**Colton Town Board Public Meeting, October 3, 2022**

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

Present: Ronald Robert, Town Supervisor - absent Councilpersons: Lisa Fisher - Deputy

 Jennifer Cole, Town Clerk Jacob Poste

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

 Kevin Beary

Meeting attendees: Shelley Rayner

Zoom attendees: Peggy Shea, Dennis Eickhoff, Mary Jane Watson, Judy Fuhr, Cyndy Hennessy, Anne Townsend

This public hearing was scheduled to discuss the new hire for the Court Clerk position, request for payment on an insurance bill, presentation of the 2023 tentative budget, and requesting permission to advertise the upcoming Public Meeting on Oct 17th in the Towns official paper - North Country Now.

Deputy Supervisor Lisa Fisher lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting opened at 6:05pm.

The Town Justice Department would like the board to consider the new hire for the Colton Town Court Clerk position to be Michelle Oehler. Ms. Oehler is presently employed at the Norfolk Town Court and is available to start with the Town of Colton on October 10th. Previously Norfolk Court approved for Ms. Oehler to attend the Fall 2022 Court Clerk Conference in Albany. The conference is held Oct 16-19th and the cost is $958.00 per person to attend. There is also reimbursement to Ms. Oehler for mileage (approx. $240.00). The Town of Norfolk has already paid the conference fees. With Ms. Oehlers previous experience the judge feels she is the best fit for the Colton Court Clerk position. The judge would like the board to consider hiring Ms. Oehler, reimburse the Town of Norfolk the cost of the upcoming Fall 2022 Court Clerk conference and reimburse Ms. Oehler the mileage cost to travel to Albany and back for the Court Clerk conference.

 Motion #1

Mr. Beary made the motion to hire Michelle Oehler as the Colton Court Clerk with the start date of October 10th 2022. Reimburse the Town of Norfolk for the cost of the Court Clerk conference happening October 16-19th, and reimburse Ms. Oehler the mileage she will be traveling for the conference in Albany to and from. Seconded by Mrs. Planty.

 Ayes 4

 Noes 0

 Motion carried

Colton Town Clerk Jennifer Cole requested permission from the board to pay Hanover Insurance bill ASAP in the amount of $2,575.00 so there will be no late fees and no insurance lapse.

 Motion #2

Mrs. Planty made the motion to pay the Hanover Insurance bill in the amount of $2,575.00 ASAP, seconded by Mr. Poste.

 Ayes 4

 Noes 0

 Motion carried

Colton Town Clerk Jennifer Cole presented each member of the Town Board with a copy of the tentative 2023 town budget. Mrs. Cole then requested permission to advertise the upcoming meeting scheduled on October 17th at 6pm to discuss and review the tentative 2023 Town of Colton budget. There was a brief discussion on dates and deadlines for the yearly budget process.

 Motion #3

Mrs. Planty made the motion to have Mrs. Cole advertise the upcoming tentative budget meeting on October 17th, 2022 at 6pm, seconded by Mr. Beary.

 Ayes 4

 Noes 0

 Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

Motion #4

With no more business to discuss Mrs. Plany made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:24pm, seconded by Mr. Poste.

 Ayes 4

 Noes 0

 Motion carried

Meeting minutes by Colton Town Clerk Jennifer Cole