**Colton Town Board Public Meeting, October 17, 2022**

**County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 94 Main St., Colton NY 13625**

Present: Ronald Robert, Town Supervisor Councilpersons: Lisa Fisher

Kevin Hawley, Highway Supt. Jacob Poste

Darren Richards, Code/Safety/DPW Supt. Randi-Lee Cook-Planty

Jennifer Cole, Town Clerk Kevin Beary

Meeting attendees: Shelley Rayner, Laurie Wright, Kirke Perry, Ed Fuhr, Anne Townsend, Connie Hatch-Young, David Crosby

Zoom attendees: Dennis Eickhoff, MaryJane Watson, Eleanor Menz, Peggy Mousaw

Supervisor R. Robert led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting opened at 6pm as scheduled.

This public meeting was advertised in the local North Country Now paper. This meeting was called to discuss the tentative 2023 budget for the Town of Colton. Bookkeeper Shelley Rayner gave a brief explanation on how the budget process works, how numbers are figured and any possible changes that the board may propose.

**THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE SUGGESTED/REQUESTED**

GENERAL FUND

Mrs. Rayner suggested changes to the revenue line A1120 NYS Sales Tax from $475,000.00 to $500,000.00 and to A2770 Miscellaneous Revenue (stumpage) from $15,000.00 to $22,000.00. Brief explanation as to why. The Colton Town Board agreed with the above changes.

Line A1110.12 Court Clerk needs to be increased due to promises made during the interview process. Increase line A1110.12 from $22,500.00 to $23,500.00. Colton Town Board agreed to this increase.

A brief discussion on the Towns attorney line. This year has not been a typical year for the attorney line. Expenditure line A1420.4 increase requested by the Town Board, from $12,000.00 to $18,000.00.

Engineering Contractual line request a decrease of $40,000.00 by Mr. Beary for the pedestrian project (sidewalk improvements – Gustin Sq. to the intersection by Kunoco). Discussion from Mr. Richards, Mr. Beary, Ms. Fisher, and Supervisor Robert on the pedestrian project. Decrease Expenditure line A1440.4 from $117,300.00 to $77,300.00 requested by the Town Board.

Mr. Richards requested that the minutes reflect that if the upcoming ARPA Grant is approved and passed for the transfer station that the monies are recorded as a revenue.

HIGHWAY FUND

Mrs. Rayner suggested an increase to revenue line DA1120 NYS Sales Tax from $380,000.00 to $400,000.00. The Town Board agreed with this change.

Discussion on the Highway machinery line. No changes.

Overall the Highway budget is over $140,000.00 due to necessary equipment requests. This shortage will be adjusted and corrected by the Highway Fund balance.

LIBRARY

Eleanor Menz requested an increase in revenue line L1001 Real Property Taxes. A discussion from Ms. Menz, Mrs. Rayner, and the Town Board on options for increasing this line or possibly a transfer to this line. Result was to leave this line as is on the tentative budget.

Town Clerk Jennifer Cole requested permission to run an ad in the town official paper for the upcoming October 26th budget workshop meeting.

Motion #1

Mr. Beary made the motion to give permission to the Town Clerk to run an ad in the town official paper for the October 26th budget workshop meeting, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Motion carried

Town Clerk Jennifer Cole requested permission to run an ad in the town official paper for the upcoming November 2nd preliminary budget meeting.

Motion #2

Ms. Fisher made the motion to give permission to the Town Clerk to run an ad in the town official paper for the November 2nd preliminary budget meeting, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Motion carried

Deputy Town Clerk and Water and Sewer Clerk Laurie Wright requested an executive session with the Town Board.

Motion #3

Mr. Beary made the motion to take the public meeting into executive session at 8:05pm, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Motion carried

Motion #4

Mrs. Planty made the motion to leave executive session and move back into the public meeting at 8:20, seconded by Ms. Fisher.

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Motion carried

NO RESULTS OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**Adjournment:**

Motion #5

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Fisher made a motion to close the public meeting at 8:22pm, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Motion carried

Meeting minutes by Colton Town Clerk Jennifer Cole