

VILLAGE OF COLONIE

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TRUSTEE

JAMIE L. BLOT
VILLAGE CLERK

MINUTES MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 6:30 P.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 6:36 p.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 for Resolution 2024-112 held on January 21, 2025, 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 board meeting held on January 21, 2025, 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 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 2024-117 “Authorize to expend funds out of the capital reserve DPW equipment fund, water equipment fund and sewer equipment fund”.

Amount not to exceed \$212,000.00, for the purchase of a new loader.

A motion was made by Trustee Prevratil to approve Resolution 2024-117, 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 Local Law #1 of 2025 “Changes to the Village of Colonie water code”.

A motion was made by Trustee DePaulo to approve Local Law #1 of 2025, 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 2024-118 “Resolution to adopt changes to the Village of Colonie fee schedule”, increasing the water rate by .50 cents.

A motion was made by Trustee Prevratil to approve Resolution 2024-118, 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 2024-119 “Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with C.T. Male for water system study”.

Mayor Rubino explained that there has been a water pressure issue on Stirrup Drive for several years and that C.T. Male has reviewed the data the Village has collected so far on the issue and believes they can further help us to find out what the issue is that is causing this low water pressure and help resolve it.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to approve Resolution 2024-119, 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.

Chief Kayser gave a briefing of the structure fire that occurred last week at 4 Locust Park. He said that 32 active firefighters from the department answered the call. He said neighboring departments answered the mutual aid. He said battling the fire was extremely difficult due to a severe hoarding issue inside the residence. The Chief thanked the Mayor and the Board for their support during this difficult time for the Village.

Mayor Rubino said that it was a terrible tragedy, and the fire department did a hell of a job battling the fire.

Budget Director/Capital Project Manager Sim noted the use of the ladder truck to get to the second story was important when battling this fire.

Deputy Mayor Lockart thanked Chief Kayser for his leadership and noted that he kept control.

Trustee DePaulo said that he has seen Chief Kayser and known his capabilities, and he said he wouldn't want to see anyone else working that scene.

Trustee Prevratil said that he will never forget the leadership and how the Chief kept composure, and how everyone who was there from EMS, police, DPW, codes, all came together and were trying to help.

Trustee Stevens commended the Fire Department and said that when he attends the meetings at the firehouse he enjoys seeing the interactions between the members when they're all together, but to see them come together in this way and be there for each other when they need it the most, is very important.

Mayor Rubino also thanked our other departments for being there, DPW and Codes. He added that Chief Code Officer kept him informed and is still working on the case, dealing with the insurance company and keeping the building secure.

Chief Kayser also added that he'd like to recognize South Colonie for the use of a bus for blocking the road that night, which was provided by Director of Transportation Brian Sim.

Resident and Fireman Frank Cuoccio was present, and commended Chief Kayser. Mr. Cuoccio also said he was ecstatic to hear about the study that was approved for Stirrup Drive, as this water pressure, has been an ongoing issue. He thanked the Board for all they do and continue to do. He said he has been dealing with the water pressure issue for 32 years, and he and his neighbors are excited that they may soon be able to do multiple tasks that involve water without the pressure dropping.

Resident Janice Potter said she was saddened to hear about the fire, which was located in the house of a former friend and senior center member Kay Walker. She had some statements regarding a newspaper clipping she saw from a neighbor witness of the Locust Park fire. She also stated that she has since been decluttering her home and went out and got new smoke detectors for her home.

Chief Kayser told Ms. Potter about the life reach program, and said if she was interested in having someone from the fire department assist her and check her home for possible fire hazards to contact Clerk Blot for additional information. Ms. Potter asked if she could share the information about the program at the next Senior Club meeting, as she is

the Chaplan, to which Chief Kayser said yes, and that he has met with the seniors about the program in the past.

Reports Submitted:

Recreation center report January 2025

Senior center activity report January 2025

Senior center lunch report 1/13/2025 – 1/17/2025

Senior center lunch report 1/20/2025 – 1/24/2025

Senior center lunch report 1/27/2025 – 1/31/2025

Senior center expenditure vs. revenue report 1/13/2025 – 1/24/2025

Abstract #17

General: \$91,117.87

Water: \$15,484.31

Sewer: \$25,082.98

Total: \$131,685.16

Mayor Rubino requested a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

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

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk