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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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, August 3, 2026, 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	Excused
	Deputy Mayor Prevratil	Present
	Trustee Lockart	Present
	Trustee DePaulo	Present
	Trustee Stevens	Present
	Clerk Blot	Present

Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 20, 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 public hearing regarding Local Law #2 of 2026, held on July 27, 2026, were reviewed by the present members of the board.

A motion was made by Trustee Lockart 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 Local Law #2 of 2026 "A local law repealing and replacing chapter 133 of the code of the Village of Colonie, Hotels and Motels".

Clerk Blot explained that we held a public hearing on Monday, July 27, 2026, regarding this matter. She asked Deputy Mayor Prevratil to add anything further he would like to say, to which he thanked our Chief Code Enforcement Officer Steve Meservey and his staff for all their work on this matter. Deputy Mayor Prevratil also thanked Town Supervisor Peter Crummey, Lt. Herbst of the Town of Colonie Police, Village of Colonie Trustee Jason DePaulo and Director of building and fire services for the Town of Colonie Chretien Voerg.

A motion was made by Trustee Lockart to approve Local Law #2 of 2026, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2026-40 “Purchase of air packs from capital reserve – fire equipment fund”.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to approve Resolution 2026-40, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockart.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2026-43 “Authorize the Clerk to adjust sewer and tax bills – 1 Hitching Post and 55 Hunting Road”. Clerk Blot explained that these bills were paid on time, but with one check and included a water invoice from April, which was already levied onto the taxes, so hence would have been paid twice if processed. The Clerk requested that we waive the late fees incurred since the original payment was received on time but had to be sent back due to this discrepancy.

A motion was made by Trustee Lockart to approve Resolution 2026-43, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DePaulo.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Resident, Tracey Martin, 17 Mayhall Street, stated she has been a resident since 2019, and that it has become more and more of a challenge with residents who have hoarding issues. She also mentioned that real estate agents are having a hard time selling homes due to these neighboring properties and their conditions. She mentioned that there have been fatal fires in the Village, where hoarding conditions were occurring, she also mentioned she doesn't care what the inside of peoples homes look like, but when it's in public view, she does care, and it's contagious to the rest of the neighborhood.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil asked Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey to speak on this matter.

Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey stated he is aware of the issue on Mayhall Street and is addressing it, adding that the individual in question has not been served yet, but she is on the docket with court.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil added that Ms. Martin and the fellow neighbors present aren't fighting a fight alone. The Board, all being Village residents, all live here and are doing what they can, within the law, to address these issues. He added that we have a wonderful code enforcement department and it has to be done properly, there are certain things we can't do, adding this isn't a homeowners association, we are at the mercy of the state, local laws and the courts.

Trustee Lockart added that she hears the frustration of the people, and that she has been in contact with code enforcement, and it is being addressed, but there are numerous steps that need to be taken to get these addressed. She added that hoarding is a difficult thing, and it is not just someone being a “mess”, some people need help. She also added that sometimes it may look like nothing is being done, but there are things going on behind these scenes, with other departments like mental health, department of health, etc. She

also added that this recent Hotel/Motel law that was just passed, is another item that has been a long time coming. We have been working with the Colonie Police Department for years on this, and they just passed this law recently, and we had to wait until they passed it, so we could follow. She commended Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey for his persistence on that matter, which she knew took over a year and a half to get done. Trustee Lockart added that the Colonie Police has designated the 1600 Central Avenue block as its own zone, due to all the issues there. She added there was an arrest made on Lincoln Avenue recently, and it was due to the police presence at that area that that was accomplished. She added that maybe things aren't being done as quickly as we would all like, but assured everyone, that they are happening and expressed we all have to live here and work together, adding hoarding happens everywhere.

Trustee DePaulo asked if there was any communication between Ms. Martin and this neighbor, to which Ms. Martin stated she has had the garage door open since February. She said she knows she's been talked to months ago, and spends more time in her garden than addressing any of her property maintenance issues. Ms. Martin stated that there is an awful smell coming from the property, it's bringing wild animals, especially skunks. Ms. Martin is concerned for our firemen and first responders. She also said that there are weeds all over the property, including milkweed.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil thanked Ms. Martin for addressing her concerns and letting the board know and said he understands she is passionate about the matter, and it is being addressed.

Trustee Lockart mentioned that this Saturday, August 8, 2026, is our "Picnic in the Park" being held in Cook Park, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil commended the DPW for the recent rainstorm, which included a lot of flooding around the Village. He said basins aren't meant to deal with a 50year storm and the DPW handled the cleaning out of the basins and helped with the drainage and aftermath wonderfully.

Reports Submitted:

Senior Center Expense vs. Revenue Report 7/13/2026 – 7/24/2026

Recreation Center Report July 2026

Abstract #5

General: \$93,986.11

Water: \$11,380.59

Sewer: \$29,441.07

Total: \$134,807.77

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 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk