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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY
TOWN OF COLONIE

TOWN BOARD MEETING

THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the
above-entitled matter reported by JEANNE O'CONNELL,
Registered Professional Reporter, held on June 25, 2015,
commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Town Hall, 534
Loudon Road, Newtonville, New York 12128

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA A. MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- WILLIAM CARL, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY
- PAUL ROSANO
- DAVID ROWLEY
- DAVID GREEN
- BRIAN HAAK

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq.
- Town Attorney's Office
- Elizabeth DelTorto, Town Clerk

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Good evening. Good
2 luck. We have a packed house tonight for
3 obvious reasons.

4 If everyone would stand for the pledge.
5 (Pledge of allegiance.)

6 We have an awful lot going on this
7 evening. This is a very special evening, and
8 like I said, we have a variety of promotions
9 and new personnel, as well as some regular
10 resolutions, typical resolutions.

11 This is certainly not a typical night.
12 So, we will begin with some of our personnel.

13 Liz, if you could begin.

14 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution appointing
15 Kathleen Haggerty to a position of Legal
16 Secretary 1, grade 8, in the town attorney's
17 office.

18 (Motion moved and seconded.)

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

21 (Roll is called.)

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

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
25 adopted.

1 (Applause)

2 Kathleen, I don't know if you are here
3 or not. If you are -- there you are.
4 Congratulations.

5 (Applause)

6 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
7 promoting Daniel J. Sullivan to position of
8 senior recreation maintenance worker, grade 26,
9 in the parks and recreation department.

10 (Motion moved and seconded.)

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
12 Clerk will call the roll.

13 (Roll is called.)

14 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam
15 Supervisor.

16 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
17 adopted.

18 Dan, are you here? You blend in back
19 there with all these officers here.

20 (Applause)

21 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
22 appointing Bradley J. Berger to the position of
23 public safety dispatcher in the police
24 department.

25 (Motion moved and seconded.)

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

2 Clerk will call the roll.

3 (Roll is called.)

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

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
7 adopted.

8 Congratulations, Bradley.

9 (Applause)

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I would like to have
11 Chief Heider say a few words, please.

12 CHIEF HEIDER: Good evening, everybody.
13 As many of you probably, you should know, if
14 you don't know you've probably been living
15 under a rock for the last few months, I'm
16 retiring tomorrow after 42 and a half years.

17 (Applause)

18 Really, to Dan, Kathleen, and Bradley,
19 this crowd is really for you. Congratulations
20 to you on your new -- to Brad, to Kathy, and of
21 course to Dan Sullivan who does such a great
22 job for parks and rec.

23 You know, I'm basically here for three
24 reasons tonight, here to appoint four new
25 police officers who are starting a career, to

1 promote four police officers who have enjoyed a
2 tremendous career to date and moving up to
3 provide new leadership for the department, and
4 frankly, folks, I'm here to say goodbye.

5 It's bittersweet and a little
6 melancholy, but something I'm very, very proud
7 in doing and I'm very comfortable in doing, and
8 it's something I just want to take a minute to
9 look back.

10 You know, I started here as a dream back
11 when I was 18 years old to be a Colonie police
12 officer. I became a dispatcher when I was 19.
13 I became a patrolman when I was 20. If you had
14 told me then I would be chief of police later
15 on, I probably would tell you you're crazy.

16 In actuality, it was exactly 12 years
17 ago tonight that I was sworn in as a police
18 chief, and only the fifth police chief in the
19 Colonie Police Department. Jon Teale will be
20 the sixth tonight. That's over the course of
21 85 or 88 years.

22 It's a tremendous accomplishment for the
23 town to have that kind of consistency in the
24 police department, to have that consistency
25 which means the rank and file, which is largely

1 represented here tonight, knows on a day-to-day
2 basis what's going on, what's going to happen,
3 what's expected of them, and what really they
4 can do to better the Town of Colonie.

5 My 42 and a half years, throughout many
6 administrations, I could not have done that
7 without the support of our leaders in
8 government. To Paula, who we've spent eight
9 years now, some of the town board, some of you
10 eight years also, I can't tell you anymore how
11 much I have appreciated our work together, your
12 work.

13 To Mike Maggiulli the town attorney, who
14 is unending support of the police department
15 and to make sure that we get what we want, get
16 what we need, get what we're entitled to.

17 To Craig Blair, in the back of the room,
18 our comptroller, to a difficult time we
19 suffered through. In the mid-2000s there was a
20 budget crisis, and through the recession of
21 2007, but during that time we've accomplished
22 so much.

23 And as to why, I can't go into all of it
24 now. I will claim two things. We're the
25 number one safest town in America twice, ladies

1 and gentlemen.

2 (Applause)

3 I was afforded many opportunities on a
4 police department our size. It's not like we
5 have different divisions and all kinds of
6 specialty units. People need to bend and twist
7 their way through the careers. We afford our
8 people the opportunity to do that.

9 The people we're promoting tonight have
10 had that opportunity, other people before them
11 have, so that when we make these promotions we
12 have experienced, tenured people on a track to
13 make sure that we continue doing what the town
14 so wants.

15 For our new police officers coming on
16 tonight, it's my hope that you're living a
17 dream, too. It's my hope that you have a long
18 and successful career. I can only hope that
19 you have half the success that I have because,
20 with there only being six police chiefs so far,
21 I wouldn't have too big of aspirations before
22 you get going.

23 If you asked me if I thought I was going
24 to be chief of police I would have told you no,
25 but things happen and we were able to bend our

1 way through things.

2 But when you look at our job, it's
3 changing. It's difficult times. We only need
4 to watch the news at night to know we are not
5 the friend to everybody that we once were. We
6 know we have to earn that trust.

7 I know there's one woman here named
8 Nancy tonight. I won't pick her out to draw
9 attention to her, but she suffered one of the
10 most vicious assaults that we've seen in the
11 history of the town approximately a year ago.

12 She came tonight and came up to me just
13 to thank me for the service we did for her, and
14 to thank each and every member of our police
15 department.

16 So, Nancy, I know you are out there.
17 Thank you for coming, because that's what we
18 provide in the Town of Colonie. Thank you.

19 (Applause)

20 When we look forward and we look at the
21 challenges, I look at the challenges going back
22 42 years. When I come on the job Miranda had
23 just been issued. Everybody thought the police
24 was going to die and fall off the tree because
25 we couldn't interview people.

1 can last for a day, it can last for a week,
2 depending on what's going on in an officer's
3 life. We look at the excitement when they're
4 able to help someone, they were able to close
5 that big case, they were able to offer
6 assistance to people to make a better life down
7 the road.

8 We also notice frustration, that
9 frustration that only a police officer can feel
10 when they didn't get there in time, when they
11 weren't able to provide the assistance, they
12 weren't able to make somebody's day better.

13 Ladies and gentlemen, all those four
14 emotions can happen in the same eight hours
15 here in the Town of Colonie.

16 We know that a family is our political
17 leaders, we know families based on what we have
18 in front of us here. In my case, my wife
19 Laurie is here. My son Greg is on the job. He
20 celebrates 15 years on the job in July.

21 We know first-hand exactly what these
22 new officers will go through. And just
23 remember, at all times, you protect your
24 integrity. You stand by it. You do the right
25 thing the first time every time. For that,

1 you'll give great service to the Town of
2 Colonie.

3 When we look at the four new leaders --
4 and congratulations to them -- Jason, who's
5 making the first step in administration; to
6 Todd, who has persevered through many triumphs
7 and many situations where he's brought great
8 respect to the police department. On his way
9 to the world games literally right after we're
10 done here with Lou DiNuzzo and a couple other
11 young people, to represent not us but
12 themselves. They do it under their own time
13 but under the flag of the Colonie Police
14 Department.

15 So, Todd, we thank you for that.

16 To Mike Woods, who's just fulfilling
17 another part of an exemplary career, one that
18 has dealt greatly in training and
19 administration and bringing the message from
20 Paula and the board back to our troops. It's a
21 career that is ending up tonight with a
22 promotion to deputy chief.

23 And of course, Jon Teale, the sixth
24 chief of the police department. I offer all my
25 congratulations to everybody in line.

1 (Applause)

2 At the end of the day, I've had a blast.
3 I've told everybody how much fun I've had.
4 There have been good days, there have been
5 great days, there's been bad days. I buried
6 two of my closest friends who were on the job
7 here who had exemplary careers going and their
8 lives were cut short.

9 But at end of the day, the work I have
10 done with this administration and prior
11 administration, the work I've done with the
12 people of this community, it brings rewards
13 that are far greater than monetary.

14 Although I got to tell you I am tier one
15 so I'm not going to suffer when I walk out the
16 door. But at the end of the day, what's most
17 important is the people we surround ourselves
18 with.

19 We are just surrounded here. We look at
20 the back of the room, the men and women in my
21 police department, the Explorers,
22 Communicators, my support staff, my lieutenant,
23 my deputy chiefs.

24 Ladies and gentlemen, I could not have
25 succeeded for 42 and a half years without each

1 and every one of these people.

2 Each and every one of you, good luck. I
3 wish you all the best. Been a blast. Been a
4 great ride. Thank you very much. Have a great
5 ride.

6 (Applause)

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Good evening,
8 everyone. I think that Chief Heider really
9 captured the whole evening here in his speech.

10 As you were speaking, I was just looking
11 around at all the different people in the room
12 and all the things that are going on this
13 evening, looking at our people in government,
14 people of the community, our administration,
15 all of our employees and community members, and
16 it's really a very, very proud moment for all
17 of us.

18 And when you turn on the news and you
19 see all these things going on all over the
20 country, I wish everybody could see what's
21 going on here because it doesn't get any better
22 than this. So, I'm really proud of everything
23 that everyone has done.

24 Steve, this is a big night for you.
25 We've had some other events already, so this is

1 the formal evening where we will swear in our
2 new people tonight and our sixth chief. But
3 it's important to recognize everything that
4 you've done throughout 42 and a half years of
5 your career.

6 With a lot of people's work, as you say,
7 it's teamwork. Everybody has a part to play.
8 It's a collaborative effort. There's no way it
9 can be done on your own.

10 Steve and I have worked on lots of
11 different committees and events together that
12 have happened in the town, along with many
13 others. And the reason that we're able to
14 accomplish everything is because of that
15 collaborative effort, and reaching out to each
16 person with the knowledge and expertise, and
17 helping each other. And certainly with your
18 help we have had tremendous accomplishments.

19 I thank you for being a very important
20 member of my team. I'm going to miss you, but
21 we know you won't be far. And you'll still
22 have a lot to offer for your community. So,
23 for all that you've done, we thank you so much.

24 As you go forward -- Laurie is here
25 someplace. But you know there is always when

1 one chapter ends a new one begins. And I don't
2 know if retirement is the right word. It's a
3 new journey. You know? We're way too young
4 for the retirement stuff.

5 But there are so many other things to do
6 at this stage that you don't get to do because
7 you are on 24/7. And we don't know if
8 something's going to happen in the middle of
9 the night, on a weekend, when you are on a
10 vacation. It just doesn't stop because you
11 might be doing something different that day.

12 And you've always been there no matter
13 what time of the day or night that I needed
14 you, and we got things done. So, there's so
15 much to be thankful for. There's so much to
16 say thank you to you for.

17 All of us from the town board, we wish
18 you and Laurie, your family, all the best as
19 you embark on this new journey. We know that
20 after you really think and it sinks in, there
21 is something that happens to everybody that
22 goes on this journey, and that is, maybe about
23 three or four weeks after they come in and they
24 have the biggest smile on their faces. It's
25 like they're glowing.

1 He's had it for awhile now. We've had
2 these discussions, you know, when is the right
3 time. It's whatever time you choose. That's
4 the right time.

5 Again, I have been blessed as supervisor
6 to be working with such wonderful people in all
7 of our departments. This is a big town, ladies
8 and gentlemen, it's huge, and there's so much
9 that goes on here on a day-to-day basis.

10 For what we do each day, it's a
11 tremendous accomplishment for each and every
12 person that participates in it because it just
13 can't be done alone.

14 The police department is certainly a
15 very important department in this town. We
16 pride ourselves on public safety.

17 Steve already said that we were the
18 safest town two times in a row so I can't say
19 it. We have been tooting our horns for that
20 for all the guys and gals that made that
21 happen, and our community as well, because we
22 are interactive with our community.

23 Our police department participates with
24 the community in so many different ways, but
25 that is truly something to be very, very proud

1 of. I'm glad that you had the opportunity that
2 it happened under your leadership.

3 There's so many things that I can say,
4 and we've talked about so many things for such
5 a long time, and I've known Steve for about 42
6 and a half years, and so it goes back a long
7 way.

8 So, it's really a very important time.
9 It's a great time for you. It's an emotional
10 time for all of us. Change is different, but
11 we're ready to do what we need to do and we're
12 confident that we made the right choice.

13 With that, I will stop talking. I would
14 just like to read this proclamation on behalf
15 of the town board.

16 And it says: Chief Steven H. Heider.
17 Whereas, I am justly proud to recognize and
18 honor those who would devote themselves to
19 public service, demonstrating great courage and
20 diligence in providing for the care and welfare
21 of the citizens and their community.

22 And whereas, Steven H. Heider began his
23 career with the Town of Colonie Police
24 Department as a public safety dispatcher in
25 1973, was appointed a patrol officer in 1974,

1 and rose through the ranks until becoming the
2 fifth chief of police of the town on July 7,
3 2003.

4 And whereas, Chief Heider has been a
5 member of many professional organizations and
6 state committees for the advancement of
7 criminal justice initiatives and programs.

8 On July 24, 2013, Chief Heider was sworn
9 in as president of the New York State
10 Association of Police Chiefs.

11 And whereas, Chief Heider has rendered
12 conscientious and valuable service to Colonie.
13 Among his many accomplishments was keeping
14 Colonie ranked as one of the safest communities
15 in the United States, achieving the number one
16 rank two years in a row.

17 Therefore be it resolved by Paula A.
18 Mahan, on behalf of the Town of Colonie Town
19 Board, honors Chief Steven H. Heider upon the
20 occasion of his retirement, and special thank
21 you for the many years of distinguished
22 service.

23 Thank you, Steve.

24 (Applause)

25 Also in the audience is former

1 Supervisor Mary Brizzell. Thank you for being
2 here tonight. I'm sure Steve appreciates it.
3 We all appreciate it.

4 (Applause)

5 CHIEF HEIDER: At this time we would
6 like to introduce our new officers, and if they
7 would come forward.

8 Ryan DeJordy. Ryan is a 29-year-old
9 United States Army military police officer. He
10 attended Columbia High School, Hudson Valley
11 Community College, and RPI.

12 Ryan currently owns his own landscaping
13 company for a very short time. And in
14 attendance tonight are his wife, Jillian, son,
15 Riley, mother, Celeste Terry, stepfather, Bob
16 Terry, mother-in-law, Nancy Comen, and
17 father-in-law, Paul Comen.

18 Liz.

19 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
20 appointing Ryan D. DeJordy to the position of
21 police officer in the Colonie Police
22 Department.

23 (Motion moved and seconded.)

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

25 Clerk will call the roll.

1 (Roll is called.)

2 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam
3 Supervisor.

4 (Applause)

5 CHIEF HEIDER: Mark Garhartt. Mark is
6 23-years-old, a lifelong resident of the town.
7 He's the son of retired Colonie police officer
8 Richard Garhartt.

9 Richard Garhartt is still one of the
10 most active people in the community in his work
11 with Stop DWI. Rich, we applaud you for that.
12 Congratulations.

13 (Applause)

14 Mark attended Shaker High School, an
15 associate's degree at Hudson Valley Community
16 College. He's currently employed by Timewarner
17 Cable as a field technician.

18 Along with his father, his mother,
19 Marion, fiancée Brittany Demonico, future
20 in-laws, William and Pam Demonico are in
21 attendance.

22 Liz.

23 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
24 appointing Mark A. Garhartt to the position of
25 police officer in the Colonie Police

1 Department.

2 (Motion moved and seconded.)

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

4 Clerk will call the roll.

5 (Roll is called.)

6 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam

7 Supervisor.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is

9 adopted.

10 (Applause)

11 CHIEF HEIDER: Kyle Keane. Kyle is

12 28-years-old. He comes to us from the Albany

13 County Sheriff's Department where he has worked

14 for the last three years. He has an

15 associate's degree in criminal justice from

16 Orange County Community College.

17 In attendance tonight is his wife

18 Lauren, parents Dawn and Kevin, in-laws, Mike

19 and Jodie, and his wife's grandfather, Joel

20 Olander.

21 For those of you who are about as old as

22 I am, Joel Olander started his career in the

23 sixties, rose to the level of sergeant, then

24 deserted us and went to the State Police and

25 retired from them.

1 So, Joe, welcome.

2 (Applause)

3 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
4 appointing Kyle P. Keane to the position of
5 police officer in the Colonie Police
6 Department.

7 (Motion moved and seconded.)

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

10 (Roll is called.)

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

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
14 adopted.

15 (Applause)

16 CHIEF HEIDER: Ian Kelly. Ian is
17 25-years-old. He's a graduate of Shaker High
18 School. Graduated with his bachelor's degree
19 from Belmont Academy College, where he was an
20 accomplished wrestler. Ian's sister Erin was a
21 very important part of our EMS team. She's
22 currently a captain with the Colonie EMS.

23 Also in attendance with Erin is his
24 mother, Marie, his girlfriend Amanda, and his
25 girlfriend's mother, Emily Martinez.

1 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
2 appointing Ian M. Kelly to the position of
3 police officer in the Colonie Police
4 Department.

5 (Motion moved and seconded.)

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
7 Clerk will call the roll.

8 (Roll is called.)

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

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
12 adopted.

13 (Applause)

14 CHIEF HEIDER: Starting our list of
15 promotions tonight is the elevation of Sergeant
16 Jason Bach.

17 The rank of sergeant in our police
18 department is probably one of the most vital
19 ranks. Whether it be uniform sergeant,
20 detective sergeant, or administrative sergeant,
21 it is that position that carries the message
22 from the administration to the rank and file.

23 Very often the interaction that the
24 sergeants have is that interaction that the
25 rank and file takes with them on each and every

1 police call. So, it's a very important
2 position that we take very seriously.

3 Jason is 37-years-old and is currently a
4 patrolman on the day shift in the police
5 department. Only this year was the first year
6 he worked days. He finally bought a pair of
7 sunglasses.

8 Graduated from Colonie High. He joined
9 the Air Force in 1996, stationed in Texas and
10 Hawaii where he worked in aerial
11 reconnaissance. In 2002, he returned to the
12 local area as a recruiter, and after leaving
13 active duty in 2005 he joined the New York Air
14 National Guard shortly before being hired by us
15 as a patrolman. He is currently a member of
16 the peer support team, honor guard, and a
17 bicycle officer.

18 During his career he has obtained three
19 associate's degrees from the Community College
20 of the Air Force, eight command recognition
21 awards, and one life savings award.

22 Along with his wife Diana, his children
23 Rowan and Colman, and mother Mary Ann are in
24 attendance.

25 Liz.

1 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
2 promoting Jason A. Bach to the position of
3 police sergeant in the Colonie Police
4 Department.

5 (Motion moved and seconded.)

6 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
7 Clerk will call the roll.

8 (Roll is called.)

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

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
12 adopted.

13 (Applause)

14 CHIEF HEIDER: Lieutenant Todd Weiss.
15 Todd is a lifelong resident of the town. I've
16 actually known Todd since probably about the
17 day he was born. I went to high school with
18 his father and his mother and it's a proud
19 moment for everybody.

20 He attended Shaker High School and
21 graduated from the University of Albany in
22 1999. He graduated with his bachelor's degree
23 in accounting.

24 I got to divert for one second. The one
25 thing we have in the department is the

1 diversity of education backgrounds. We have
2 teachers. We have accountants. We have a
3 pharmacist. We have people from social work,
4 from criminal justice. It's what helps us make
5 such a unique blend of people that can respond
6 to the people as we do.

7 Todd has been a member of the police
8 department since 2000, serving as a patrolman
9 and a field training officer. He's been an
10 instructor at the civilian police academy, an
11 instructor in session counseling for the zone
12 five law enforcement center.

13 He has served as investigator and as a
14 detective for three years, specializing in
15 white collar crime and computer crime, until
16 being promoted to patrol sergeant in 2009. He
17 previously served as an advisor and supervising
18 sergeant to the Colonie Police Explorer Post.

19 He has been a member of the special
20 services team for 11 years, serving as
21 assistant team leader for the last six years.
22 And I can assure you he'll be greatly missed by
23 that special services team.

24 For the past four years, Todd has been a
25 detective sergeant assigned to the afternoon

1 shift where he directly supervises computer
2 crimes unit and the special investigations
3 unit.

4 Along with his father, his mother,
5 Nancy, his wife, Jamie, and his two children,
6 Carter and Avery are in attendance. Of all
7 people, Grandpa Bill is looking down from
8 above.

9 Liz.

10 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
11 appointing Todd Weiss to the position of police
12 lieutenant in the Colonie Police Department.

13 (Motion moved and seconded.)

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

16 (Roll is called.)

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

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
20 adopted.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHIEF HEIDER: We call Michael Woods.

23 Lieutenant Michael Woods is a 23 year
24 veteran of the police department, a lifelong
25 resident of the Town of Colonie, a graduate of

1 Shaker High, still very involved in the high
2 school in the sports area.

3 Lieutenant Woods has held several
4 positions during the years of his service as a
5 patrolman, investigator, patrol division
6 sergeant, administrative services sergeant, and
7 served on the special services team for several
8 years.

9 Lieutenant Woods has been the commander
10 of the administrative service position since
11 2010, with oversight responsibility of training
12 and community service divisions, safe schools
13 initiatives, and the department's accreditation
14 program, which we are one of the only
15 departments in the State of New York to be
16 accredited for 20 years.

17 Lieutenant Woods holds several
18 instructor certifications. He's a graduate of
19 the University of Albany. He's been a
20 recipient of numerous awards with service in
21 the department's lifesaving award and a
22 distinguished service award.

23 Attending with him tonight is his wife
24 Michele, his children, Lauren and Matthew,
25 brother Tim, mother-in-law Judy Kendrick, and

1 all I can say is the rest of the Kendrick gang
2 because there's a lot of them. And also, too,
3 with Gene looking down from above.

4 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently
5 promoting Michael D. Woods to the position of
6 deputy police chief in the Colonie Police
7 Department.

8 (Motion moved and seconded.)

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.
10 Clerk will call the roll.

11 (Roll is called.)

12 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam
13 Supervisor.

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
15 adopted.

16 (Applause)

17 (Deputy Chief sworn in.)

18 (Applause)

19 DEPUTY CHIEF WOODS: Thank you,
20 everybody. I have to read off the script
21 unlike the chief.

22 I would first like to thank Supervisor
23 Mahan and the entire town board for their
24 support and confidence giving me this
25 opportunity. I'm looking forward to working

1 with each of you.

2 Thank you, Chief Heider, for your
3 leadership and guidance. I wish you and Laurie
4 the best in your retirement.

5 Thank you to my entire family,
6 especially my wife Michelle, my children Lauren
7 and Matthew, who have supported me throughout
8 my entire career. Family is invaluable and I
9 am truly blessed.

10 I would like to congratulate Chief Jon
11 Teale, Lieutenant Todd Weiss, and Sergeant
12 Jason Bach on their promotions, as well as
13 welcoming our four new officers to the Colonie
14 Police Department.

15 To the officers that I have worked with,
16 both active and retired, thank you for support,
17 your professionalism and your friendships.
18 Thank you.

19 I look forward to working with Chief Jon
20 Teale and Deputy Chief John Van Alystne in
21 maintaining the police department's highest
22 level of service and commitment to the
23 residents of the Town of Colonie.

24 Thank you.

25 (Applause)

1 CHIEF HEIDER: Jonathan Teale, front and
2 center. As a 25 year veteran, Jon Teale
3 currently oversees the department's
4 administrative services division where he's
5 responsible for department training, community
6 service, and 911 dispatch center records and
7 the DARE Program.

8 Chief Teale has been an investigator,
9 patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, patrol
10 lieutenant and administrative lieutenant. A
11 lifelong resident of the town, Jon is a
12 recipient of seven command recognition awards,
13 a lifesaving award, a distinguished service
14 award, and John Kimball O'Neill certificate of
15 achievement from the State Department of
16 Criminal Justice Services.

17 Among his many relatives tonight -- he's
18 having a family reunion this weekend we think
19 just happened in time for tonight.

20 Among his many relatives in attendance
21 to support him are his wife, Jeanne, his
22 daughter, Madeline, and of course his father,
23 Charles.

24 Liz.

25 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution permanently

1 promoting Jonathan M. Teale to the position of
2 police chief in the Colonie Police Department.

3 (Motion moved and seconded.)

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

5 Clerk will call the roll.

6 (Roll is called.)

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

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
10 adopted.

11 (Applause)

12 (Chief sworn in.)

13 (Applause)

14 CHIEF TEALE: I would like to start by
15 thanking Chief Heider for his service and for
16 retiring. Thank you.

17 I would like to thank Supervisor Mahan
18 and the town board for the opportunity to lead
19 one of the best police departments in the
20 state. Their continued support for the police
21 department makes our difficult jobs much easier
22 on many levels.

23 The ability to provide our officers with
24 up to date equipment and advanced training
25 ensures that the Colonie Police Department will

1 as you move on.

2 So, we are going to take a few photos.
3 Maybe take a five-minute break, we're going to
4 take some photos and then we're going to let
5 our officers -- they are going to go on to
6 celebrate a little because this is such an
7 amazing evening tonight. Then we will
8 reconvene and get to our public hearings and
9 public comment and our resolutions.

10 So, thank you all for being here. On
11 behalf of the whole town board, all of us here,
12 thank you so much. Have a great evening.

13 (Recess taken.)

14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We are going to
15 resume the meeting. And does anyone have any
16 public comment? Yes.

17 MR. BROADBECK: Is this open forum
18 basically?

19 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Yes. We have public
20 comment. We have people speak for about three
21 minutes and go from there.

22 MR. BROADBECK: Hello, everyone. My
23 name is Travis Broadbeck. I'm currently going
24 to be a senior at Siena College right across
25 the street. It was a long commute here. I

1 currently live here over the summer as a summer
2 assistant. I am here on a mission of social
3 justice.

4 Are you guys familiar with fair trade?
5 It's an economic policy that really helps
6 promote third world development in other
7 countries. We actually make sure that they
8 have amazing standards of labor that we have
9 here, and actually even better.

10 Basically what I am working on is a
11 campaign to make Colonie a fair trade
12 town/city. I've actually gone through our
13 retailers and I've actually certified retailers
14 in 15 stores to be fair trade retailers.

15 What that means is that they serve at
16 least two or more fair trade products that are
17 in different categories. What does that mean?
18 That means our consumers are being able to
19 choose products that have ethics and morals
20 behind them.

21 You see companies like Apple that
22 produce their amazing phones, but across the
23 factory there's suicides. When life is so hard
24 in labor in these countries it's better off for
25 you to just jump out the window and hope that

1 you die? That's something that we need to do
2 here as consumers. That's what fair trade is
3 all about. It's making the world better while
4 being here.

5 People argue with me why are we buying
6 products instead of just giving them money? I
7 feel economic aid is helpful, but when we
8 create a sustainable model to give labor their
9 opportunity to create their own business,
10 empower women, and make sure children don't
11 have to be in the field, they can go to school,
12 and really build the infrastructure in these
13 countries, that's the way to do it.

14 Why give our taxpayer money to other
15 countries when we can actually teach them how
16 to run themselves? Basically why I'm here is
17 to basically plant the seed for a resolution,
18 and this resolution is a Fair Trade Colonie
19 resolution to identify ourselves as a fair
20 trade town.

21 And basically it really depends. I have
22 resolutions here to hand out after this, but
23 this is where we kind of say we want to promote
24 this ethical source, to really engage the
25 community members and our retailers to really

1 have this discussion of why it matters what
2 we're buying and where it comes from.

3 I think that's really important. That's
4 something we need to bring to our generation.
5 And I have some resources here, and there's
6 five steps. This comes from the National Fair
7 Trade Campaign Organization, which is a sub for
8 Fair Trade USA.

9 There's five parts. You establish a
10 committee of five members or more. You go to
11 retailers based on population size. For
12 Colonie, it's 15 retailers minimum. Community
13 organizations as well.

14 For example, if I went to Shaker High
15 and said in all of the faculty lounges can we
16 have fair trade coffee instead of regular
17 coffee, that would count as a community
18 organization.

19 And we just kept on doing that and going
20 to churches, congregations, and things like
21 that, non-profits, and then get some media
22 attention, and finally pass a resolution.

23 So, I have some resources here. If
24 anyone in the audience is interested I have
25 more as well. I just want to thank you all for

1 your time and hope to talk to you some more.

2 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Thank you.

3 Anyone else have any public comment?

4 (There was no response.)

5 We will go into our public hearings.

6 (Public hearings conducted.)

7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Regular resolutions.

8 MS. DELTORTO: Resolution number 343,
9 which is a resolution authorizing the
10 supervisor to execute a contractor agreement
11 with O'Connell Electric in connection with
12 electrical services at the Mohawk View Water
13 Treatment Plant and for use by various town
14 facilities.

15 MR. ROSANO: Not to exceed \$5,000.

16 (Motion moved and seconded.)

17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

18 Clerk will call the roll.

19 (Roll is called.)

20 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam
21 Supervisor.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
23 adopted.

24 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution authorizing
25 the supervisor to accept settlement and execute

1 a release for repair of damages to a fire
2 hydrant due to a vehicle accident.

3 (Motion moved and seconded.)

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Repair for the
5 damages is in the amount of \$3,750.64.

6 Supervisor votes aye.

7 Clerk will call the roll.

8 (Roll is called.)

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

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
12 adopted.

13 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution authorizing
14 the supervisor to reimburse the owners of 1085
15 Loudon Road, also known as 9 New England
16 Avenue, \$73.31 due to change from commercial
17 administrative fee to residential
18 administrative fee.

19 (Motion moved and seconded.)

20 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Again, the
21 reimbursement is \$73.31.

22 Supervisor votes aye.

23 Clerk will call the roll.

24 (Roll is called.)

25 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam

1 Supervisor.

2 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
3 adopted.

4 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution authorizing
5 the supervisor to declare an emergency in
6 connection with repair of a sanitary sewer
7 system at 580 Albany-Shaker Road by ANJO
8 Construction.

9 (Motion moved and seconded.)

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

12 (Roll is called.)

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

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is
16 adopted.

17 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution authorizing
18 the supervisor to declare an emergency in
19 connection with repair of a sanitary sewer
20 system at 5 University Street by ANJO
21 Construction and authorizing the comptroller to
22 expend emergency repair reserve funds for the
23 same.

24 MR. ROSANO: The amount will be
25 \$4,557.20. This will come out of the emergency

1 repair reserve fund.

2 (Motion moved and seconded.)

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

4 Clerk will call the roll.

5 (Roll is called.)

6 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam

7 Supervisor.

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is

9 adopted.

10 MS. DELTORTO: A resolution awarding bid

11 to Bast Hatfield Construction, LLC in

12 connection with the site prep work for a moving

13 target system at the police range and

14 authorizing the supervisor to enter into an

15 agreement for the same.

16 MR. CARL: The low bid is \$47,700. This

17 will be no cost to the town. DEA will pick up

18 the cost.

19 (Motion moved and seconded.)

20 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye.

21 Clerk will call the roll.

22 (Roll is called.)

23 MS. DELTORTO: The ayes have it, Madam

24 Supervisor.

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The resolution is

1 adopted.

2 That concludes our resolutions. Thank
3 you very much. Have a good evening.

4 (Meeting concluded at 8:08 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Jeanne O'Connell, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcription of the stenographic notes as taken by me of the aforesaid proceedings.

Date

Jeanne O'Connell