



# VILLAGE OF COLONIE

## VILLAGE HALL

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**EDWARD SIM**  
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**JAMES M. RUBINO**

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**ART WHITE**

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VILLAGE CLERK

## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

6:30 P.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Deputy Mayor Sim opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:	Mayor Tobin	Absent
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Present
	Trustee Lockart	Present
	Trustee Rubino	Present
	Trustee White	Present
	Deputy Clerk Curran	Present

Minutes of the public hearing regarding Local Law "To make changes to Chapter 79 Building Code Administration" that was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Trustee Lockart to approve the minutes.

This motion was seconded by Trustee White.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee White	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Absent

Motion passed.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled Board meeting that was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Trustee Rubino to approve the minutes.

This motion was seconded by Trustee White.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee White	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Absent

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee White to approve Resolution 2023-37 “Use of Recreation Facility – Albany County Board of Elections”.

This motion was seconded by Trustee Rubino.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee White	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Absent

Motion passed.

Deputy Mayor Sim stressed that DPW and Firehouse staff need to be particularly cautious due to the weather this week. He stated that a new sign for the Cook Park entrance has been purchased, and it should be replaced within the next couple of weeks.

Chief Kayser stated that Colonie Village responded to a trailer park fire in the Stanford Heights fire district last Thursday around 12 p.m. He added that their crew was the first to arrive on scene, and they were the ones to put out the fire. On Saturday, 19 members from Colonie Village responded to another working structure fire in the West Albany fire district. 13 departments responded to that fire, and it was imperative to rotate manpower due to the unbelievable heat. A firefighter from another department did go down, and CPR was performed on her for a minute before she was transported to the hospital. Chief Kayser explained that this also highlights the importance of not only Colonie Village having mutual aid, but also providing it to other departments. Within the last 10 days, the Village responded to 3 working structure fires.

Trustee Lockart asked if Stanford Heights had a lack of volunteers, explaining why Colonie Village was first on scene. Chief Kayser stated that they don't have any paid staff during the day. He explained that most days the paid staff are the only responders until 3:30-4 p.m. when other volunteers get out of work. He thanked the Board for their willingness to have paid staff and added that this also highlights the importance. Trustee Lockart asked if the structure fire in Albany had a tin roof, and if that contributed to the extent of the fire. Chief Kayser explained that with a structure fire, the ladder trucks go to the roof in an attempt to ventilate. A regular roof can be cut through without a problem, but a tin roof is much more difficult to pull off. This was the case in the quadruple fatal last week in New Scotland. Chief Kayser added that solar panels are an additional danger. Deputy Mayor Sim explained that older houses were built as “balloon construction”, and when a fire starts in the basement, it goes directly up through the attic.

Trustee Lockart asked if National Grid needs to be contacted when there's a fire on a property with solar panels. Chief Kayser stated that all houses with them should have a shut off, but they need to cool down before anyone goes near them, leaving them with limited options.

Superintendent Decker provided the Board with an update on the new recycling truck. It has been lettered, and it is just waiting for plates from DMV. It's been a long wait after 3 and a half years, and he's hoping for it to be in service soon.

Deputy Mayor Sim also shared with the Board that the auditors are arriving at Village Hall tomorrow, 7/18. They will be stationed in the conference room and will likely be in the office for the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The following reports were submitted:

Senior Rev. vs. Exp. 7/03/2023-7/07/2023

Senior Rev. vs. Exp. 7/10/2023-7/14/2023

Senior lunch report 7/03/2023-7/08/2023

Senior lunch report 7/10/2023-7/14/2023

Abstract #4

General: \$56,667.90

Water: \$5,789.98

Sewer: \$4,113.43

**Total: \$66,571.31**

Deputy Mayor Sim made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Trustee White.

Vote:	Trustee Lockart	Yes
	Trustee Rubino	Yes
	Trustee White	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Sim	Yes
	Mayor Tobin	Absent

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Curran  
Deputy Village Clerk  
Village of Colonie