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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, JULY 20, 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, July 20, 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	Excused
	Trustee Stevens	Present
	Clerk Blot	Present

Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 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 executive session held on July 6, 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 Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested authorization to advertise for a public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2026, to be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. she added that this is just a public hearing, and the local law will not be voted on until the regularly scheduled board meeting to be held on August 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. She stated that the local law is to repeal and replace Chapter 133 of the code of the Village of Colonie, entitled "Hotels and Motels". Mayor Rubino stated that they have been working closely with the Town of Colonie, and the Town just passed this code as well, ours has a few slight differences. He added that this local law is to help clean up all the issues that are happening within the hotels and motels. He said that he is not proud of the fact that the Village of Colonie 1600 block is the highest issues with the Colonie police department due to the hotels along that

area. He commended our code enforcement department for their diligence with getting this code underway, adding that since he's been Mayor, Chief Code Enforcement Officer Meservey has been working on this. He added that we will try to have Lt. Herbst of Colonie PD present at the public hearing in case there are any questions regarding this proposed law.

A motion was made by Trustee Stevens to authorize the Clerk to advertise, as requested. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lockart.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested authorization to advertise for a public hearing to be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for Resolution 2026-40 "Purchase of air packs from capital reserve – fire equipment fund".

Mayor Rubino stated that this purchase of air packs was made 5-years ago, through a lease agreement, and at the time the original amount was based on the principal amount, and the final payment is now due, and includes the interest, so more funds are needed to be expended out of the capital reserve to cover this final payment.

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

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot requested a vote on Resolution 2026-41 "7 Nash Place – sewer request determination".

Mayor Rubino stated that after hearing the details of the request made by the resident regarding the sewer issue at 7 Nash Place, the Village investigated the nature of how the sewer situation came to be and determined that based on the Village code, and the timeframe of the sewer lines being installed, and the discussion with the department of public works and looking at the sewer lateral pictures in front of the residence, no relief was warranted. Deputy Mayor Prevratil added that he thought that there was ample time to connect to the sewer lateral, and the owner did not do so all these years. Mayor Rubino stated that it was the Village responsibility to run the sewer line, which we did, it was up to the contractor and homeowner to connect to it, in accordance with the Village Code.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Prevratil to approve Resolution 2026-41, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Stevens.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Clerk Blot stated there was an additional item added to the agenda, Resolution 2026-42 "Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with National Fitness Campaign in partnership with MVP and Albany County for a fitness center grant at no cost to the Village of Colonie", to which Mayor Rubino explained that Mr. Thomas Breslin has requested funding through this grant for a fitness center for Cook Park, it is funded by MVP and Albany County, and does not cost the Village anything. He stated similar fitness centers exist in parks in Berne, Tawasentha and Guilderland. He asked Mr. Breslin

to comment a little more on it, to which Mr. Breslin stated that it is an outdoor fitness center for all ages, but caters particularly to seniors, and they are looking to install it across from the playground area.

A motion was made by Trustee Lockart to approve Resolution 2026-42, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Prevratil.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion passed.

Trustee Stevens stated that the fire department softball league starts with their games this week, Wednesday is their first game, to be held in Cook Park.

Deputy Mayor Prevratil mentioned that the Village streets look great, and everything looks good around the Village, he said driving through other areas, he can appreciate how well the Village is taken care of. He also added to the public present, that if they notice any hoarding issues or property maintenance issues in their neighborhoods, to please let someone at the Village know, adding we want everyone to be safe and we don't want out firemen to be put in an unknown, unsafe condition due to those types of conditions.

Mayor Rubino stated that our code enforcement officers are not police officers. He stated that our code enforcement personnel get inundated at times with calls and complaints that should be deferred to the Town of Colonie police. He has advised the staff, as well as the office staff in the Village Hall, that if phone calls come in regarding complaints about drugs, and other items that the are police matters, they should be directed accordingly. He also said that if they should persist, they can be directed right to him.

Trustee Lockart added that we all pay taxes to the Colonie police department, and that is who is supposed to handle situations like that. They are trained to handle those types of situations. Mayor Rubino added that if it is a property maintenance concern, then yes, our code enforcement employees are the ones to handle things like that, but all other complaints should be directed to the police department.

Mayor Rubino asked if anyone from the public say the speed sign on their way into the meeting, and added that we ordered 2 of them, and the idea is to install them on Sebring Avenue, who recently had some traffic concerns. He added that this is a nice alternative to the speed humps. He also said that it is a cheaper option, as they are \$500 per sign, and speed hump installation is about \$5,500-\$6,000, and it also can cause damage to our DPW vehicles and emergency response vehicles.

Resident Maria Nash, of 7 Nash Place was present and stated that her father was born on a farm on Nash Place in the Village in 1927, and worked for the fire department and police department, adding that the property was a dirt road and she was extremely disappointed in the decision of the board to offer no relief to her for the sewer lateral situation regarding the residence at 7 Nash Place. She stated her father was never given a grinder pump and her mother was never offered to hook up to the sewer, which the Village paid for, she also said the Village paid for the grinder pumps that were given out, to which Mayor Rubino stated he couldn't speak to what they did back then, and said it

wouldn't have been the Village's responsibility to give out grinder pumps to residents anyway, it would have been up to the contractor. She stated that 7 Nash Place was skipped. He stated that the Village has to run the trunk line, which was what was done, the hook up to the house is the responsibility of the contractor and homeowner. Mayor Rubino stated that it is like that in all municipalities, adding he doesn't know of any municipality that hooks up to the house, that's up to the contractor, landlord or homeowner to make that connection, the municipality just runs the main line, that is with any utility line (sewer/water). Ms. Nash asked about the sewer bills her mother has paid this whole time, to which Mayor Rubino said the Village code stated that any residence within the Village boundaries, whether connected to the sewer lateral or not, will have to pay the sewer tax. Resident Andrew Isom, of 7 Nash Place stated that Maria's mother paid for sewer all those years that she never used and never had access to, to which Mayor Rubino read from section 177 of the Village of Colonie code. He also stated that that section states that connection must be made to the sewer lateral, and connection should have been made by the contractor who put those houses in. The code stated that if you remain disconnected from the sewer lateral you are still responsible for the sewer tax. Mr. Isom asked when that became effective, to which Mayor Rubino stated that was in effect as long as the sewer lines were established, to which Clerk Blot said the late 60's, early 70's. A few of the board members stated when their houses were built, in the late 60's and recall having to hook up to the sewer at that time. Ms. Nash stated there was no sewer line on Nash Place, there was only two houses for a long time. Mayor Rubino said we sent the DPW over and they used the vac-all and found the sewer lateral in front of the house, to which Ms. Nash asked if that was there since 1962, to which Mayor Rubino said he doesn't know if that is when it hooked up, but it's there now, and they are still responsible to hook up and would have been responsible to pay the sewer tax regardless of connection status. Mayor Rubino stated that Section 177 of the Village of Colonie code states the details of the sewer connections that he is referring to, and all that information can be found online, to which Ms. Nash said thank you. Mayor Rubino stated that he called Ms. Nash to let her know that we reviewed the details of the sewer lateral, as he said he would but was unable to talk to her before tonight's decision. Unfortunately, based on the code and the lateral being in front of the house, with immediate access for hook up, there is no relief to be offered. Trustee Lockart stated she would give Ms. Nash a copy of the resolution.

Mayor Rubino stated he hoped that folks would be able to make the public hearing on the Hotel and Motel changes for Local Law #2 next week.

Reports Submitted:

Senior Center Expense vs. Revenue Report 6/29/2026 to 7/10/2026

Abstract #4

General: \$61,937.49

Water: \$3,752.95

Sewer: \$12,238.70

Total: \$77,929.14

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 6:54 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Jamie L. Blot
Village Clerk