

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON MONDAY, January 26, 2026 AT 6:30 PM.

Mayor George called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Vincent George Trustee Richard Bley
Attorney Richard Schaus Trustee Corinne Leone
Clerk/Treasurer Erica Ward Trustee Lisa Voss
Trustee Charles R. Lantaff

MOTION to approve minutes of the December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone. Unanimous. Carried.

VISITORS:

John Spengler Norm Andolina Michael Gullo
Arlene Meckes Donald Clark Chris Meckes

Village Resident John Spengler representing the Historical Society spoke about celebrating the Semi quincentennial of the United States at the museum. In April, they will be showcasing parts of the plane that crashed up in New Oregon in 1958, flags from different eras and a memorial for the war dead and service members that served. We will be getting a student from Geneseo to assist and do research for 150 hours. Also, still trying to find out who is responsible for plowing in front of the museum. There is about 5 feet blocking between the road and the sidewalk.

New owners of 2119 School Street, Arlene and Chris Meckes, spoke to the Board about getting the property rezoned from residential to commercial / manufacturing. After rehabbing the house, they would like to run a catering business at this location. There would have to be a public hearing to hear views on whether this should be allowed or not. A legal notice to be published two weeks prior and letters to neighbors need to sent out.

MOTION to approve holding a public hearing in regards to rezoning property located at 2119 School Street on February 23, 2026 at 6pm prior to the Village's monthly meeting made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Robert Lantaff. Unanimous. Carried.

Erica Ward, Village Clerk, spoke for Casella's regarding extension of our current garbage contract, for two more years, instead of going out to bid. Casella would like to change the bulk pickup to once per month on a Thursday. Normal trash and recycling would stay on Fridays. They have gone to automatic trucks and are unable to pickup the bulk with the new truck. The increase would be 5% which equates to about \$5 per household. The Board would like the bulk to be picked up at least every other week. Once this is agreed on, a new contract will be drafted and presented to the Board.

MOTION to call and counter propose the bulk pickup made by Trustee Robert Lantaff. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Second January Sales tax remittance – 12.34% higher than the corresponding 2025 transfer. Year to date receipts 6.22% ahead of last year at this time.

CDBG Decision – The Project Selection Committee for the Community Development Block Grant Consortium completed their review of community project applications for 2026 and unfortunately the Village of North Collins was not recommended for receiving part of this grant. The grant was

intended to replace water lines on Dewey Ave. at a cost of \$150,000 and sidewalks on Brant Rd. costing \$35,000.

Climate Smart Grant Decision – The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has completed its review and regrets to inform the Village that we were not selected for this award. This grant was for the Main Street project.

Erie County Sewer Board – Mayor George has been reappointed to the Erie County Sewer District No. 2 Board of Managers for another 2-year term.

Resignation of Mason Meyers – A letter of resignation was received by Mason Meyers, a village police officer, on January 12, 2026.

Software Renewal – The annual software support contract for the water & sewer needs to be renewed with Williamson Law Book Company.

Dog Control Contract – The annual dog control contract with the Town of North Collins, for the amount of \$3450.00 is up for renewal.

MOTION to renew the dog control contract with the Town of North Collins in the amount of \$3450 made by Trustee Lisa Voss. Seconded by Trustee Robert Lantaff. Unanimous. Carried.

New ZBA Members – The Mayor has appointed Lynn Divincenzo and Lindsay Demmerley to the Zoning Board to replace the vacant seats.

MOTION to approve Lynn Divincenzo and Lindsay Demmerley to the Zoning Board made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

ROC-SEQRA Resolution – Regarding the new apartment building next the temple, there are 3 steps to this project. 1. Site plan review in front of the planning board. 2. ZBA variance needed for the size of the building and parking lot. 3. Environmental review. A resolution will need to be made to declare the Village Board to be the lead agency to make any environmental decisions on the ROC project.

MOTION for resolution to declare the Village of North Collins Board as the lead agency on the ROC project made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Corinne Leone. Unanimous. Carried.

Set Budget Meeting – The first budget meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 1pm in the Village Hall.

TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Lantaff – Nothing to report.

Trustee Voss – All of the Christmas decorations in the park are down. The NEST meeting was cancelled due to the weather, and will meet again in March. The next paint and electronic collection will be on Wednesday, February 18th from 2:30 to 4:30pm. Lastly, there were no changes of foreclosed homes around the Village.

Trustee Leone – Questioned the bill for the hydrant parts? It was paid for with insurance claim money from a car accident hitting the hydrant during a snow storm. The Town has been quiet, other than Vicki Kehr at her first meeting. EMS cancelled their December meeting due to the weather. The NC EMS and Fire Companies annual installation dinner is on March 21st. The Hogan house on Spruce Street is still a mess. The gutter is off and it looks like the debris was covered up and just left there. Is it possible

to ask county to put the property up for auction due to back taxes owed?

Trustee Bley – The DPW has done a really good job on the roads so far this winter, considering the equipment they have left to use. The Town of Collins and North Collins assisted our DPW with helping pick up the large snow piles. The Christmas decorations have all been taken down from Main Street. The salt situation is still ok, but we are already maxed out for future purchases. Bob asked if there was any progress on the F550? And why have we not looked into replacing the motor with a new Jasper Engine? The cost to do this would be approximately \$10,000 dollars. It was also mentioned that it would be nice to have an inventory of the Highway department.

Water Report – Monthly testing and reporting completed. Maintenance and cleaning completed. A minor repair was made at the booster station. Well 5 was cleaned and rehabbed.

Fire Report – There were 9 calls in December. 70 total calls in 2025. Flow testing for air packs will be done in February. The company is applying for FEMA and NYS VFire grants. All turnout gear from John Mills money has been ordered.

MOTION to Approve Payment of Bills December/January Abstract #8: \$356,160.03 made by Trustee Richard Bley. Seconded by Trustee Lisa Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to Adjourn at 7:20pm made by Trustee Corinne Leone. Seconded by Trustee Bob Lantaff. Unanimous. Carried.

Minutes submitted by,

Erica Ward, Clerk / Treasurer

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