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JAMIE L. BLOT
VILLAGE CLERK

MINUTES MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 6:30 P.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the public hearing for Resolution 2024-102 held on December 16, 2024, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

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

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockart.

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

Motion passed.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled board meeting held on December 16, 2024, 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 Stevens	Yes
	Deputy Mayor Lockart	Yes
	Mayor Rubino	Yes

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-110 “Authorize to expend funds out of the capital reserve DPW equipment fund”.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-110, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Prevratil.

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

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-111 “Contract No. 2608 of 2024 – Albany County Youth and Recreation Program Funding under the youth development program”.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-111, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

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

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested authorization to advertise for a public hearing for Resolution 2024-112 “Authorize to expend funds out of the capital reserve village hall fund for various updates” to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., amount not to exceed \$35,000.

Mayor Rubino explained that the anticipated updates involved the PA system in the board room including iPad control for microphone volume by the coordinators, which they were collecting quotes for; and security updates in the hall including key fob access.

A motion was made by Trustee Prevratil to authorize the Clerk to advertise, as presented.

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockart.

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

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot read aloud Resolution 2024-113 “Appointment of election inspectors March 18, 2025, election”.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lockart to approve Resolution 2024-113, as presented.

Motion seconded by Trustee Stevens.

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

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested authorization to advertise for the 2025 tentative assessment roll, final assessment roll and grievance day, which will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Prevratil to authorize the Clerk to advertise, as presented. Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Lockart.

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

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot mentioned we received a letter from Chief VAVS Erwin Dominquez thanking the Village of Colonie and all those who donated during the months of November and December 2024 during our “Giving Tree” that was held at our senior center.

Mayor Rubino added that he was really pleased with the outcome of all our Veterans outreach events that we’ve held so far. The response for the vets has been great. He thanked all who have been involved.

Chief Kayser read aloud the December 2024 fire report and gave his end of the year figures for the department. He said the department had 505 calls for the year. He added that Wendy’s located at 1770 Central Avenue has a faulty detector and he has been there several times, and they won’t address the issue. Mayor Rubino said that he will meet with Chief Kayser and Building Chief Meservey to discuss. Chief Kayser also said that they fire department had to shut down Dairy Queen, located on Central Avenue due to a faulty gas leak.

Chief Kayser requested that the Board consider increasing the nuisance fees. He said that the fire department has been dispatched to Wendy’s for this faulty alarm 4 times in the past 17 days. He stated fire alarms, especially faulty ones are a large draw on manpower. He added that prior to the meeting, he was called to Maharaja, for an alarm.

Deputy Mayor Lockart asked that when we notify about these faulty alarms is it corporate or the local business being notified?

Chief Kayser said the board would have to verify with Chief Code Officer Meservey, but he believes it’s sent to the local business and then corporate if necessary.

Chief Kayser mentioned that the department did a Toys for Tots donation for the holiday season, and they also helped some of the families in the two Village schools, and was surprised to learn there are a lot of needy families in our schools, who didn’t want toys, but just clothes and shoes. He said the department wants to do more to help Village families, so this upcoming year they are going to focus their attention on helping needy families in the two village schools.

Mayor Rubino wished everyone a Happy New Year. He added that we had a great year last year and thanked everyone for their cooperation. He also noted that the ice-skating rink is coming along and has been being enjoyed the past few weekends.

Reports Submitted:

Recreation Center report December 2024

Fire Department report December 2024/year end 2024

Senior Center activity report December 2024

Senior center lunch report 12/16/2024 to 12/20/2024

Senior center lunch report 12/23/2024 to 12/27/2024

Senior center lunch report 12/30/2024 to 1/3/2025

Senior center expenditure vs. revenue report 12/16/2024 to 12/27/2024

Abstract #15

General: \$135,520.33

Water: \$25,472.99

Sewer: \$28,267.92

Total: \$189,261.24

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Trustee Prevratil.

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk