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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

10:00 A.M.

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public hearing minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2026, 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.
Motion passed.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 5, 2026, 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 Trustee DePaulo.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.
Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2025-89 "Waive late fee incurred for 69 Bridle Path sewer bill".

Clerk Blot is requesting authorization to waive the late fee of \$7.50 for 69 Bridle Path, the owner Donna Mann, passed away in June, and upon taking ownership of the estate, her son believed his mother paid the June sewer bill, to which he realized she had not done so prior to her passing.

There were no comments or questions.

Trustee DePaulo made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-89, as presented.
The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.
Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2025-90 “Refund of rental fee”.
Resident Ellen Collins, 8 Grace Street, asked if this was a Village sponsored event, to which the Mayor said no, and then Ms. Collins asked why this refund was being considered, to which the Mayor said that there are staff assigned to rentals to oversee each rental, in this case, the renter was an employee. Clerk Blot added since the renter was an employee, additional staff did not need to be present to oversee this party, and that is why there is consideration to refund this rental fee.

Ms. Collins asked about rental fees recently being increased, to which the Mayor said that in recent months the Village reviewed the rental fees being charged and determined that the amount being charged for the rentals was not sufficient for the cost incurred to cover the cost to have staff overseeing the rental and use of the building. He said the fees were raised to make ends meet at the end of the day, and added we still have the lowest rental rates in the area, and you get a good amount for your money. Ms. Collins asked how residents would know they can possibly receive a refund, especially when the form says, “no refunds”, to which the Mayor said, refunds are not often given, but there can be extenuating circumstances to which they are granted, and they are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Rubino also added that the Village is looking at the structure of Cook Park, trying to make that better for the people with more options for renting the main pavilion year-round, and making a better structure for the open picnic area, so it’s better utilized.

Mayor Rubino thanked Ms. Collins for her valid questions. He also added that we this is what we need in the Village, good communication. He appreciated Ms. Collins coming and asking questions and getting answers directly from the source. He mentioned that often people will get on social media for their answers and can be misguided and that’s how misinformation gets out there and rumors start.

There were no further comments or questions.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-90, as presented.
The motion was seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.
Motion passed.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil thanked the Department of Public Works for all their efforts recently, as we’ve had a lot of inclement weather and water breaks, and it’s been a tough time for them, but they’ve done a great job.

Trustee Lockart mentioned that the Town of Colonie has a boiling water advisory in effect that is affecting the Village of Colonie as well. This is due to a significant water break in the Town of Colonie that took place over the weekend.

Resident Sig Peplowski, 9 Aldershoot Road, was present to ask about the recent article he saw in the Times Union regarding speed cameras.

Mayor Rubino thanked Mr. Peplowski for attending the meeting, and said he appreciated his phone call earlier on regarding the matter.

Mayor Rubino said that he conducted an interview with the Times Union regarding the proposed legislation for the speed cameras. Mayor Rubino said this legislation is needed if we even want to consider speed cameras in the school zones in the future. It gives us the ability for this consideration. Mayor Rubino went on to say that we are seeking this legislation because we've exhausted all efforts to slow traffic down in the Village. He also stated that unlike common perception, this is not a "money grab". If pursued, any money made would be put back into streets, sidewalks, safety and infrastructure.

Mayor Rubino said that we are part of the great Colonie police department, and they do what they can, but they can't be everywhere. He said he spoke to the Chief prior and asked about having an officer in the Village 24 hours a day, and it was going to be costly, and to cover that cost, we'd have to increase the taxes, which, is that something the residents are going to want?

Mayor Rubino referenced Resolution 2025-71 "Request for home rule legislation be established – cameras for monitoring speed on Village roads in the Village of Colonie", which was presented at the October 6, 2025, board meeting, at which time all board members were present, and passed this resolution to proceed with seeking this legislation. Mayor Rubino also read aloud the section of the minutes from the October 6, 2025, meeting at which time this Resolution was introduced and voted on.

Mayor Rubino said the goal is safer streets and keep the children safe.

Mayor Rubino mentioned the basketball hoop code, to which Chief Code Officer said we have about 400 basketball hoops in the Village of Colonie. Mayor Rubino said that in the code it stated they must be 10ft off the road, of the 400 people, 310 people didn't have any issue with complying with that code, but there are always going to be a few people who don't want to comply. Mayor Rubino said we can't just enforce the laws we want to; we have got to enforce all of them.

Mr. Peplowski asked how many feet the cameras can go in the school area, to which Trustee Stevens said 1,320 from the school.

Mayor Rubino stated that he would like to see the speed cameras in high traffic areas, but the main focus is the school areas.

Mayor Rubino also mentioned that we have a Traffic Committee, who meets regularly to discuss traffic concerns, or if residents have concerns, they come into their meetings and talk to them about their worries. They've done a lot to help with the traffic complaints in the Village, but there's still more to do.

Mayor Rubino stated that the Village lowered the speed limit on Sand Creek Road to 25 mph, to align with most of the rest of the Village streets. Traffic and speed have always been an issue on that street. A traffic study was done, and in one week 67,000 cars were on Sand Creek Road. Mayor Rubino said, upon lowering the speed limit to 25 mph, some people complained. Mayor Rubino said we're located between Albany and Schenectady,

and we get a lot of thru traffic. He said this legislation will allow us options. Mayor Rubino stated if we get the legislation, there will be a public forum, and the people can voice their opinion, and if the consensus is that the residents don't want to pursue it, then that's the answer. Mayor Rubino stated that we must do our due diligence.

Mr. Peplowski said he was thinking about the speed bumps on Delafield Drive and Mordella Road when the article came out. He said that when he drives in Albany, he steers clear of Whitehill Road.

Mayor Rubino said that we can determine and regulate the speed, and through discussions, that is what will happen with the public involved.

Mr. Peplowski stressed that he believes signage is very important, and stated that signage is lacking in Albany, and too small.

Mayor Rubino said we need to think collectively about how to fix the traffic issue because it isn't going to get any better, especially with on-going improvements and re-development around us.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil said that speed in the Village is too high, and road rage is out there. He added that he was on the traffic committee for years, and speed was always a common concern. He said if we don't do something to lower the speeds, someone will get hurt, and as a member of this board, he will do anything to make the drivers drive safely. He added that it's not feasible to have police there, there is not enough of them, and if people get "dinged" by the cameras, then they get "dinged" by the cameras, and they need to drive slower, and safely. He stated that he fully supports the Mayor in this effort.

Reports Submitted:

Senior Center Expenditure VS. Revenue Report 12/29/2025-1/9/2026

Recreation Center report December 2025

Abstract #16

General: \$89,213.68

Water: \$2,360.06

Sewer: \$2,991.37

Total: \$94,565.11

Trustee Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

This motion was seconded by Trustee Lockart.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk