



VILLAGE OF COLONIE

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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

6:30 P.M.

FRANK A. PREVRATIL
DEPUTY MAYOR

PATTY SCHWARZ LOCKART
TRUSTEE

JASON M. DEPAULO
TRUSTEE

MARK P. STEVENS
TRUSTEE

JAMIE L. BLOT
VILLAGE CLERK

The meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 2 Thunder Road, Albany, NY 12205. Mayor Rubino opened the meeting at 6:30 p.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

Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 4, 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 Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2026-28 "Authorize the Mayor to execute third amendment to lease agreement". Mayor Rubino explained that the Town of Colonie has an agreement with us to use space at the Fire House for EMS, and that agreement expires at the end of this month, and this amendment is to extend that current agreement.

Trustee Lockart made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-28, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2026-29 "Award firehouse HVAC bid". Mayor Rubino explained that this is for repairs to the HVAC system at the firehouse. This is for stage 1, adding there are probably 2 more stages. He mentioned that since he has been Mayor, the current HVAC system has had to be repaired several times.

Trustee Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-29, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested authorization to advertise for a public hearing to be held on June 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for Resolution 2026-30 “Authorize to expend funds out of the fire equipment capital reserve” amount not to exceed \$105,000, for HVAC repairs at the firehouse.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise, as requested. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot stated that herself, the Mayor and several Board members received correspondence over the weekend from a resident regarding concerns of the changes to the heavy pick-up program this year, and rising costs/fees for the water and sewer bills. Clerk Blot stated that she was not going to read the correspondence from the resident as they did not tell the resident ahead of time, and wanted to keep her confidence, but that she would read the Mayor’s response to the residents concerns, and include said correspondence in the record, amended to reserve the identity of the resident. Clerk Blot added that the resident responded back to the Mayor’s email and was appreciative of the explanation. Mayor Rubino expressed his hope that more people show up to meetings and get involved with the Village, to better understand how things work, and the Board has a better opportunity to explain these items. He added that we are at most times at the mercy of these outside supplies (of water/sewer treatment). We have absorbed these cost hikes for all these years, but the time has come with the economic state of things where we simply can no longer absorb those costs and they must be passed on to the consumer. Like the heavy item program, that fee was increased, so the individuals who utilize that program do see that cost increase, but the average taxpayers taxes remain unchanged. He added that we have a great budget manager in Mr. Sim, who reviews the budget often and tries to keep things in order with spending and these costs increases.

Mayor Rubino also mentioned an instance that took place last week while he was away at a training seminar, he stated that someone came into the Village Hall and gave the staff a hard time regarding the heavy item pick-up. He was very rude, and was yelling at the staff. He added that complaints of such nature should be directed to him and the Board, not to the staff. He added that if we have to hire a police officer to stand at the door for this type of behavior, he won’t hesitate to do so. Adding he will not tolerate the nature of people like that, being rude is uncalled for.

Resident Marcia Pennock, of Locust Park was present to voice her concerns with the water bill. She stated she was in a week or two ago, and did not pay the \$10 administration fee, until she talked to the Mayor and he explained the fee to her, to which she returned and paid the fee. She had an inquiry regarding the minimum bill and asked the board to consider dropping the minimum charge or doing something different. She stated she historically uses less than the minimum but still pays for currently 20,000 gallons, where those residents who use over 20,000 gallons, just pay for the water they consume.

The Board thanked Ms. Pennock for her input and appreciated her attending the meeting.

To add: Clerk Blot did speak with Ms. Pennock when she came back in to pay her water bill, and had a conversation regarding such, and did say that this has been a consideration, and the board has lowered the minimum over the years, at times when there has been a significant rate increase. The minimum usage years ago was 25,000 gallons, then it was 22,500 gallons, and now, the current 20,000 gallons. Continued consideration of the minimum consumption by the Board remains when the rate is increased.

Trustee Stevens mentioned that there is a Memorial Day service being held on Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the firehouse, he added the ceremony is usually about 10 minutes, but a very nice event to attend.

Trustee DePaulo thanked the Board for their patience over the 20+ years with his service on the Colonie PD, and thanked all for their support at his recent walk-out ceremony. He stated it has been an honor service the Colonie Police, and he will wear his Village hat more often now.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil thanked Trustee DePaulo for all his years of service. He also mentioned that he attended the NYCOM annual training school and learned a lot, adding that it was nice to learn things, but it was also nice to hear all the things we are doing correctly, which is a lot.

Mayor Rubino added that every municipality has its common problems, but said our Village stands tall. He also added that Trustee DePaulo has done a lot of great stuff during his time of the board, mentioning he didn't have to be physically present to be doing a lot of great stuff for our Village.

Reports Submitted:

Senior Center Expense vs. Revenue Report 5/4/2026 to 5/15/2026

Abstract #24

General: \$70,205.03

Water: \$768,612.70

Sewer: \$4,520.10

Total: \$843,337.83

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 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk