

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above
entitled matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a
Shorthand Reporter commencing at 7:05 PM on
October 8, 2020 at Memorial Town Hall, 534
New Loudon Road, Latham, New York

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA A. MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- MELISSA JEFFERS
- DANIELLE FUTIA
- RICHARD FIELD
- JILL PENN
- DAVID GREEN

ALSO PRESENT:

- MICHAEL C. MAGGUILLI, ESQ., TOWN ATTORNEY
- JULIE GANSLE, TOWN CLERK
- JONATHAN TEAL, CHIEF, POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
2 declaring support and appreciation to the men
3 and women of law enforcement and particularly
4 the men and women of the Colonie Police
5 Department.

6 MR. GREEN: So moved.

7 MS. FUTIA: Second.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I will vote aye, but
9 I would just like to take a moment to go
10 through the Resolution.

11 We have several members of the Police
12 Department here tonight, as well as one of our
13 former officers and former Town Board member
14 Chris Carey is here.

15 Thank you, Chris.

16 We talked about you guys. We always talk
17 about you in a good way. Altogether
18 collectively - the Town Board Members and
19 actually Danielle Futia, as well, had put
20 together some good information. Mike Magguilli
21 and I, along with suggestions from some of the
22 other people, put some things together through
23 a collaborative effort and we have a
24 Resolution here that we are very proud to
25 bring to you. It reads:

1 Whereas certain publications groups and
2 individuals have recently published and/or
3 made statements or printed cartoons that
4 unjustfully characterize law enforcement in a
5 false, disturbing and a detrimental way;

6 And whereas the Members of the Colonie
7 Town Board find that the statements,
8 publications and depictions to be inaccurate,
9 demeaning, hateful and contrary to the
10 behavior and character of the men and women of
11 law enforcement in general; and the men and
12 women of the Colonie Police Department, in
13 particular;

14 And whereas the Members of the Colonie
15 Town Board find that the men and women of the
16 Colonie Police Department wear their uniforms
17 with honor, dedication and integrity as they
18 protect and defend this community and the
19 people of Colonie;

20 And whereas in November 2009 and again in
21 November 2010 CQ Press formally known as
22 Morgan Quitno Publishing ranks the Town of
23 Colonie with the lowest crime rate of all
24 communities in the United States with a
25 population of at least 75,000 residents and

1 has since continually ranked the Town of
2 Colonie at the top 10 or better for having the
3 lowest crime rate of all communities in the
4 United States with a population of at least
5 75,000 residents due largely to the efforts to
6 the Colonie Police Department;

7 And whereas the success is largely
8 attributed to the leadership of the department
9 by Chief Jonathon Teale and Deputy Chief
10 Michael Woods, leaders who have been
11 recognized for the professionalism service and
12 dedication to the department, the community
13 and the profession. It is also attributed to
14 the efforts dedication and professionalism of
15 the men and women of the Colonie Police
16 Department;

17 Whereas Chief Teale and Deputy Chief
18 Woods working in partnership with this Town
19 Board has ensured that the members of the
20 department are properly trained and equipped
21 and evaluated to ensure that they are able to
22 serve and protect this community with honor,
23 and dignity, professionalism, safety and
24 respect.

25 Now therefore be it resolved that the

1 Town Board of the Town of Colonie and the Town
2 Attorney hereby affirms and also I should say
3 and we have tonight with us, as always, our
4 Town Clerk Julie Gansle and Michelle Turcotte,
5 Deputy Town Clerk as well - we are all here to
6 publicly acknowledge our support for all of
7 the men and women of the Colonie Police
8 Department.

9 And be it further resolved that the
10 Members of the Colonie Town Board and the Town
11 Attorney hereby express their deepest
12 gratitude and appreciation to the men and
13 women of law enforcement in general, and to
14 the men and women of the Colonie Police
15 Department in particular who have committed
16 themselves to serving and protecting the
17 residents of the Town of Colonie with honor,
18 selflessness, dignity and respect.

19 With that, we are extremely, very, very
20 proud of you guys. You all know how we felt
21 when we got number one out of the whole
22 country for community our size.

23 Chief, did we get that once or twice?

24 MR. TEALE: I believe we got it once
25 being in the top five.

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Okay, pretty close.
2 That was an amazing accomplishment. There's
3 just so much to recognize for what you do and
4 this is just a small token of our
5 appreciation.

6 Again, I want to thank all of the Town
7 Board Members.

8 Danielle, thank you for putting together
9 your thoughts as well and actual writing,
10 which was great. We've had some great
11 conversations with the whole Board and Mike
12 Magguilli, as well, who is beaming with pride
13 because he wanted to make sure that this was
14 something that you guys well deserved and that
15 you get this evening.

16 Again, Chris Carey was a big part of
17 this.

18 Thank you very much Chris for everything,
19 as always.

20 I guess that's all I have to say.

21 MR. MAGGUILLI: A round of applause.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes, a round of
23 applause.

24 (There was a moment of applause.)

25 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the

1 roll.

2 (The roll was called.)

3 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
4 Supervisor.

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
6 adopted.

7 If we could all come downstairs and you
8 guys come up here so we can get a photo.

9 (There was a breif break in the
10 proceedings.)

11 Personnel?

12 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
13 reinstating Raymond Faluszczyk to the
14 position of Paramedic part-time in the
15 Emergency Medical Services Department.

16 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

17 MR. GREEN: Second.

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
19 Clerk, call the roll.

20 (The roll was called.)

21 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
22 Supervisor.

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
24 adopted.

25 I don't think Ray is here. We'll move

1 onto the next one.

2 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
3 permanently appointing Kaeliana L.
4 Baldwin-Link to the position of Public Safety
5 Dispatcher in the Police Department.

6 MR. GREEN: So moved.

7 MS. PENN: Second.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
9 Clerk, call the roll.

10 (The roll was called.)

11 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
12 Supervisor.

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
14 adopted.

15 Kaeliana, congratulations. Thank you for
16 coming tonight. We appreciated it. Good luck
17 to you.

18 Do we have any public comment?

19 (There was no response.)

20 Okay, we will move on to the Resolutions.

21 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
22 calling a Public Hearing Pursuant to Section
23 202 of the Town Law relative to the annual
24 estimate of expense of improvements and
25 benefit assessment roll for the Town of

1 Colonie Sewer Improvement Area.

2 MS. MURPHY: The public hearing will be
3 November 5th here at 7:00 PM; so moved.

4 MR. GREEN: Second.

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
6 Clerk, call the roll.

7 (The roll was called.)

8 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
9 Supervisor.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
11 adopted.

12 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
13 calling a public hearing pursuant to Section
14 202-A of the New York State Town Law relative
15 to the annual estimate of expense of
16 maintenance and benefit assessment roll for
17 the Town of Colonie Sewer Improvement Area.

18 MS. MURPHY: The public hearing will be
19 November 5th at 7:00 PM; so moved.

20 MR. GREEN: Second.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
22 Clerk, call the roll.

23 (The roll was called.)

24 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
25 Supervisor.

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
2 adopted.

3 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
4 authorizing the General Services Director to
5 advertise for bids in connection with hauling
6 of sludge at the Mohawk View Water Treatment
7 Plant.

8 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

9 MR. GREEN: Second.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
11 Clerk, call the roll.

12 (The roll was called.)

13 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
14 Supervisor.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
16 adopted.

17 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
18 authorizing the Supervisor to reimburse for
19 overestimated water usage at 70 Reber Street.

20 MS. PENN: So moved.

21 MS. FUTIA: Second.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
23 Clerk, call the roll.

24 (The roll was called.)

25 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam

1 Supervisor.

2 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
3 adopted.

4 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
5 requiring the Planning and Economic
6 Development Director to review and consider
7 the proposed amendment of the Maxwell Village
8 PDD to construct a screened porch and deck at
9 33 Justin Street.

10 MS. JEFFERS: So moved.

11 MS. PENN: Second.

12 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
13 Clerk, call the roll.

14 (The roll was called.)

15 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
16 Supervisor.

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
18 adopted.

19 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
20 requiring the Planning and Economic
21 Development Director to review and consider
22 the proposed amendment of Canterbury
23 Crossings Phase V to exchange the locations
24 of the playground and community garden.

25 MS. PENN: So moved.

1 MS. JEFFERS: Second.

2 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
3 Clerk, call the roll.

4 (The roll was called.)

5 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
6 Supervisor.

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
8 adopted.

9 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
10 authorizing the General Services Director to
11 advertise for bids in connection with roof
12 repairs on the structures on the Pruyn House
13 property.

14 MS. PENN: So moved.

15 MS. MURPHY: Second.

16 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
17 Clerk, call the roll.

18 (The roll was called.)

19 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
20 Supervisor.

21 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
22 adopted.

23 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
24 authorizing the General Services Director to
25 advertise for bids in connection with Phase

1 II of the Pruyn House Improvement Project.

2 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

3 MR. GREEN: Second.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
5 Clerk, call the roll.

6 (The roll was called.)

7 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
8 Supervisor.

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
10 adopted.

11 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
12 authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an
13 agreement with Guardian Life Insurance
14 Company of America to provide life insurance
15 to Town employees for the 2021 calendar year.

16 MS. JEFFERS: The annual cost will be
17 \$21,102; so moved.

18 MS. PENN: Second.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
20 Clerk, call the roll.

21 (The roll was called.)

22 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
23 Supervisor.

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
25 adopted.

1 MR. MAGGUILLI: And there is no increase
2 from 2020 and the rate is locked for 2022.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Excellent.

4 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
5 directing a public hearing upon the
6 preliminary budget for the fiscal year 2021.

7 MR. GREEN: This will be November 5th
8 here at Town Hall at 7:00 PM; so moved.

9 MS. JEFFERS: Second.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
11 Clerk, call the roll.

12 (The roll was called.)

13 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
14 Supervisor.

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
16 adopted.

17 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
18 calling public hearings in connection with
19 Fire Protection District contracts.

20 MS. PENN: So moved.

21 MS. JEFFERS: Second.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This is for SW Pitts
23 Hose Company, Fuller Road Fire Department,
24 Shaker Road/Loudonville Fire Department and
25 Maplewood Volunteer Fire Department.

1 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the
2 roll.

3 (The roll was called.)

4 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
5 Supervisor.

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
7 adopted.

8 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
9 awarding the bid for janitorial supplies for
10 the Years 2021 and 2022 to W.B. Mason
11 Company, Inc.

12 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

13 MR. GREEN: Second.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
15 Clerk, call the roll.

16 (The roll was called.)

17 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
18 Supervisor.

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
20 adopted.

21 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution
22 authorizing the Supervisor to enter into a
23 professional engineering service agreement
24 with Control Point Associates, Inc. in
25 connection with the town wide surveying

1 services for 2021.

2 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

3 MR. GREEN: Second.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The cost shall not
5 exceed \$40,000.

6 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the
7 roll.

8 (The roll was called.)

9 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam
10 Supervisor.

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is
12 adopted.

13 Thank you, very much.

14 Jack, if you could pass on to our Latham
15 Water Department and Matt Morelle for all
16 their help in getting the lights out here to
17 keep us safe - as well as our officers. This
18 was a challenge to do all of this and we thank
19 you guys for the technical work. There was a
20 lot of people working on this throughout the
21 night and day to make this happen. We thank
22 you all for that.

23 Everybody have a good safe evening and
24 let's hope tomorrow will be a brighter day.
25 Thank you.

1 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding
2 was concluded at 7:20 PM)
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CERTIFICATION

I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter
and Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, hereby CERTIFIES that the record taken
by me at the time and place noted in the
heading hereof is a true and accurate
transcript of same, to the best of my ability
and belief.

Date: _____

Nancy L. Strang

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