Public Hearing, Colton Town Board, September 19, 2018

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

Present: George R. Cayey, Supervisor Councilpersons: Grace Hawley

Darren Richards, DPW Supt. Katheryn Hayes

Donna Arquiett, Clerk Lisa Fisher-Davis

Ronald Robert

Others present: Jeffrey Tubolino, James Durham and friend.

Supervisor Cayey opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Cayey gave the floor to Darren Richards, DPW Superintendent to explain why the increase in rates is necessary.

Mr. Richards explained the wastewater treatment plant is 48 years old. Over the years’ our department has been able to fix, modify or fabricate to meet the permit requirements. It was discussed a few years ago, but with the reevaluation of property, it was not a good time.

We wrote a grant for an engineer study that DEC encouraged. The study shows we are proactively taking care of the facility. Plant longevity means nothing in the grant world. Mr. Richards spoke about Seaway Diver who we contracted to get into the tank to give an idea of the shape it is in. It still meets the permit goal and we are going to try to make it last another 10 years.

Madrid had a plant failure with no funds available so their people are having to pick up the whole cost. Plus another $500 plant fee. Mr. Richards stated there has been talk of a program similar to the Highway CHIPS.

Mr. Tubolino, Town Engineer said not to count on it.

Mr. Richards read aloud the report received from DEC after their inspection last week. All was satisfactory.

Mr. James Durham, Colton resident stated it’s a good thing before it’s too late, for example the City of Ogdensburg is in trouble with their wastewater system. If the plant breaks down, what happens? The waste is dumped into the river plus it’s a hefty fine every day it does.

Mr. Robert added he thinks the system should be expanded on Gulf Road or have shared services with Pierrepont toward Hannawa. It will be a hardship for the people in the district with only 182 hookups. Mr. Richards reminded him of the cost analysis to expand the district up Gulf Road, too cost prohibitive because the homes aren’t close enough together and too much underground work.

Mrs. Hawley commented on not qualifying for assistance because our rates are too low. Mr. Richards added the new rates are still below the allowed state cap.

Mr. Tubolino, stated this is where you do not get credit for taking too good care of the facility.

**SEWER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Article XI (a) and (b), shall be amended to read as follows:

Article XI (a) Fifty percent of the annual sewer district budget based upon the

metered use of water according to the following formula:

**ASSESSMENT** Cost per $1,000 of assessed value. 5% increase per year.

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| **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |

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|  | $3.20 | $3.36 | $3.53 | $3.70 | $3.89 |

**USAGE** Billed quarterly. 15% increase per year

**Gallons 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023**

1. to 8,000 Flat Rate $28.00 $32.20 $37.03 $42.58 $48.97

8,001 15,000 per 1,000 $ 1.75 2.01 2.31 2.66 3.06

15,001 45,000 per 1,000 $ 2.25 2.59 2.98 3.42 3.94

45,001 ˃ per 1,000 $ 2.75 3.16 3.64 4.18 4.81

A resolution adopting this amendment by the Town Board of the Town of Colton, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York on the 19th day of September 2018.

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**WATER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Article XI (a) and (b), shall be amended to read as follows:

Article XI (b) Fifty percent of the annual water district budget based upon the

metered use of water according to the following formula:

**ASSESSMENT**

Cost per $1,000 of assessed value. 5% increase per year.

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| **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |

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|  | $2.95 | $3.10 | $3.25 | $3.41 | $3.59 |

**USAGE**

Billed quarterly. 15% increase per year

**Gallons 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023**

0 to 8,000 Flat Rate $12.00 $13.80 $15.87 $18.25 $20.99

8,001 15,000 per 1,000 $ 1.75 2.01 2.31 2.66 3.06

15,001 45,000 per 1,000 2.00 2.30 2.65 3.04 3.50

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Motion # 1

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Hawley, seconded by Mr. Robert to adjourn.

Ayes 5 Hawley, Robert, Hayes, Fisher-Davis, Cayey

Noes 0

Motion carried 6:30 p.m.

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