

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH COLLINS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>, 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:**

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

Absent – Trustee Richard Bley

**MOTION to approve minutes of the July 20, 2026 Public Hearing /  
Board Meeting Minutes made by Trustee Voss and Trustee Enders.  
Unanimous. Carried.**

**SIGNED IN VISITORS:**

Michael Drumm  
Norm Andolina

The Mayor decided the Planning Board will stay as is, and there will be no vote per the last Public Hearing. The Village of North Collins decided they will meet to discuss a proper procedure be put into place at the next Joint Planning Board meeting which will be held, Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 7:00pm. Trustee Lisa Voss has agreed to be a liaison for the Village of North Collins and attend the Planning Board meetings.

The Village Clerk received a phone call from Raymond Meyer of Valone Avenue regarding his properties and the possibility of having them divided back into three separate parcels. Mr. Meyer requested the phone number for Janeen Hill. The Clerk advised him that he would need to retain the services of an attorney and a licensed surveyor to proceed with the subdivision process. Richard Schaus advised that three quick claim deeds would be needed. The subdivision process should first be brought before the Village Board and then referred to the Planning Board for review and approval. Once the Planning Board has approved the proposal and returned its recommendation to the Village Board, the Village Board will review and approve the final site plan. There was also an inquiry regarding the parking and driveway at 2119 School Street. The Village Board will consider and act upon the recommendations of the Planning Board regarding the properties on Valone Avenue and School Street. The Planning Board and Village Board will hold a joint meeting at the Village Office on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The ad will be put into the penny saver.

Dave Haidon talked to Don Clark from 2119 School Street regarding installation of a new light pole, by the railroad tracks. They decided it was not needed. However, he is putting in a new driveway and side walk – it will be put in at the correct depth.

Norm – Suggested 1000 sq feet per unit for all new builds, single family dwelling, Multifamily etc.... Also, get together with the Town and the Planning boards. He wants the Village to put a number (square footage) on family dwellings. He would like the Village and Town to consider adopting a local law that suggests single and multi-family dwelling new builds be minimum 1000 sq, and changing the law regarding lot size.

The Mayor pulled up Hamburg’s laws on single family and multi family dwellings, and square footage.  
Lastly, there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board and there is now an open position and would like it filled.

Dave Haidon has been doing a lot of studying. There are a lot of code books to learn. He has visited about 30 residents; with the exception of just a couple everything has been taken care of. This past month he has done roughly 9 permits. He is going to meet up with Crescent Mfg. within the next 10 days. He has already met with the architect and lead designer. They have everything they will need to proceed with projects. He got rid of over a dozen unregistered vehicles in the

Village. It's starting to look much better. The Village made a little over \$1,200.00 in building permits. School is going to be starting an 8-million-dollar project on their roof.

Lisa had a question for Dave regarding 10596 Main Street. The owner wants to get it ready to sell. Dave is going to call her again next week, along with a few others on his list of people to call.

#### TRUSTEES REPORTS:

Trustee Leone – Tai Chi class was a success, brought in \$406, and cost \$495. Started with 43 people in the end we had 20. Thanked Tracy for all of her help with the classes and cones, and thanked Lynn at the Town for opening up the Town Community Center. She is hoping to have an Emergency Disaster Plan by the end of the year. One of the DPW trucks need a new license plate – it is peeling off and needs to be replaced.

Trustee Voss – Attended the last Planning Board meeting. Next one is September 3, 2026. Zero changes to any of the foreclosed homes. The other ones are still in pre- foreclosure. Electronic and paint can recycle event is Saturday, August 22, 2026. The next recycling event is on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 12pm. Next month, NEST meetings start back up again – time and date to be determined.

Trustee Enders – The Fire department had 6 calls for the month of July. They helped Eden Fire Department with a stand by crew during the Eden corn festival and also helped Eden police department with traffic control. They are sending a crew to stand by at the Erie County fair. Hose testing was complete. He is hoping the sidewalk in front of the Village Park can be fixed by the contractor that is doing the roadway on Santello. A quote for \$2,000 to pour new blocks if DPW pulls out the current sidewalk.

Trustee Bley – ABSENT. Report read by Trustee Leone – Water monthly testing and reporting completed. Special August water sample was taken for testing. Maintenance and cleaning complete. Repair made at the booster station. Nature pride removed over 30 trees at the wells. The original estimate was to remove around 20 trees, but it was a little more. Dog report – June there were 3 complaints. July – there were 2 complaints.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Erie County Local Government Food System Resource Fair is happening at Sahlen field on Thursday September 24, 2026 if anyone would like to attend.

Sales tax is 1,789,703.00 which is 19.45% greater than last year's transfer. Year to date is 5.75% ahead of last years.

On Monday, August 31, 2026 the Village has a zoom meeting with Catalyst website company at 11:00 am. Southern Tier is closing so we need a new website provider by the end of 2026. They designed the village of Hamburg's website. Hoping we can keep the same email and stays an ".org" and not a ".gov". If not, out IT guy hopes he can have everything forwarded.

Police Report - Police gave out 6 tickets for the month of July. Had 63 various requests of service. Total of 179 total hours of duty.

DPW Report - They have been cutting grass and watering flowers. Cleaned up the inside and outside of the shop. Blacktop complete, oil and stone complete. Sweeping will start soon. Santello & Weiser drainage, milling and paving complete. Looks really nice.

Orchard place DI project - Turned out to be more than expected. The existing drain in the road is compromised and needs to be replaced across the road. The DI was dug up and it collapsed along the bottom near Main Street and a resident's property. It's deep and the bottom of it is a wood planks with slate on top. One was replaced on 62, a couple years ago and they averted the water away from the

creek. In order to fix it they would have to replace with pipe underneath, tear up the road, and side walk. The quote, from New Frontier, is to replace a 42-inch storm cross culvert, replace 30 feet of sidewalk, repair blacktop, road, and landscape damage. Estimated cost is \$47,519.00, on top of the what we still owe them. It would need to be put out for bid if it is \$35,000 or more per the procurement policy. This process will take a few months. We will check to see if this is an emergency.

**Budget –** We are over \$30,000 short in our budget for necessary spending. Some bans this year went from 10 to 5 years. The one due in December, we are trying to figure out where to pull the money from. Possibly pull money out of reserves or savings. The Clerk is waiting to finish the AFR report so we have a clearer picture of funds available.

The DPW is going to be working on getting the leaf box and salter ready. Cleaned up around salt barn and the yard. They are continuing to weed and clean up the park. The clock is working! It is the right time on both sides. The glass needed to be taken off to pull the hands off to reset it.

The Mayor attended a State Comptroller training regarding navigating budgets and fraud prevention / detection.

The Mayor and Village Clerk suggested looking into our water system with the meter readings, and set standard fees for businesses based on usage. We are going to have a workshop soon, for next year's budget.

New computers were purchased in the village offices from Great Lakes, and came quicker than expected. There is now 1 in the DPW, 2 in the Village office, 1 in Fire Department, 1 in the Mayor's office. Dave also got a computer installed in his office. The Village needed to update the computer in order to work properly with our software. Estimated cost was \$9,345.00, but the installer said they came in at better rate and should be cheaper than quoted. The plan is to pay for it out of building reserves. The Board was in agreement. Final bill should be in before the next meeting.

The Village will be advertising for Community Development Block Grant, and will hold a public hearing prior to the next regular Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, September, 15, 2026 starting at 6:30 pm.

MOTION to advertise public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant, made by Trustee Leone. Seconded by Trustee Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

Leifheit & Littlefield land Surveying estimated cost for the Topographic survey to be \$7,050 for Dewey Ave waterline project.

The Tai Chi class that was held needs a new expenditure budget line for payment.

MOTION to approve new revenue account A7620.400 called "Recreation" made by Trustee Leone. Seconded by Trustee Enders. Unanimous. Carried

NYSLRS sent over the retirement prepayment invoice due by 12/15/26 in the amount of \$52,949.

Williamson law Company is having an increase of 4% next year for software support. The increase equals about \$52 per contract.

The North Collins Central School Student Government filled out a parade application. It will be on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 4:30pm. The parade route will march on Main Street from Kimble Ave to the school parking lot on School St.

MOTION to approve the homecoming parade application for 9/25/26 with a 4:30 pm start made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Leone. Unanimous. Carried.

The Clerk's office is creating a Village Facebook page. The Deputy Clerk worked on a social media policy.

MOTION to approve social media policy made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to approve McKenzie Blake and Tracy Mallaber as Facebook administrators, made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

The Village Wide Fall garage sales will be held a week later this year to not compete with surrounding towns.

MOTION to approve the Fall Village wide garage sale weekend to be held on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

Erie County has offered to sell the Village vacant property located at 10544 Main Street for \$1.00.

BE IT RESOLVED Erie County is offering us 10544 Main Street, North Collins, NY 14111 at a \$1.00 and a quick claim deed.

MOTION to approve Village of North Collins agrees to accept a quick claim from Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Inc. for \$1.00 for vacant lot located at 10544 Main Street, North Collins, NY 14111 made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Leone. Unanimous. Carried.

The water and drainage replacement bond is due on September 10, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED the water and drainage replacement bond due on September 10, 2026 will renew at 4.99% interest rate. The balance will be \$160,00.00 after paying \$32,000.00.

MOTION to approve the water and drainage replacement bond payment due September 10, 2026 that will renew at 4.99% interest rate leaving a \$160,00.00 balance after apaying \$32,000.00 made by Trustee Enders. Seconded by Trustee Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to approve payment of bills for July/August Abstract for a total of \$86,547.18 made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to leave the Board Meeting and go into executive session to discuss pending litigation made by Trustee Leone. Seconded by Trustee Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to come back from executive session and resume general meeting made by Trustee Voss. Seconded by Trustee Enders. Unanimous. Carried.

MOTION to adjourn Board Meeting at 8:20pm made by Trustee Leone. Seconded by Trustee Voss. Unanimous. Carried.

Minutes submitted by,



Tracy Mallaber, Clerk / Treasurer

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