

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 2026 AT 6:30 PM.

Mayor Michael Gullo Sr. called the Regular meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael Gullo Sr.	Trustee Corinne Leone
Trustee Richard Bley	Trustee Lisa Voss
Trustee Nick Enders	Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Mallaber
Attorney Richard Schaus	

MOTION to approve minutes of the May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

SIGNED IN VISITORS:

Diann Clifford	Ryan Maggio	Erica Ward
Norm Andolina	Diane Caruana	McKenzie Blake
Vicki Kehr	Dan Kehr	

VISITORS WITHOUT SIGNING:

Mike Ortiz	Lindsay Demmerly	Pete Robbins
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TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Leone – Still working on the proposal with Disaster Coordinator. Thanked Kenzie for the reworking of the documents. Should be done by end of month. 250th Celebration – fun walk and 5k – donations going to the American Legion. Walkers will get bracelets, donated by Mike Gullo. Will be doing a Facebook push as we get closer. The walk/run are on June 27th starting at 11am. Other activities will be starting at 12:00. The Schoolhouse #8 will be open 10:30am-12:30pm. Historical Society will also be open. Vicki commented that the wood nickels would be ready. Banners are going up on Wednesday on Rt 62 and Rt 75. Updated flyer will be coming out by Lindsay. Will have Village police on 62 and Fire police on side roads, not sure if EMS will be there. Encouraged to wear red, white and blue wherever you are in the village that day.

Trustee Voss – Nest meeting was on the 11th. There are free compost bins, call Hamburg Village, Lisa is willing to pick up. No new information on the rug bar, that was supposed to be started this year, so you can continue putting out carpet until they figure out what they are doing with this new guideline. The Nest meetings are done for the summer; next meeting will be in September. 10726 Main St is officially considered a full foreclosure. Need to hunt down the mortgage company to get working on them to sell quickly before it deteriorates. 2073 Spruce auction closes on the 16th, no current bids but will keep an eye on the end and update next month. Jim Lint wants to donate 2 slabs of granite, if the Village wants them to possibly dedicate to the Police and Fire companies. Wentland said they would etch the slabs as a donation as well as long as it is not elaborate. Up to \$500 maximum for elaborate designs. So, if we would like them, we just need to let them know. Mike Ortiz suggested since their contract is coming up for renewal that maybe the Village and Town could combine service. See if there is any cost savings. We will have to pull our current contract to see what can be done. Mayor would like a solid recording of complaints started in the office.

Trustee Bley – Dog report had one call for a lost dog. Water testing was complete. Annual testing for the Ukrainian Camp was completed. Maintenance and cleaning are complete at the garage. DPW attended their water training. Hydrant Flushing is complete. Reminded the guys to wear vibrant colors while working outside the trucks around the community for safety reasons. No update as of yet on the tree cutting services. Pointed out that the crosswalk on School Street was covered with oil and stone last year and not spray painted back on. This should be completed before school starts back up.

Trustee Enders – Fire Report – 8 calls for May. Mock DWI for the Prom Promise with the North Collins High School happened on Friday of last week. It went well. Mike Ortiz requested that all fire departments be invited to this event moving forward and that no other companies were there. It was said that Langford was also present. Mike Ortiz said that he understands there has always been animosity but that the 3 companies need to start working together. 2 members have completed their interior fire training. One member is ½ way through boot camp. North Collins Fire Department hosted their Party in the Park Saturday, June 6, 2026, it went really well. They will also be assisting the Fun Walk and 5K. Nick, the Mayor and our attorney will be meeting with the Concrete company on 6/16 to discuss the issues present with the concrete work completed last year. Approx 3000 square feet show significant damage with another portion having slight damage currently. It is about 22% of the project. It is believed that there was no fiber mesh. Currently has a piece from out near the parking lot that broke off at about 1 ½” thick. This is a definite issue. Richard Schaus suggests discussing strategy outside of this meeting to determine demands. Diane Caruana added to the sidewalks that the black top work on Walnut is horrible and the way that they met the sidewalk to the road in front of 10634 Walnut has created a huge puddle when it rains.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Report: 11 tickets. Report in office if anyone wants to view it. Highway report: Brush pickup being done. Grass cutting and flowers watered regularly. Dump truck has been picked up. The motor in the truck is almost complete, hoping for end of this week. Concrete pad and electrical installed for the clock. They have been helping with the Town of North Collins blacktop work and will be helping Collins next week. Got a quote for the DI on Orchard Place, as well as the work for Santello & Weiser.

Erie County Executives are doing a tax cut on gas to help the community, which will save 10 cents per gallon on the first \$2.00.

The renewal of the Community Development Block Grant for 3 years will take effect unless we notify them that we would like to discontinue.

June Sales tax was 6.51% greater than the corresponding 2025 transfers. Year to date is running 3.48% higher than last year at this time.

Orchard Place DI quote is for \$14,900. It would be paid for with CHIPS money. The work needs to be done. The street can be seen flexing when trucks drive over it. It is sunk down substantially with a traffic cone sitting in the middle. Side tracked to the DI on Langford and 62, Nick stated the state is still delaying their acknowledgement that it is their DI. It was suggested to talk to Carl Carlocco at the Hamburg office. If that doesn't work, Mayor would like all correspondences emailed to him. Keith is planning on doing oil and stone on 5 roads this year along with the DIs.

Mayor questioned what happened at the state-owned home when the fire call went off last week. Would like to send a letter to the state about taking care

of both properties on Sherman and Orchard, or selling these properties since they are vacant.

At NYCOM there was a session about policies and procedures and the fire company came up during the session. The concern is that when there are employees of a municipality that are also on the volunteer fire company, when fire calls happen, are the employees considered paid fireman at that point? If they get hurt on the call is that part of workers comp or is that through the fire insurance? There is some confusion, but NYCOM has some sample policies he is going to look at and continue this conversation after that review.

There was an email sent by Richard Schaus with a recommendation of an engineer for the Dewey Ave water line replacement. He is located in Springville and has done work for the village in the past and has also done the water line replacement in Collins.

No update on Valone.

The Planning board discussion continued. Need to have a public hearing but wanted to see how everyone on the board felt about it. Mike Ortiz, Town Councilmember, asked to speak on the subject. He insisted that because it involves the town he wanted to be included in the conversation. He feels that splitting the planning board would just further divide the community. He asked if the Mayor had been to the planning board, or aware of what the team does. He feels that they have an amazing planning board currently. He accused the Mayor of only being in office for two months and just wants to rip the planning board apart because "there's more of us (Town) than there is of them (Village)." The Mayor denied, saying he was putting words in his mouth. Mr. Ortiz suggested Mr. Gullo attend one of the meetings, mentioned that he has never seen anyone from the village at any of the Planning board meetings and then corrected saying, "except for Lisa." Admitting that he would be going off on a tangent about dividing services but then continued to say that the village won't help plow in front of the historical society or the 100ft of the sidewalk outside the village going to the school. He felt that this is going in the wrong direction and is dividing the town and village even more. Mr. Ortiz then went on to say, "if it's up to me, you want to burn it down, then we'll burn the whole thing down. Why are we paying for your police department, why should we pay for any of your fire department, why should we give the village any money at all?" He continued to press that if there are issues, the Village should be going to the Planning board meetings to address those concerns. The Mayor addressed his statements and said that his depiction of how the Mayor feels is incorrect and that he is looking to create community engagement for the Village. There are projects that he would like to get done that he felt the Village members of a Planning board would better serve to complete, for example the Code Book. Mike Ortiz continued to argue about added expenses by dividing, and to do two separate code book updates would cost the constituents more money, saying it's twice the amount for the same amount of work. This is incorrect because they are two separate entities so it would be separate costs regardless. Mike Ortiz reverted back to why the town is paying the village for anything, mentioning again the Police Department. Mr. Ortiz was asked if the whole town board feels this way and he responded that he's not saying the whole board feels that way, but he feels that doing this is creating a division, dividing the community further than it already is. There is no cost to put a separate planning board together and Mr. Ortiz just continued to respond that he doesn't understand why the Village wants to do it at all in the first place. The conversation went back and forth for several more minutes. Vicki Kehr another Town Councilmember, spoke that she was at the last meeting where it was mentioned and she got the feeling that his message was self-serving. Asked the Mayor if this split was to better serve the Mayor and his business personally. Diane Caruana asked the attorney if it would cost the

Village any money to do this separation. He responded that there is minimal to no cost as the board is a volunteer board. A suggestion was made to possibly add two more members to the current planning board bumping up to 7 members instead of 5, to add more Village residents to the current situation instead of splitting. Ryan Maggio, current planning board member, agreed that keeping the board together was a better idea, and was not completely against adding more members. He does not see an inherent benefit to splitting. Lindsay Demmerly currently on the ZBA board, mentioned that they were still waiting for 2 ZBA members for their current board and if they can't even fill just the ZBA (how would they fill a Planning board). She was corrected by the Mayor that it is only 1 member for the ZBA and that was intentional because there was the ongoing application with the ROC and it was best to not make it seem that the Mayor would be selecting someone specifically to get a certain answer from the board in the ROC matter. He was planning on advertising for the ZBA member when he set up an advertisement for the Planning board, if that goes through. The Mayor mentioned that the planning board did a comprehensive plan for the town but did not involve the village. There was some back and forth about if the Village should have been included because it is part of the Town. The conversation came to an end and it was decided to table the conversation for the trustees and Mayor to think about the options and make a decision at a later date.

The Clock installation is hoping to be complete next week.

Two quotes for Santello and Weiser Ct for drainage and street reconstruction. For liability reasons, the work needs to be completed. Drainage quote is for \$39,417.12; street repair work is for \$17,166.80. A discussion took place that it is the same company that quoted the DI on Orchard and that maybe all should be approved. The Street repair quote does not include trucking or materials though so there is a question about how much more that will cost.

MOTION to approve the Drainage quote for \$39,417.12 to complete the work on Santello and Weiser Ct made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to approve the Orchard Place DI quote for \$14,900.64 to complete the work on Orchard Place made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to approve the street repair quote for \$17,166.80 with the exception that the Mayor will have the authority to get the quote for materials and make an informed decision on moving forward with the street work after that quote is finalized, made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

Street Sweeper BAN needs to be paid. Community Bank has supplied us with a quote for a BAN for \$191,142.00 at a rate of 4.99%, which is the total after making a \$40,000 payment toward the BAN.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor, Clerk and attorney are authorized to issue a Bond Anticipation Note on June 24, 2026 to Community Bank (or such other date as they arrange with Community Bank) for the sum of \$191,142.00 at the rate of 4.99% for one year to renew the Tymco Street Sweeper BAN.

MOTION to approve the resolution made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Nick Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

The new police officer evaluation needed ended up costing more than anticipated. The total bill was \$3,200.00. We would like to pull the money

out of reserves to cover this cost instead of drastically reducing the current budget for the police department.

MOTION to approve moving \$3,200.00 out of the Police reserve to cover the cost of the police evaluation made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone. Unanimous. Carried.

To balance the Water Fund budget for this year, we will need \$9,951.00 as appropriated fund balance, but the Water Fund only has \$7,258.00 in fund balance, leaving \$2,693.00 needed. We need to move the remaining amount out of the Water Emergency Reserve to cover this difference.

MOTION to approve moving \$2,693.00 from the Water Emergency Reserve into fund balance to cover the current year's budget made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

The fire truck #2 repair ended up being \$11,000.00. The Fire department would like to pull the funds from the Reserve instead of cutting their current budget in half for the year.

MOTION to approve moving \$11,415.60 out of the Fire Reserve to cover the repair to fire truck #2 made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Nick Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

Williamson Software for the Buildings and Codes need to be renewed. The renewal amount is \$1,890.00.

MOTION to approve renewing the Williamson Software contract for the Buildings and Codes program for the amount of \$1,890.00 made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone. Unanimous. Carried.

Tracy Mallaber's official benefits need to be approved. The benefits package matches all current employees benefits with no changes.

MOTION to approve Tracy Mallaber's benefits made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Richard Bley. Unanimous. Carried.

Officer Alessi requested to close School Street on Wednesday. June 24th for the High School Graduation ceremony from 5:45 until the ceremony is over. This will help reduce the noise from passing by vehicles.

MOTION to approve closing down School Street from 62 up to High Street on June 24th starting at 5:45pm until the graduation ceremony is over made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Nick Enders.

Trustee Lisa Voss asked to speak on a Battery Storage and Data Center issue that is affecting NYS. The state has put a freeze on certain aspects of allowing battery and data centers, but this is only to give these companies time to find municipalities that don't have any laws against their use, in essence. Lisa suggested that a moratorium be put in place against any battery storage or data centers within the village until they can hold the required meetings to put a law in place to ban these items. It was suggested to also include solar in this moratorium.

MOTION to approve a one-year moratorium on battery storage, data centers and solar installations made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Nick Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to approve Abstract #1 for the bills dated May/June for a total of \$259,041.42 made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Richard Bley. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to reapprove Abstract #12 for the bills dated April/May for a total of \$47,540.24. The total was changed by \$100 more for a VOA meeting that was missed, made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried

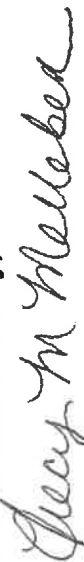
MOTION to close the general meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss employment history made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Richard Bley. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to close the Executive session and enter general meeting made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to approve speaking with an officer of the Village of North Collins to accept an appointment as an Assistant Police Coordinator with no change in pay scale made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Nick Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to Adjourn at 8:15pm made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

Minutes submitted by,



Tracy Mallaber, Clerk / Treasurer
