for his presentation.

BILLS: The Board audited the monthly bills. A **motion** was made by Councilman Teletnick, seconded by Councilman Burke, to accept the following bills:

General Fund, #116 - #123 for \$ 1,254.62
Trust & Agency, #8 for \$ 820.51
Highway, Item 1, #14 - #18 for \$ 38,175.55
Highway, Item 3, #51 - #55 for \$ 513.34
Highway, Item 4, #39 - #43 for \$ 11,382.83

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-HIGHWAY: Aaron reported that

- Extend-a-boom cylinder on grade-all is being repaired by Vantage Equipment in Syracuse - cost \$1,800 - \$2,000. F550 is in need of repair - Est. cost \$4,000 - %5,000.
- Oil & stone on Stroup, Depot, Purdy, Saxon and a portion of Hugick Roads has been completed. Will be replacing shoulders on Jones, Stroupe and gravel end of Gage Roads. First round of mowing has been completed.
- Beginning work on Millers Mills Bridge - facing boards will be replaced and bridge will be stained - recommended by State DOT. Have been contacted by Herkimer County in regards to cemetery on corner of Millers Mills and McKoons Road - tree work. Have started sand pile.

- Purchased new Cub Cadet lawn mower

-PLANNING BOARD: John Murtha reported that property on Rt. 28 has requested commercial status for building that formerly was commercial and vacant over one year. ZBA will be meeting next Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS: A **motion** was made by Councilman Buddle, seconded by Councilman Teletnick, to adopt the following **resolution #2011-05:**

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to increase the 2011 Budget line item #DA-5112.2 to \$65,000.00.

VOTE: Buddle, aye; Burke, aye; Teletnick, aye; Weiss; aye.

Absent: Keeler

INPUT: The Board received input from those attending.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Buddle, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman

