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VILLAGE CLERK

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

6:30 P.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 6:35p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:	Mayor Rubino	Present
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Present
	Trustee Prevratil	Present
	Trustee DePaulo	Present
	Trustee Stevens	Present
	Clerk Blot	Present

Minutes of the public hearing that was held on October 21, 2024, regarding Resolution 2024-81, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve the minutes, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Minutes of the public hearing that was held on October 21, 2024, regarding Resolution 2024-82, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve the minutes, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Minutes of the public hearing that was held on October 21, 2024, regarding Resolution 2024-83, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve the minutes, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on October 21, 2024, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to approve the minutes, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-86 “Authorize to expend funds out of the capital reserve sewer equipment”, amount not to exceed \$13,500.00, for the purchase of a new sewer camera.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-86, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-89 “Authorize to expend funds out of the capital reserve fire equipment fund”, amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the cost to upfit the new fire pumper truck.

A motion was made by Trustee DePaulo to approve Resolution 2024-89, as presented.

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockart.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes

Trustee Stevens	Yes
Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-90 “Emergency expense – garbage truck engine repair”, to be spent out of the capital reserve DPW equipment fund, amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to approve Resolution 2024-90, as presented.
Motion seconded by Trustee Prevratil.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-91 “Refund of park rental fee”. Request was made by Terri Schillaci on behalf of West Albany Volunteer Fire Company, for an event that had to be cancelled in Cook Park due to unforeseen circumstances by the department. Proposed refund amount is \$250.00.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-91, as presented.
Motion seconded by Trustee Depaulo.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-92 “Adopt changes to the Village of Colonie fee schedule”. Changes/Additions are proposed to the following sections: 2A. Building construction COMMERCIAL, 4. Operation of Business, 16. Water, 25. Short Term Rental Registration.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-92, as presented.
Motion seconded by Trustee Prevratil.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-93 “Penflex Actuarial Services, LLC 11/1/2024-10/31/2025 Service Fee Agreement”.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-93, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud a letter submitted from Erwin “Dom” Dominquez, Chief of the Center for Development and Civic Engagement for the U.S. Marine Corps Veterans, thanking the Village of Colonie and its residents for all the donations they have recently submitted for the on-going “help-a-Veteran” month for October.

Mayor Rubino said he spoke to Dom and he was overwhelmingly happy of the great job and community response we got from the residents. He commended all that were involved. Board Advisory Sim mentioned that the Senior Center has put up a “giving tree” that we will be collecting items through the holidays for the Veterans to continue our efforts. Mayor Rubino added that he is proud to be the Mayor of a community that gets involved like this.

Clerk Blot read aloud a letter from Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey addressing concerns that were presented at the last meeting on behalf of the Chief of the Fire Department. Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey stated in his letter that the concerns regarding the travel lodge on Wolf Road have been looked into and the concerns regarding the fire alarm were pre-existing non-conforming conditions, but after a discussion with the owner, the owner has agreed to make the updated changes, and the building will not be monitored by an alarm company. In Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey’s letter it also stated that he addressed the concern with the long-term staying guest, exceeding the 28-day occupancy allowance, to which Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey said that the occupant had proof of a permanent residence elsewhere and therefore met the requirements to stay past the 28 days since he was in the area for work purposes.

Deputy Mayor Lockart said that the fire departments “Wet Down” ceremony that was held for the new pumper truck was a very moving event and the celebration at the fire house afterwards was great. She added that she is very proud of our fire department.

Trustee Prevratil said all went well during the annual Halloween Pumpkin Patrol.

Trustee Stevens echoed everyone’s comments and thanked the Department of Public Works for doing the Pumpkin Patrol, noting them sacrificing going around with their own families “trick or treating” to keep village families safe.

Chief Kayser read aloud the October 2024 fire report. He also mentioned the annual turkey raffle will take place on November 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the recreation center. He thanked all those who attended the “wet down” ceremony. He also mentioned that there will be a charity football game being held on Saturday November 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Sharon Drive field against Stanford Heights Fire Department. Proceeds will go to the families of the two-gentleman who sustained severe injuries in a recent accident this past weekend, a trooper and a truck driver.

Chief Kayser also stated that he has some additional concerns and questions regarding Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey’s letter, to which he said he would follow up with him on. He did note that the gentleman in the room past the 28-day limit had a gallon of gasoline in his room. Mayor Rubino suggested following up with Chief Code Officer Meservey, and while he couldn’t speak to the purpose of the gasoline, he did mention that while he did construction, he would have to stay in a remote location for months at a time.

Trustee Prevratil stated that the hotel situation needs to be addressed with the owner and that it is not as much of an issue between our law versus their law, it is a complete lack of responsibility of the owner keeping track of the occupants in their hotels and what they have in their hotel rooms.

Mayor Rubino added that Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey and Officers Rivera and Lennox monitor the hotels and their activity closely and agrees that this is clearly an owner issue.

Deputy Mayor Lockart added that we mirrored the Town of Colonie law to prevent people from using hotels as permanent residences, and there is a distinction between long term residency and having another permanent location that you reside at.

Clerk Blot noted that we had over 6,000 voters show up at the recreation center for early voting last week. She added that election day is tomorrow, and the recreation center is a polling place and will be open from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Clerk Blot also mentioned that we will be having a Veterans Day ceremony in Cook Park on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans memorial, across from the main pavilion.

Deputy Mayor Lockart made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote:	Trustee Prevratil	Yes
	Trustee DePaulo	Yes
	Trustee Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk