

COLON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Colon Fire and Building

Public Hearing – June 8, 2021

Meeting Call to Order at 6:35 PM – Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Present: Dick Delp, Jodi Gross, Eddie LeBoeuf, Marilyn McManus, Michael Malmborg, Linda Norton, Sharon Craun.

Also Present: Chief Mark Brinkert, Billi Farrand, Jim Weinberg, Mikeal Smoker, Vicki and Dave Sencowitz, Kurt Kuhlmann.

Approve Agenda – L. Norton made a motion to approve the agenda. M. McManus seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Craun presented the “Truth in Taxation” materials. B. Farrand and K. Kuhlmann answered several questions from Council members and the people present.

E. LeBoeuf made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. L. Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt P. Kuhlmann, Clerk/Treasurer

COLON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Colon Fire and Rescue Building

REGULAR MEETING – June 8, 2021

Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 PM – Pledge of Allegiance was spoken at the public hearing.

Present: Dick Delp, Jodi Gross, Eddie LeBoeuf, Marilyn McManus, Michael Malmborg, Linda Norton, Sharon Craun.

Also Present: Chief Mark Brinkert, Billi Farrand, Jim Weinberg, Julie Dekker, Mikeal Smoker, RA Kuhlmann, David Senkewitz, Vicki Senkewitz, Maria Incrocci, Ed Bell, Allison Kyle, Jeffery Wilder, Colin J. Eastman, Mindy Sutton, Kurt Kuhlmann.

Approve Consent Agenda –

1. Approval of Agenda – L. Norton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions: *Unfinished Business c: Zoning Amendments; New Business f: Evaluation of employee; g: Authority to Contact Attorney; h: resolution 060821 Pride Day.* M. Malmborg seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. The audio of the May Council meeting did not record. M. McManus made a motion to table the approval of May's Council Meeting minutes until better minutes can be pieced together from council members' notes. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. The motion carried. S. Craun asked that all member submit their notes from the May meeting to establish a complete set of minutes.
3. M. McManus made a motion to accept the financial report as presented to include the bills in the amount of \$29,489.43 and payroll in the amount of \$41,589.92. L. Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comments –

- 1) Dave Senkewitz – opposes medical marihuana. He asked how this will help the Village of Colon. He would like the ordinance dropped.
- 2) Colin Eastman – Spoke in favor of medical marihuana as his mother had stage 4 small cell lung cancer. Marihuana helped his mother as she suffered for 10 weeks.
- 3) Vicki Senkewitz – Spoke opposing medical marihuana why do we need it here? It can be purchased in surrounding towns. What does it bring to Colon? Doesn't feel like the right thing for the community.

Monthly Reports

1. Department of Public Works – report as presented.

- a. Lagoon Structure – not working properly. Jetted out twice. Worked for a while. Talked to Fleis & VanDenbrink. There's not too much that can be done to fix the problem. A meeting has been set with Tylor of FVD for June 22, 5 PM to discuss this on-going problem.
 - b. Enchanted Glen Apartments is having issues with debris in the water lines plugging up some of the water lines to sinks and toilets. DPW flushed the water mains to apartments. Doug Kuhlman met with the owners of the apartments to address the situation. The meeting went well.
2. Police – report as presented.
 - a. Of. Keenan Morrill is due for an anniversary raise, June 24th. D. Delp made a motion to raise K. Morrill salary \$1 per hour as outlined in the hand book. J. Gross seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. L. Norton made a motion to purchase a replacement E-Bike from the equipment fund at a cost of \$679.99. D. Delp seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Office Manager – as presented.
 - a. The DDA is looking for the \$3,500 grant that was to be awarded to the Village from Branch Area Foundation. The money sent to Township instead of the Village. E. LeBoeuf will follow up.
4. Fire board – presented by Marilyn McManus
 - a. In the month of May there were 35 fire calls and 20 EMS calls.
 - b. The Fire Department has received donations in the amount of \$8,620.00 for the purchase of items for new fire truck
 - c. The jaws of life have been repaired. Donations of \$4,300.00 have been received to replace.
 - d. \$13,363.00 was spent for new pagers.
 - e. The Fire Department will set up at the midway for Independence Day.
 - f. The Fire Department has received several thousand masks from Athens.
 - g. Next meeting, tomorrow night June 9th at 7 PM.
5. Lake Board – presented by Ed Bell
 - a. Nothing to report
 - b. No meeting – same as last month
 - c. Meeting Saturday, June 12th – 5 year lake assessment was put on hold last year. It will be implemented this year on Lepley, Long and Palmer Lakes.
 - d. Village, township and county assessment of \$1,500 each.
6. Planning Commission – E. LeBoeuf reported.
 - a. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to pay Makala Shelton \$3 per page, not to exceed \$175 to re-type the Master Plan. J. Gross seconded the motion. The motion carried with one ostension.

- b. E. LeBoeuf would like to see the Planning Comm. complete the Master Plan in 6 months.
 - c. DDA and Planning Commission will hold a Public Forum, July 6th at 6 PM to discuss the Master Plan.
- 7. Colon Community Park – presented by Jodi Gross
 - a. Veteran memorial park will have a new layout. Fund raising will be discussed at the next meeting, June 16 at 5 PM.
 - b. Checking into grants and Crowd sourcing.
- 8. DDA Committee – RA Kuhlmann presented an oral report.
 - a. Pop ups are up and running. 5 new vendors.
- 9. Blight Report – as presented.
- 10. Zoning Report – as presented.
- 11. Other committee Reports – none given

Unfinished Business

- a. Medical Marihuana Ordinance
 - a. S. Craun will talk to the lawyer
 - b. M. McManus made a motion to table until July. E. LeBoeuf seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Village Waste Removal
 - a. L. Norton made a motion to table until July. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c. Zoning
 - a. L. Norton made a motion to set a public hearing, July 13th, 6:45 PM to present new zoning for signs. J. Gross seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

- a. Colon Township Library Community Park On-going Summer Event
 - i. M. McManus made a motion to allow the Library to use Colon Community Park for 2 events (7/30 & 8/6). They will need to coordinate with DPW. L. Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Employment Vacancies
 - i. CCP
 - 1) one applicant – it was posted at \$11.50. The correct amount is \$10.50 per hour. If the applicant is still interested and passes the background check the position will be offered to them. L. Norton made a motion to offer

the job at \$10.50 with no benefits. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

ii. Clerk/Treasurer

1) L. Norton made a motion to repost the position for 2 weeks, until June 24th. E. LeBoeuf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- c. Proposed Tax Rate – E. LeBoeuf made a motion to Set the tax rate to be levied July 1, 2021 a total of 14.37217 mills. Operation: 10.8953; Fire Operations: 2.72530; Ambulance: 0.40823; Sidewalks: 0.34334. L. Norton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: D. Delp, J. Gross, E. LeBoeuf, L. Norton, M. Malmborg, M. McManus, S. Craun. Nays: none. The motion carried.
- d. Marie Incrocci – presented a restaurant proposal at 121 Franklin St.
- e. Colin Eastman, Jeffery Wilder & E. LeBoeuf presented the council with a copy of the Colon Community Equality Resource (CCER) – A Citizens Taskforce Bylaws. E. LeBoeuf would like to be the Council liaison for the taskforce. They would like the citizen task force to have CPD support. A lot of discussion took place. L. Norton made a motion to table CCER to give the Council an opportunity to research the need for such a taskforce. J. Gross seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- f. Evaluations of Employee – personnel committee is asking the department heads to evaluate their employees. The evaluations should be returned to S. Craun by June 23rd. Any further review should be directed to the 2018 Employee Handbook.
- g. Contact attorney – It was restated who is able to contact the Village attorneys: the President, the Village Clerk/Treasurer, the Head of the DPW, the Chief of Police (the police attorney), by the majority of the Council or the appointment of the President.
- h. Resolution of Pride Day – E. LeBoeuf presented a resolution to proclaiming June 28th at LGBTQ+ Pride Day. E. LeBoeuf made a motion to approve of the Resolution of Pride Day as presented. M. Malmborg seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: E. LeBoeuf, M. Malmborg. Nays: D. Delp, J. Gross, L. Norton, M. McManus, S. Craun. Motion failed.

- a) Colin Eastman asked if there is water to pop up shops. The DDA represented responded there is no water, except at the Village Market.
- b) J. Wilder wanted to thank the community and the council for listening to his opinions.

Correspondence – no correspondences.

Adjournment – D. Delp made a motion to adjourn. L. Norton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt P. Kuhlmann