A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Collins, County of Erie, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, NY on Tuesday the 13th day of October 2026.

Present:	Kenneth Martin, Supervisor	Jacquelyn McLean, Councilmember
	Brenda Overhoff, Councilmember	Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk
	Jeffrey Pfeifer, Councilmember	Mark Mangano, Hwy Superintendent
	Raymond Porter, Councilmember	James Musacchio, Attorney (7:58 pm)

Also Present: Janet Vogtli, Jeff and Ellen Wilson, David and Diane Gamel, Christopher Jeanniton

Supervisor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #163: **AGENDA APPROVAL**
Motion made by Supervisor Martin seconded by Councilmember Overhoff that the agenda be accepted as modified:
ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

RESOLUTION # 164: **MINUTES APPROVAL**
Motion made by Councilmember McLean seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 regular meeting.
ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

Approval / Adoption of Abstract
Resolution # 165: **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**
Motion by Councilmember Overhoff seconded by Councilmember Pfeifer that the bills be paid on abstract # 10 for 2026 dated October 13, 2026 for listed vouchers # 557 –607 $ 121,957.86:

General – Townwide	75,302.49	Special Refuse Fund	2,838.51
General – Part Town	4,442.11	Water District # 1	3,287.73
Highway	29,728.20	Water District # 3	907.63
Park Improvements	383.50	Water District # 4	4,045.35
Special Lighting	1,022.34	Total	$ 121,957.86

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

Correspondence
1. Jennifer Celso has been added to the Library Board of Trustees

Public Access
Janet Vogtli is requesting the Town Board attend the October 27th ambulance meeting and for the town not to fund the ambulance. At the last meeting Mrs. Vogtli asked for a copy of the budget and they would not give it out. Some payments are not being collected from people that have been transported. Ellen Wilson asked if the insurance company is a participating provider. If they are not, the payment would go to the person, and they are to pay the bill. But a lot of them are not sending the money in.
Christopher Jeanniton stated he has an issue with a neighbor regarding stumps on the neighbor's property. He has asked numerous town employees about this. Mr. Jeanniton is formally asking the town to do something and if not he will sue the town with a formal complaint. Highway Superintendent Mangano spoke to the neighbor and Supervisor Martin said it will be looked into.

Reports of Department Heads and Committees
Building and Grounds report was given out.
Code Enforcement Quarterly Report was given out.

Highway Department reported working on Vail and Button roads and made a few turn arounds on Eaglecrest.
New dirt will be put around the ball diamond. Nature's Pride will be contacted regarding the dead trees in the park.
Superintendent Mangano will call regarding the hand-washing station at the transfer station.
Library received a grant for a meeting pod.
Senior's report was handed in.
Town Clerk reported September sales of $ 8,780.56 with the Town's portion $ 6,318.37.
Water report was sent electronically.

Board Reports
Councilmember Pfeifer is working on the communication lines in the town hall.
Supervisor Martin stated the idea of establishing a county planning board or commission is a dead idea.

Public Hearing at 7:30 PM - 2027 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible Projects

Resolution needed to open public hearing on the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible Projects
RESOLUTION # 166: **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON 2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:**
Motion made by Supervisor Martin and seconded by Councilmember Overhoff to open the public hearing on 2027 Community Development Block Grant eligible projects scheduled for 7:30 PM this evening.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF COLLINS

A public hearing will be held on **October 13, 2026 at 7:30 pm** in the Collins Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, regarding the use of Federal Community Development funds on the Town of Collins.

The Town of Collins is eligible for a Federal Community Development Grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The purpose of the Hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to express community development and housing needs and to discuss possible projects which would benefit low- and moderate-income persons in the Town of Collins.

Citizens are urged to attend this meeting to make known their views and/or written proposals on the Town of Collins' selection of potential projects to be submitted for possible funding by the Federal Community Development Grant Program.

The Hearing will also present a review of prior Community Development projects and expenditures and a discussion of eligible activities. The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. Those needing special arrangements should call the Town at (716) 532-4887 ext. 101 by October 8, 2026.

ADOPTED	Aye	5	Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
	Nay	0	

Supervisor Martin explained that these projects would benefit low to moderate income households,
what the program covers and that eligibility is based on the census tract of low to moderate income people. The Town has two tracts that apply. November 2, 2026 is the deadline to apply, and tours will be November 17, 2026.

Supervisor Martin opened the hearing to the audience for comments. No comments.

Supervisor Martin asked for project ideas:
1. Supervisor Martin mentioned endorsing Rural Transit
2. Supervisor Martin mentioned endorsing projects at the LKP Community Center: gymnasium upgrades, ventilation, air conditioning, new floor, new lighting, and new ceiling
3. Christopher Jeanniton mentioned LKP community center used as a warning center
4. Christopher Jeanniton mentioned kitchen update and new equipment
5. Mark Mangano, Highway Superintendent suggests parking lots

Supervisor Martin asked twice if there were any more comments or ideas. With none, the Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:56 pm.

RESOLUTION # 167: **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2027 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:**
Motion made by Councilmember Overhoff and seconded by Councilmember McLean to close the Public Hearing on 2027 Community Development Block Grant eligible projects, at 7:56 pm.

ADOPTED	Aye	5	Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
	Nay	0	

An application will be submitted for the LKPCC gymnasium for ventilation, install air conditioning, new floor, lightning and ceiling.

New Business
1. Resolution needed to cancel the winter recreation program for 2027
RESOLUTION # 168: **CANCEL WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM FOR 2027**
Motion made by Councilmember Pfeifer seconded by Councilmember McLean that the following resolution is:

ADOPTED	Aye	5	Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
	Nay	0	

WHEREAS, the Town of Collins has traditionally offered a Winter Recreation Program for the benefit and enjoyment of area residents, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the plans and circumstances surrounding the upcoming Winter Recreation Program, and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to cancel the Winter Recreation Program for the upcoming winter season.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collins Town Board hereby cancels the Winter Recreation Program for the 2027 winter season.

Attorney Musacchio arrived at 7:58 PM.

Public Hearing at 8:00 PM - Local Law No. 1 of 2026 – Twelve months moratorium on the issuance of application and granting of permits for siting of commercial battery energy storage systems (BESS).

Resolution needed to open a public hearing on LL # 1 of 2026 on a moratorium on issuing applications and granting of permit for siting of commercial battery energy storage systems (BESS) projects in the Town of Collins

RESOLUTION # 169: **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON L.L. No. 1 OF 2026 "TWELVE (12) MONTHS MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND GRANTING OF PERMITS FOR SITING OF COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF COLLINS"**
Motion made by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Pfeifer to open the public hearing on L.L. No. 1 of 2026 "Twelve (12) Months Moratorium on the Issuance of Application and Granting of Permits for Siting of Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Projects in the Town of Collins" scheduled for 8:00 PM this evening.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE
YEAR 2026 FOR THE TOWN OF COLLINS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Collins, New York, a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Collins, New York, at the Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, New York, on **Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.** to consider the following:

Town of Collins Proposed Local Law No. 1-2026, which, if approved, would impose a twelve (12) months moratorium on the issuance of applications and granting of permits for Siting of Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Projects in the Town of Collins.

Copies of the Proposed Local Law are available in the Collins Town Clerk's Office. All interested parties may attend and be heard.

Dated: September 14, 2026

BECKY JO SUMMERS
Collins Town Clerk

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

Supervisor Martin explained the Towns' previous moratorium has expired, and a new one needs to be done so we have time to get the code done on this. Mr. Martin explained the process and asked if anyone has any comments or questions. Jeff Wilson asked is this is for smaller systems. The answer is yes. This law has to be sent to Erie County Planning and Development for comments for 45 days then referred to our Planning Board.

Supervisor Martin asked for any more questions or comments twice. With no one wanting to speak the hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION # 170: **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON L.L. No. 1 OF 2026 "TWELVE (12) MONTHS MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND GRANTING OF PERMITS FOR SITING OF COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF COLLINS"**

Motion made by Supervisor Martin and seconded by Councilmember Overhoff to close the Public Hearing on L.L. No. 1 of 2026 "Twelve (12) Months Moratorium on the Issuance of Application and Granting of Permits for Siting of Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Projects in the Town of Collins" at 8:11 pm.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

2. Resolution needed to hire a motor equipment operator (MEO) for town highway department

RESOLUTION # 171: **HIRE MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (MEO) FOR TOWN OF COLLINS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Councilmember McLean seconded by Councilmember Pfeifer that the following resolution is:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Town of Collins Highway Department for the position of Motor Equipment Operator (MEO), and

WHEREAS, the Town Board authorized the placement of a public advertisement for said position, applications were received and interviews were conducted with qualified candidates in accordance with Town policy, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Mark Mangano has recommended the hiring of Jason D Johnson for the position of Motor Equipment Operator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collins Town Board hereby approves the hiring of Jason D Johnson as a Motor Equipment Operator in the Town of Collins Highway Department at a rate of $27.04 per hour effective October 13, 2026 and with benefits established by Town policy and subject to a 90-day probationary period.

3.Resolution needed to approve the 2026 – 2027 employee health insurance plan

RESOLUTION # 172: **APPROVE TOWN OF COLLINS 2026 – 2027 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN**
Motion by Supervisor Martin, and seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Collins Town Board will continue to offer its full-time employees Health Insurance through the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan for the period of 12/1/26 – 11/30/27.

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

4. Resolution needed to approve the addition of re-levied fees to property taxes for delinquent water charges and clean-up charges

RESOLUTION # 173: **APPROVE THE RE-LEVY CHARGES TO 2027 TOWN & COUNTY TAX BILL**
Motion made by Supervisor Martin seconded by Councilmember McLean that the following resolution is:

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with New York State Town Law, Section 198, the Collins Town Board has opted to enforce various unpaid accounts for water, sewer, refuse and other unpaid town services as indicated below, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in light of the aforementioned, the Erie County Legislature shall levy in such sums an indicated below and against the applicable properties as provided for on the town of Collins Assessor's master computer assessment roll file and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the "Letter of Authorization" to Erie County.

TOTAL Delinquent town Water $ 30,386.92
TOTAL Clean-Up charges $ 61,107.70

5. Resolution needed to rank the 2027 Erie County community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project requests

RESOLUTION # 174: **RANK 2027 ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT REQUESTS:**
Motion made by Councilmember Porter, and seconded by Councilmember McLean to authorize Kenneth E. Martin, Supervisor, to sign, submit, and execute a contract with Erie County Community Development Block Grant (ECCDBG) program for the following project(s), upon approval of ECCDBG:

1. Town of Collins Senior Center Improvements
2. Rural Transit Van Program

ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

6. Adopt the tentative budget and set public hearing on the 2027 budget

RESOLUTION # 175: **ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2027 BUDGET**
Motion made by Councilmember Pfeifer, and seconded by Councilman Porter to adopt the 2027 Tentative Budget as the 2027 Preliminary Budget and set a public hearing to be held on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR TOWN OF COLLINS
ANNUAL PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual preliminary budget of the Town of Collins for the year 2027 has been completed and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Collins, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Collins will meet, and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Collins Town Hall, 14093 Mill Street, Collins, New York, Erie County, on the 2nd **day of November 2026, at 7:00 P.M.** and any person may

be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town law, the proposed salaries of the following town officials are hereby specified as follows:

1. Town Councilman $8,226.34 each per annum, or $32,905.36 in total
2. Supervisor $44,632.05 per annum base amount, and an additional $1,500.00 to supervise the Water Department, making the total $46,132.05 per annum
3. Town Clerk $53,863.14 per annum
4. Superintendent of Highways $71,685.89 base amount, and an additional $2,000.00 to supervise the Parks and Transfer Station, making the total $73,685.89 per annum

Dated: October 13, 2026
By Order of the Town Board
BECKY JO SUMMERS, Town Clerk
ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

Attorney Musacchio left the meeting at 8:24 PM.

New Topics – Discussion and comments

1. Transfer station staffing on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026: The two regular workers were offered time and a half if they would work Veteran's Day. They said yes.

2. Kennel Permits were discussed to eliminate the need to hold a public hearing before they are approved. It will be looked into.

3. Discussion on the 2027 town recreation program registration fees – Councilmember Overhoff suggests the non- residents should pay more than the $ 150.00. Regarding the field trips the town pays for the bussing and the kids pay for the program. (Think over the for the next meeting.)

With no further business, on a motion by Councilmember Pfeifer seconded by Councilmember Overhoff the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING **TOWN OF COLLINS** **OCTOBER 13,2026**

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ADOPTED Aye 5 Overhoff, Pfeifer, Porter, McLean, Martin
Nay 0

I, Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk of the Town of Collins, Erie County, New York, do hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the original adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Collins, at a meeting of the said Board held on the 13th day of October 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the town of Collins, New York, this 30th day of October 2026.

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Becky Jo Summers, Town Clerk

(This record was made for Ken to submit with the application.)