

VILLAGE OF COLONIE

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MINUTES MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2^{ND} 10:00 A.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Rubino Present

Deputy Mayor Prevratil Present
Trustee Lockart Excused
Trustee DePaulo Excused
Trustee Stevens Present
Clerk Blot Excused
Deputy Clerk Curran Present

Minutes of the public hearing held on August 18, 2025, regarding Local Law #5 of 2025 "Changes to the Village of Colonie code" were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2025, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prevratil to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Deputy Clerk Curran requested a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30 "Approve speed humps to be placed on Hawley Avenue". Mayor Rubino explained that residents signed a petition in favor of speed humps, which was referred to the Village Traffic Advisory Committee. The traffic committee conducted studies and made the recommendation to add speed humps as a measure to control speeding. Mayor Rubino added that he, along with the Trustees are actively investigating means to contain speed.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-30, and this motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Trustee Stevens Yes

Deputy Mayor Prevratil Yes Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Curran requested a motion to approve Resolution 2025-60 "Authorize to expend funds out of capital reserve fire equipment fund". Mayor Rubino explained that this resolution goes with the public hearing that was held this morning to upfit Engine 405.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-60, and this motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Trustee Stevens Yes

Deputy Mayor Prevratil Yes Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Curran requested a motion to approve Resolution 2025-61 "Authorize to expend funds out of capital reserve recreation center fund". Mayor Rubino explained that this resolution goes with the public hearing that was held this morning to replace the roofs at the Cook Park Maintenance Shed and Sharon Drive Pavilion.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-61, and this motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Trustee Stevens Yes

Deputy Mayor Prevratil Yes Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Curran requested a motion to approve Resolution 2025-62 "Notice of Claim – 11 Space Boulevard". Mayor Rubino explained that while working on a curb box, DPW employees damaged a sprinkler line at 11 Space Boulevard. The resident reached out Village Hall and filed a notice of claim for reimbursement in the amount of \$125.00.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-62, and this motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Trustee Stevens Yes

Deputy Mayor Prevratil Yes Mayor Rubino Yes

Motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Curran read aloud correspondence from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, thanking the Village of Colonie for recent donations and continued support. Mayor Rubino further added that the Village of Colonie has been collecting gift cards and various items to donate to the Stratton Medical Center, and the residents have been making generous donations. He added that on October 5th, the Village will be hosting a Stand Down event where Veterans can receive services, clothing, breakfast and lunch. Mayor Rubino expressed how proud he is of the Village and its residents, noting that very few municipalities have been able to host such an event.

Jeffrey Green, resident of 3 Vics Court, was present in the audience with his wife, and expressed concern regarding the ongoing feral cat issue in his neighborhood, as he couldn't be present at the public hearing from August 18th. He explained that one neighbor in particular feeds 15-20 cats, leaving them to urinate and defecate in neighbors' yards, including his. He added that he installed rocks to deter them, but it did not work. He's concerned with health and safety issues that the cats are bringing. Mr. Green stated that the Village code addresses dogs, and it should address cats as well. He offered that they are nuisances, and it could be addressed in the nuisance section of the code as well. Mayor Rubino responded that Code Enforcement has done their due diligence in investigating this issue, and the Board is looking to add a section to the Village code.

Code Enforcement Officer Meservey was present in the audience and explained that the feral cats have been an ongoing issue for a year and a half, but at the time, there was nothing in the Village code. His office has worked with the Village Attorney to establish a section of code for the Mayor and Board to approve that would make any resident that harbors feral cats responsible for them and their care. This code would then allow the Village to act if necessary. Deputy Clerk Curran added that she could email Mr. Green the proposed Local Law #5.

Officer Meservey thanked the Mayor and Board for their support and diligence in addressing this issue. He also informed them that 2 weeks ago, he responded to an accident where a car crashed through a house on Sand Creek Road. He advised the fire department to build a shore to stabilize the structure and has been in contact with the resident to help her move forward. Officer Meservey also reported that the stormwater management reporting has also been completed for the year.

Mayor Rubino read aloud Chief Kayser's fire report, and thanked them, reminding the Board and audience members that all responders are volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil thanked everyone for their patience as the Mayor and Board address ongoing traffic issues throughout the Village.

Reports Submitted:

Senior center expenditure vs. revenue report 8/11/25-8/15/25 Senior center expenditure vs. revenue report 8/18/25-8/22/25 Recreation center report – July 2025 Colonie Fire Company report 8/1/25-8/31/2025

Colonie Fire Company report 1/1/25-8/31/25

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General: \$86,500.28 Water: \$10,964.80 Sewer: \$31,672.30 **Total: \$129,137.38**

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Unanimous to approve. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Curran Deputy Village Clerk