

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA  
BUDGET WORKSHOP / REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2011**

The Town of Columbia Town Board held a budget workshop October 13, 2011, at the town building.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Woytowich, Clerk; Highway Supt., Aaron Smithson; Mitch VanWinkler (7:50 pm); Donna Wells, Bookkeeper; 3 residents of the town

Supervisor Weiss called the budget workshop to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Donna Wells explained the 2% property tax cap law. Donna recommends adopting the local law as a precautionary measure. Discussion followed. General discussion of the budget followed.

Budget workshop meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m. and Supervisor Weiss opened the regular monthly meeting.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Teletnick, to accept the minutes of September 8, 2011.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

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

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

Donna Wells spoke regarding an optional deferred compensation plan for employees.

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

General Fund, #138 - #152 for \$ 7,249.12

Trust & Agency, #10 for \$ 820.51

Highway, Item 1, #25 - #29 for \$ 8,981.07

Highway, Item 3, #61 - #68 for \$ 4,304.83

Highway, Item 4, #48 - #51 for \$ 11,493.14

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

-**HIGHWAY:** Aaron reported

- Trucks are ready for winter
- Mowing of roads continues
- Marking roads for winter
- Met with Mr. Vandawalker in regards to FEMA
- Thanks to all that helped out with trash day

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Roof repair: Councilman Keeler reported that he contacted two contractors and received a bid from one - the other one was not available to complete project this fall. From Warren S. Cross a bid of \$2,800 was received for the storage building. A bid of \$5,500 was received for the town building. This would include replacing roofing nails as needed with larger diameter roofing screws, prime rusted areas, paint roof with Benjamin Moore super spec urethane gloss oil paint. Discussion followed - town building roof needs to be done first to prevent further damage to interior.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Teletnick, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to accept both bids from Warren Cross with the town building (hall & garage) to be done first.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

**ZONING OFFICER:** Mitch distributed his quarterly report and updated the board on the complaint received last month from Dave Robertson regarding Andella's. Andella's has moved their start time from 5 am to 7 pm. They have also stated that they will work to correct the dust issue. David Robertson stated that he has also contacted DEC regarding the issue and they are investigating.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Local Law to override tax levy limit was discussed.

Supervisor Weiss introduced **Local Law No. 1, 2011**, a "Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c".

Upon motion by Councilman Buddle, seconded by Councilman Burke, the following **resolution #2011-07** was introduced.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Columbia, New York, as follows:

A public hearing on said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2011 be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Town Offices at the Town Building at 147 Columbia Center Rd., Ilion, New York, and that notice of the time and place of such hearing describing in general terms the proposed local law be published once on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in The Evening Telegram, a newspaper circulating in said Town of Columbia, and a copy of said notice together with a copy of said proposed Local Law No. 1, 2011, be posted on the Town Clerk's sign board on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2010.

The foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Supervisor, Weiss: aye  
Councilman Buddle: aye  
Councilman Burke: aye  
Councilman Keeler: aye  
Councilman Teletnick: aye

This resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

- **2012 Budget**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Teletnick, to adopt the following **resolution #11-08**:

**RESOLVED:** The Town of Columbia Town Board hereby adopts the tentative budget as the preliminary budget and sets November 11, 2010, 7:40 p.m. as the date for the public hearing and requests the clerk to advertise same.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

- **HEALTH INSURANCE**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Buddle, to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with CD/PHP for 2012 health insurance.

**VOTE:** All members voted aye.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:** Fuel bids will be advertised and opened at November meeting.

**INPUT:** The Board received input from those attending.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Teletnick, seconded by Councilman Keeler to enter executive session for a personnel issue. The board entered executive session at 8:35 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:57 p.m. with no action taken in executive session. A motion was made by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Supervisor Weiss, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor

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Town Clerk

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