

# COLON VILLAGE COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING – February 9, 2021

Meeting held virtually through Zoom

**Meeting Call to Order** at 7:00 PM – The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken at the Workshop.

**Present:** Eddie LeBoeuf, Michael Malmborg, Marilyn McManus, Linda Norton, Sharon Craun. Excused  
Absent: Dick Delp, Linda Eastman.

**Also Present:** Chief Mark Brinkert, Jim Weinberg, Billi Farrand.

**Also Present Via Zoom:** Mikel Smoker, Kay Decker, Jim Crawford, Julie Dekker, Tyler Sutkowi, Kathy Pangle, David Senkewitz, Kurt Kuhlmann.

**Approval of Agenda** – L. Norton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun. The motion carried.

## **Approved Consent Agenda –**

1. M. McManus made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting and the financial reports in the amounts \$32,025.94 for expenditures and \$39,148.79 for payroll. L. Norton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun. The motion carried.

## **Public Comments –**

- 1) Dave Senkewitz – 529 Maple Street
  - a. Apposes Medical Marihuana Ordinance.
  - b. After reading draft ordinance has concerns
  - c. What protection and assurance of businesses?
  - d. No limitations on the number allowed
  - e. Safeguards for residents
  - f. Prohibited outdoor growth
- 2) Kay Decker – 59720 Burr Oak Rd.
  - a. Part of Sparkle for 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - b. This year at dam and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

## **Monthly Reports –**

1. Department of Public Works – report as presented.
  - a. Working to clean out the ‘silver barn’ to be demolished and rebuilt
  - b. Two possible well sites. Proceeding with obtaining permission from property owners.
2. Police – report as presented.
3. Office Manager – as presented
  - a. Shirley Capman is no longer needed to clean the Village Office. However, she will continue to take care of the Park.

b. Employee estimated Insurance and Salary for 2021-2022 Fiscal year

EMPLOYEES	CURRENT INSURANCE	INCR/DECE	ESTIMATED INSURANCE	CURRENT WAGES	COL 3%	ESTIMATED WAGES
Barrett, Matt	\$80.73	-\$0.27	\$80.46	\$17.03	\$0.51	\$17.54
Brinkert, Mark	\$124.10	\$2.62	\$126.72	\$26.25	\$0.79	\$27.04
Dekker, Julie	\$42.25	\$0.92	\$43.17	\$15.25	\$0.46	\$15.71
Farrand, Billi	\$91.91	\$1.32	\$93.23	\$20.01	\$0.60	\$20.61
Herr, Joel	\$36.77	\$0.01	\$36.78	\$20.41	\$0.61	\$21.02
Martin, Nate	\$19.19	-\$0.30	\$18.89	\$16.80	\$0.50	\$17.30
Morrill, Keenan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.40	\$0.49	\$16.89
Weinberg, Jim	\$40.65	\$0.09	\$40.74	\$24.55	\$0.74	\$25.29

- c. Water/Sewer Report – 56 Late Notices were sent out and received \$5,746.91 in late fees. A 2% increase on Water/Sewer bills will go into effect on the April billing. The Water Committee met January 26 to update on current and future project. Great job, Julie.

4. Fire Board – presented by M. McManus

- a. CPR Classes are being scheduled starting February 21<sup>st</sup> and going until June.
- b. Minutes will be sent to C. Wilson of Sturgis Bank and Trust for approval of Fire Truck.

5. Lake Board – No report given

6. Planning Commission – E. LeBoeuf gave a verbal report – a public hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2021 for the improvements to the Legion.

7. Colon Community Park – no report given

8. DDA Committee – no report given

9. Blight Report – as presented

10. Zoning Report – report presented.

11. Other Committee Report – none

12. Update from Fleis & Vandenbrink – Tyler Sutkowi via Zoom

- a. Sewer and water meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>.

- 1) Inlet Sewer Project – have not received final pay application from Anlann. Should receive it in March.
- 2) Funding has been granted by Rural Development/USDA for the Lift Station Project. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM via Zoom. The Village has received preliminary designs and has been given more time to review. A letter should be sent to F&V with comments and approval to go a head with the design phase of the project.
- 3) 2 Land Access Agreements are being pursued. The Committee feels that since the interest rates are long at this time, F&V should pursue funding for the water project. The project will take 2-4 years before construction can begin. F&V will work with Rural Development/USDA and DWSRF/EGLE (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund). A request to search for funding was sent to DWSRF. All will be included in the well-site search project.

- b. Lamb Knit Property – MEDC agreement was received with a two minor changes: Appendix C was added as guide lines for F&V to follow; Work Authorization and to void the previous

two agreements (10/09/2019 & 11/10/2020). E. LeBoeuf made a motion to authorize changes and allow President Craun to sign the document. L. Norton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun. The motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business –**

1. Medical Marihuana Ordinance
  - a. E. LeBoeuf requested permission to contact Village Attorney Thall to set up meeting with Zoning Coordinator, Doug Kuhlman to review zoning issues. S. Craun approved.
  - b. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to table setting the public hearing date until next month. No second was made. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: M. Malmborg, E. LeBoeuf, L. Norton, S. Craun. Nays: M. McManus. The motion carried.
2. Waste Management/Michiana Waste removal – S. Craun met with Michiana Waste and they would grant a senior citizen discount of 5%. No second cart discount for seniors. Second container pricing will be \$7.50. There were several other concerns discussed with Michiana. There still is not a signed contract. Michiana was anticipating 485 residences to take waste removal service when in fact there is only around 350. Also, Michiana would like the Village to do the billing to the residents. L. Norton made a motion to table the Michiana Waste issue until next month and not to sign the contract at this time. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun. The motion carried.
3. M. Malmborg made a motion to allow President Craun to sign for the loan of the new Village/Township fire truck. L. Norton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton. Abstained: S. Craun. The motion carried.

#### **New Business –**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> of July – L. Norton made a motion to table the discussion until next month. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun. The motion carried.
2. Resignations of Linda Eastman and Kurt Kuhlmann –
  - a. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to accept L. Eastman's verbal resignation with deep regret and to open the position of Trustee as vacant. Seconded by M. McManus. A roll call vote was taken: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, L. Norton, S. Craun. The motion carried. A due date March 12 at 9:00 AM for candidates interested in filling that position.
  - b. The Council received the notice of Kurt Kuhlmann's desire not to continue as Clerk/Treasurer after his term is up, April 1, 2021. It will be turned over to the Personnel Committee.
3. Setting Annual Water/Sewer Rate Increase – made a motion in accordance with Resolutions 16-3-8A and 16-3-88 of the Village of Colon, water and sewer rates will be adjusted to the National Cost of Living Index each year not to exceed 2%. The following 1.3% rate increases will take effect with next month's billing (April 15, 2021). No action was taken.
4. 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing and additional Budget Workshop – Budget Workshop is set for March 11, 2021 at 5 PM. L. Norton made a motion to set the Budget Public Hearing and Regular

Council Meeting is set for March 16, 2021, beginning at 6:45 PM. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

5. S. Craun will do some research regarding outside seating for the restaurants.

**Public Comments** – none

**Correspondence** – none

**Adjournment** – M. McManus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. LeBoeuf seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt P. Kuhlmann

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BUDGET WORKSHOP – February 9, 2021

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**Present:** Eddie LeBoeuf, Michael Malmborg, Marilyn McManus, Linda Norton, Sharon Craun. Excused  
Absent: Dick Delp, Linda Eastman.

**Also Present:** Chief Mark Brinkert, Jim Weinberg, Billi Farrand.

NO MINUTES WERE KEPT FOR THE WORKSHOP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt P. Kuhlmann