

TOWN BOARD

COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

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THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter, on August 30, 2017 7:01 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall 534 Loudon Road, Newtonville, New York 12128

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA A. MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- PAUL ROSANO
- LINDA MURPHY
- CHRISTOPHER CAREY
- JENNIFER WHALEN

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq. Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk
- Peter Berry, Chief, EMS

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1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We have a number of personnel  
2 items. We will begin with that.

3 MR. GANSLE: We have a Resolution establishing one  
4 position of Typist Senior Account Clerk Typist  
5 part-time in the Comptroller's Office and appointing  
6 Sharon Sandwick to same.

7 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

8 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

11 (The roll was called. )

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

13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

14 I don't think that Sharon is here. Sharon is  
15 actually going to retire and she is going to be helping  
16 us out with some training.

17 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution appointing  
18 Thomas DelTorto to the position of Senior Account Clerk  
19 Typist, Grade 8, in the Comptroller's Office.

20 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

21 MS. MURPHY: Second.

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

24 (The roll was called. )

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

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.  
2 Congratulations, Tom.

3 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution appointing Tami  
4 A. Sherry to the position of Pruyn House Assistant  
5 Curator part-time at the Pruyn House.

6 MS. WHALEN: So moved.

7 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

10 (The roll was called. )

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

12 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.  
13 Congratulations, Tami.

14 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution appointing  
15 Christian M. Ford to the position of Senior Real  
16 Property Appraiser, Grade 15, in the Assessor's Office.

17 MS. WHALEN: So moved.

18 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

21 (The roll was called. )

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

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted. I  
24 don't see Christian.

25 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution reinstating

1 David P. Plouff to the position of Paramedic part-time  
2 in the Emergency Medical Services Department.

3 MS. WHALEN: So moved.

4 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

7 (The roll was called. )

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

9 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

10 Is Dave here, Peter?

11 MR. BERRY: No.

12 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Give him our congratulations.

13 As I said, we have several promotions and new  
14 assignments in many different areas and we have quite a  
15 few in our Police Department. We are going to go  
16 through that list. I have Chief Teale here. We're going  
17 to go through this and you guys can come up and shake my  
18 left hand. Do not touch this hand (Indicating).

19 What that, I will turn it over to Chief Teale.

20 MR. TEALE: Thank you.

21 Good evening. On behalf of Deputy Chiefs Mike  
22 Woods, John VanAlstyne and myself, I'd like to thank  
23 everyone for coming tonight to support the Police  
24 Department.

25 Tonight we will be replacing and adding several

1 positions due to retirements, new grants an addition of  
2 another School Resource Officer. Our department is very  
3 fortunate that many capable and outstanding people to  
4 fill these positions. We are also grateful to Supervisor  
5 Mahan and the entire Town Board for their steadfast  
6 support for public safety.

7 The first three promotions are Civil Service  
8 promotions that require Town Board vote. The remaining  
9 positions do not require a vote however we would like to  
10 recognize the officers for their achievements.

11 First we will start with Senior Dispatcher, Neil C.  
12 Blanchard. Senior Dispatcher Blanchard is a graduate of  
13 Shaker High School and has served 20 years in the Town  
14 of Colonie communications division. Senior Dispatcher  
15 Blanchard is a past recipient of the Department's  
16 Command Recognition award.

17 Joining him tonight are his wife Carrie and sons  
18 Braydon and Connor.

19 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution permanently  
20 promoting Neil Blanchard to the position of Senior  
21 Public Safety Dispatcher in the Police Department.

22 MR. CAREY: So moved.

23 MS. WHALEN: Second.

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Supervisor votes aye. Clerk,  
25 call the roll.

1 (The roll was called. )

2 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam Supervisor.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

4 Congratulations, Neil.

5 MR. TEALE: Sargent Raymond S. Milham, Jr. has  
6 served 12 years with the department and has an  
7 Associates Degree from Hudson Valley Community College.  
8 Unfortunately right now, I think that he's on a case.  
9 We might see him tonight, hopefully.

10 He is a recipient of multiple Command Recognition  
11 Awards and the Distinguished Service Award. Sargent  
12 Milham currently serves as a sniper on the Special  
13 Services Team and most recently served as an  
14 investigator in the Special Investigations Unit.

15 Joining Sargent Milham tonight is his wife Lori,  
16 children Madeline and Braydon, father retired Detective  
17 Sargent Ray Milham, Sr., mother Mary and sister Jessica.

18 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution permanently  
19 promoting Raymond S. Milham, Jr. to the position of  
20 Police Sergeant in the Police Department.

21 MR. CAREY: So moved.

22 MS. MURPHY: Second.

23 We will see Ray later.

24 MR. TEALE: Lieutenant Robert Barrett is a  
25 live-long resident in the Town of Colonie and has

1 served 22 years in the Colonie Police Department and  
2 has a Bachelor's Degree from Albany State. Lieutenant  
3 Barrett served 18 years on the Special Services Team  
4 and retired as a team leader. Recently he served as a  
5 Department Administrative Sargent and was in charge of  
6 the Department's training.

7 Joining Lieutenant Barrett tonight are his wife  
8 Liz, children Izzy, Ian and mother Karen.

9 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution permanently  
10 promoting Robert W. Barrett to the position of Police  
11 Lieutenant in the Police Department.

12 MR. CAREY: So moved.

13 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

16 (The roll was called. )

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

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

19 Congratulations, Bob.

20 MR. TEALE: Traffic Lieutenant Robert S. Donnelly  
21 transferred from the Administrative Services Division  
22 to the Traffic Safety Unit filling the vacancy left by  
23 Lieutenant Ken Pero. Lieutenant Donnelly is a 20-year  
24 veteran of the department, retired after 20 years of  
25 the New York Army National Guard and a recent graduate

1 of the prestigious FBI National Academy.

2 Administrative Lieutenant Henry J. Rosenszweig, Jr.  
3 is joining the Administrative Services Division after  
4 serving two and half years as a Lieutenant of the  
5 midnight shift in the Patrol Division. Lieutenant  
6 Rosenszweig is a 16-year veteran of the Department.

7 Unfortunately, Administrative Sargent Daniel J.  
8 Bellis is also tied up at the station on a case at this  
9 time. Sargent Dan Bellis will fill the vacancy left by  
10 Lieutenant Barrett in the Administrative Services  
11 Division. Sargent Bellis has 12 years with the  
12 department and most recently served as the afternoon  
13 Detective Sargent.

14 Joining Sargent Bellis tonight is his wife,  
15 Stephanie, children Lily and Landon.

16 Detective Guy C. Jubert, Jr. is transferring from  
17 the Patrol Division to Investigations. Sargent Jubert is  
18 currently the Team Leader of the Special Services Team.  
19 Joining Detective Sargent Jubert tonight is his wife  
20 Stacy, children Guy, Anna and parents Kathleen and Guy,  
21 Sr.

22 Traffic Investigator Michael W. Warner has served  
23 five years with the Department. He has an Associate's  
24 Degree in Criminal Justice from Hudson Valley Community  
25 College. Investigator Warner is the recipient of the

1 Department's Life Saving Award. He currently serves as a  
2 Field Training Officer and Drug Recognition Expert.

3 In attendance for Investigator Warner tonight are  
4 retired Colonie Police Investigator and current Town  
5 Board Member Chris Carey, Chris' wife, Sue and Colonie  
6 Police Officer Taylor Carey.

7 Investigatory Matthew E. Garrigan has six years  
8 with the Colonie Police Department. He has a Bachelor's  
9 Degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany.

10 Investigator Garrigan is a past recipient of the Command  
11 Recognition Award. He currently serves as an Assistant  
12 Team Leader of the Special Services Team. Investigator  
13 Garrigan is promoted from the Administrative Services  
14 Division. Tonight he is joined by his wife Amanda and  
15 daughter Penelope.

16 Administrative Officer John A. Rockwell has 4 years  
17 with the Colonie Police Department and filled a void  
18 left in the Administrative Services Division left by  
19 Investigator Garrigan's promotion. Officer Rockwell has  
20 an Associate's Degree from Hudson Valley Community  
21 College and currently serves as a Field Training Officer  
22 and Special Services Team member.

23 His fiancé Stephanie Frank is in attendance with  
24 him tonight, as well as Stephanie's dad, a past retired  
25 Deputy Chief. \*North Colonie School Resource Office

1 Anthony C. Sidoti is actually training while we speak,  
2 so he cannot attend tonight's event but he has five  
3 years with the Police Department and he serves as Field  
4 Training Officer and a Crisis Negotiator.

5 The next two will be somebody's favorite over here.

6 We have Canine Handler Jason Orkwis with us with  
7 his canine Lock. Officer Orkwis is with his canine Loch.  
8 Officer Orkwis has 12 years with the Colonie Police  
9 Department, has a Bachelor's degree from Union College  
10 where he was a football All-American. Officer Orkwis  
11 also served in the United States Army Airborne Division.  
12 Officer Orkwis' partner, Lock, was named in honor of  
13 Police Lieutenant William Billy Lockhart who passed away  
14 in 2004 after a courageous battle with non-Hodgkin's  
15 lymphoma.

16 With Jason and Lock tonight are his wife Heather,  
17 children Haley, Jason, Jr., Jacob and parents Paul and  
18 Kathy.

19 Canine Handler Michael L. Clough with canine Eddie.  
20 Officer Clough has served with the Colonie Police  
21 Department for a year. Prior to transferring to our  
22 department. Officer Clough worked as a Patrolman for the  
23 Troy Police Department for five years. Officer Clough  
24 has an Associate's Degree from Hudson Valley Community  
25 College. Officer Clough's partner, Eddie was named in

1 honor of Colonie Police Investigator Ed Frank who passed  
2 away in 2005 after a valiant battle with cancer. Joining  
3 Mike and Eddie tonight are his wife Megan, parents Dawn  
4 and Michem and daughter Lois Riley.

5 (Whereas the meeting was adjourned to address the  
6 public hearing of the evening and recommenced  
7 immediately after.)

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Anybody have public comment  
9 before we go into the regular Resolutions?

10 (There was no response.)

11 No? Allright.

12 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution authorizing  
13 expenditure of funds from the Insurance Reserve Fund  
14 for payment of legal fees, expenses and/or settlement  
15 in connection with tort litigation.

16 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

17 MS. WHALEN: Second.

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

20 (The roll was called.)

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

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

23 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution in the matter of  
24 amending the Service Award Program for active volunteer  
25 firefighter members of the Maplewood Volunteer Fire

1 Department.

2 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

3 MS. WHALEN: Second.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This will bring them up to a  
5 40-year period. Currently they're at a 30 and all the  
6 other departments are at 40.

7 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

8 (The roll was called.)

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

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

11 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution authorizing the  
12 Supervisor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with  
13 the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with  
14 the installation of a training facility at 12 Arrowhead  
15 Lane.

16 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

17 MS. WHALEN: Second.

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This Resolution will also allow  
19 or afford our Police Officers the ability of training  
20 during the year, as well. The FBI will be putting  
21 together the entire fit out of the training.

22 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

23 (The roll was called.)

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

25 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

1 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
2 Supervisor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding  
3 with the New York State Police in connection with use  
4 of the Guilderland Range.

5 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

6 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

9 (The roll was called.)

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

11 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

12 MS. GANSLE: Resolution authorizing the Supervisor  
13 to enter into an Agreement with Entco Government  
14 Software LLC in connection with the purchase of backup  
15 software for the CAD system.

16 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

17 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The total cost is \$287.03.

19 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

20 (The roll was called. )

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

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

23 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
24 Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with Porter Lee  
25 Corporation in connection with the maintenance of the

1 evidence room computer software.

2 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

3 MS. WHALEN: Second.

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The annual cost is \$744.00.

5 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

6 (The roll was called. )

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

8 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

9 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
10 Supervisor to enter into a Contract with Capital  
11 District Physicians Health Plan in connection with  
12 providing health insurance for 2019.

13 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

14 MS. MURPHY: Second.

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

17 MS. GANSLE: Councilman Rosano?

18 MR. ROSANO: Aye.

19 MS. GANSLE: Whalen?

20 MS. WHALEN: Aye.

21 MS. GANSLE: VonDollen?

22 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Aye.

23 MS. GANSLE: Murphy?

24 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

25 MS. GANSLE: Carey?

1 MR. CAREY: Abstain.

2 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam Supervisor.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

4 MS. GANSLE: We have a Resolution authorizing the  
5 Supervisor to enter into Amendments to the Water Tank  
6 Lease Agreements with Independent Wireless One Lease  
7 Realty Corporation (Sprint).

8 MR. ROSANO: So moved.

9 MS. WHALEN: Second.

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This will result in both  
11 Osborne and Miller Road locations, a one-time payment  
12 of \$7,000.

13 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

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

16 (The roll was called. )

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

18 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

19 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
20 Supervisor to enter into an Amendment to the Water Tank  
21 Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

22 MR. ROSANO: So moved.

23 MS. WHALEN: Second.

24 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: There will be \$300 in rent per  
25 month.

1 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

2 (The roll was called.)

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

4 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

5 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the General  
6 Services Director to advertise for bids in connection  
7 with boiler repairs for the DPW/Division of Pure  
8 Waters.

9 MS. WHALEN: So moved.

10 MS. MURPHY: Second.

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

13 (The roll was called. )

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

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

16 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution awarding the bid to  
17 Mid-State Industries in connection with the Mohawk  
18 River Park Concession Stand Renovation and authorizing  
19 the Supervisor to enter into an agreement for same.

20 MS. MURPHY: So moved.

21 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: This is the concession stand  
23 that the Latham Lassies and the North Colonie Pop  
24 Warner uses.

25 Supervisor votes aye. Clerk, call the roll.

1 (The roll was called. )

2 MS. GANSLE: The ayes have it, Madam Supervisor.

3 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

4 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
5 Supervisor to execute a Professional Service Agreement  
6 with C.T. Male Associates in connection with  
7 engineering services at the Newtonville 1.0 Million  
8 Gallon Standpipe Rehabilitation Project.

9 MR. ROSANO: So moved.

10 MS. WHALEN: Second.

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

13 (The roll was called. )

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

15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

16 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing settlement  
17 or discontinuance, subject to judicial approval of the  
18 same, pursuant to Section 68 of the Town Law, of  
19 various tax certiorari proceedings.

20 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: So moved.

21 MS. MURPHY: Second.

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

24 MS. GANSLE: Councilman Rosano?

25 MR. ROSANO: Aye.

1 MS. GANSLE: Whalen?

2 MS. WHALEN: Abstain.

3 MS. GANSLE: VonDollen?

4 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Aye.

5 MS. GANSLE: Murphy?

6 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

7 MS. GANSLE: Carey?

8 MR. CAREY: Aye.

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

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

11 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
12 Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with Main Line  
13 Commercial Pools in connection with parts and service  
14 for the Town of Colonie Pool Complex.

15 MS. MURPHY: So moved. This is a cost of \$5,000.00  
16 - not to exceed \$5,000.00.

17 MS. WHALEN: Second.

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

20 (The roll was called. )

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

22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

23 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
24 Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with Spring  
25 Electric, Incorporated in connection with providing the

1 installation, inspection and repair of electrical  
2 systems at various Town locations for the DPW/Division  
3 of Pure Waters.

4 MR. ROSANO: Not to exceed \$5,000.00. So moved.

5 MS. JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN: Second.

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

8 (The roll was called.)

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

10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

11 MS. GANSLE: A Resolution authorizing the  
12 Supervisor to enter into an Agreement with Brunswick  
13 Electric Incorporated in connection with providing the  
14 installation, inspection and repair of electrical  
15 systems at various Town locations for the DPW/Division  
16 of Pure Waters.

17 MR. ROSANO: Not to exceed \$5,000.00. So moved.

18 MS. WHALEN: Second.

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

21 (The roll was called.)

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

23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The Resolution is adopted.

24 Thank you for attending.

25 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was

concluded at 7:40 p.m.)

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I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby CERTIFY 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.

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NANCY L. STRANG

Dated \_\_\_\_\_