

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2010**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a regular monthly meeting June 10, 2010, at the town building.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Lynch

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

Supervisor Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:55 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Weiss, seconded by Councilman Buddle, to accept the minutes of 5/13/10.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

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

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

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

General Fund, #95 - #110 for \$ 5,769.66
Trust & Agency, #6 for \$ 401.80
Highway, Item 1, #10 - #12 for \$ 4,784.66
Highway, Item 3, #45 - #50 for \$ 1,008.77
Highway, Item 4, #31 - #34 for \$ 6,445.65

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

-**HIGHWAY:** Aaron reported:

- Ditch work and culvert lowered in preparation for resurfacing of Sarafin Rd.
- Begun mowing town roads
- Rain & wind caused numerous trees in Millers Mills to come down last weekend. Crew cleared roadways on Saturday and cleaned up mess on Monday.
- Highway department will be on vacation 7/5 - 7/13.

-**PLANNING BOARD:**

- John Murtha reported that the Planning Board approved Brennan Rd. sub-division.

COMMUNICATION:

- Letter from DOT. Study completed - denied request for reduced speed limit on St. Rt. 51.
- Thank you from HCSWD for donation to envirothon.
- Henry Hiteman Engine & Hose Company re: Annual Fireman's Field Days

OLD BUSINESS:

- Town Clerk stated that is pretty definite that Ag. & Markets will be turning dog licensing over to the Towns. Will look into dog program, etc. necessary to do renewals.
- George Weiss stated that he met with Marty Smith from Board of Elections regarding space for new voting machine. Will need to have voting set up in the hall with curtains around the area so the church can still have their bake sale/supper. Discussion followed on old voting machines. A **motion** was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Teletnick, that the Clerk write a letter to the Board of Elections requesting that they pick up old machines.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

- Councilman Keeler stated that the refrigerator in the hall needs to be replaced. Keeler also stated that the bathrooms need to be made handicap accessible and requested that 3 estimates be gotten to make the 2 bathrooms into one unisex bathroom that is handicap accessible.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A **motion** was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Buddle, to adopt the following **resolution #10-04:**

Speed Limit Restriction for 2010 Gelston Castle Estate Events

WHEREAS CC Easter Artists LLC is promoting two events during the summer of 2010 at Gelston Castle Estate that are expected to temporarily increase traffic on Robinson Road, County Route 46 within the Town of Columbia.

Whereas the current speed limit on Robinson Road, County Route 46 is 55MPH.

Whereas in the name of safety, the Herkimer County Department of Highways has suggested that the speed limit on Robinson road, County Route 46 from NYS Route 28 to NYS Route 167 be reduced to 30 MPH.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Columbia hereby requests the Department of Transportation, pursuant to section 1622.2 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a temporary area speed restriction on the Robinson Road, County Route 46 to 30 MPH for the following dates and times:

- 1) 9am, Saturday, July 3, 2010 to 2 am, Sunday, July 4, 2010.
- 2) Noon, Thursday, September 2, 2010 to 6 pm Monday, September 6, 2010.

AND LET IT FURTHER be

RESOLVED, that the Town of Columbia will provide, install, and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the department of Transportation.

VOTE: Buddle, aye; Keeler, aye; Teletnick, aye; Weiss, aye.
Absent: Lynch

- A **motion** was made by Councilman Teletnick, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to adopt the following **resolution #10-05:**

RESOLVED: The Town of Columbia Town Board, Herkimer County, New York, hereby authorizes the Supervisor to make the following 2010 budget changes:

- 1) increase DA-5112.2 to \$65,000.00
- 2) transfer \$22.12 from DA-9060.8 to DA-9045.8

VOTE: Buddle, aye; Keeler, aye; Teletnick, aye; Weiss, aye.
Absent: Lynch

Next meeting will be July 8, 2010.

INPUT: The Board received input from those attending.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Buddle, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisor

Town Clerk

Councilman

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Councilman