

**Minutes  
Town of Conesville  
Regular Meeting  
June 14, 2021  
7:30 PM**

**Due to the COVID Pandemic, the meeting was open to the public, with the restrictions of unvaccinated attendees were required to wear face coverings, and sit in an area designated for the unvaccinated**

Roll Call was taken with the following people present: Supervisor Federice, Robert Proudman, Kelly Smith, Brenda Weaver

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** - The group began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Privilege of the Floor** – Jacob Johnson, Margaretville Telephone Company, to discuss the proposal for upgrading the telephone system at town hall and town garage. One area of concern was the reoccurring charges, and after discussion it was decided that only 2 lines were still needed at town hall, brining the reoccurring costs back to current price. It was also noted that due to the world-wide micro-chip shortage, delivery of the telephones may not take place until September. **Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the proposal from Margaretville Telephone Company for the purchase and installation of a phone system at a price of 335.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Proudman, motion carried.**
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the regular May meeting were reviewed. **Motion by Robert Proudman to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Smith, Motion Carried.**
4. **Assessor's report** – Marie Stuber sent in a written report. **Motion by Kelly Smith to approve the Assessor's report, second by Robert Proudman. Motion Carried**
5. **Code Enforcement Officer's report** – Ron Barry submitted a written report for the Month of May. **Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Proudman, motion carried.**
6. **Tax Collector's Report** – Diane Williams submitted a written report. **Motion by Kelly Smith to accept the Tax Collector's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Proudman, Motion Carried.** It was noted by Supervisor Federice that Schoharie County has the most unpaid taxes in the state.
7. **Town Clerk's Report** – Brenda Weaver submitted a written report for May 2021, she continues working with Supervisor Federice to purchase the safe for vital records storage. **Motion by Robert Proudman to accept the Town Clerk's report, second by Kelly Smith, Motion Carried.**

8. **Highway Superintendent's report** –Superintendent Jason Barry resigned, effective May 28, 2021. A copy of his letter was distributed. In the meantime, Supervisor Federice has been filling in, checking in one to two times a day, see what was needed, etc. A full-time employee has just been hired. Supervisor Federice has checked with Dan Crandell at County DPW regarding paving. Yes, roads need work. **Motion by Robert Proudman to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Smith, motion carried.**
9. **County Report** – Supervisor Federice reported that County expects to have 3 EMTs stationed at Cobleskill, Sharon and North Blenheim by July 1st. **Motion by Robert Proudman to approve the County report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Smith, Motion Carried.**
10. **Town Business**
  - a. **Highway Superintendent Opening** – With the resignation of the Superintendent, Town Board members spoke individually on the phone to assess the situation, and asked David Porter if he would consider the position. He has agreed to come back and fill out the term. **Motion by Kelly Smith to appoint David Porter to complete the term as Highway Superintendent, with him starting as soon as possible. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Proudman, motion carried.**
  - b. **Loader Purchase and Bond Anticipation Note** – because a super majority is needed to enter into a bond note, it was agreed to table until a time when a super majority is available.
  - c. **\$2,000 retention bonus for full time highway employees.** Town board members have agreed to give a bonus to all full-time employees and newly hired full-time employees as of this date a \$2,000 retention bonus. This will only be distributed after the employees have maintained continued employment for twelve months. **Motion by Robert Proudman to approve the \$2,000 retention bonus agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Smith, Motion carried.**
  - d. **Change in hourly rate for part-time highway employees.** It was determined that all part-time employees, who are not part of the union will have an increase in pay from \$14.51 per hour to \$15.29 per hour.
  - e. **Supervisors March and April 2021 financial report** - Supervisor William Federice submitted the reports for review. **Motion by Robert Proudman to accept the supervisor's financial reports for March and April, 2021, second by Kelly Smith, motion carried.**
  - f. **Budget amendment Resolution** – **Motion by Robert Proudman to approve the budget amendments as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Smith, motion carried.**

*Councilmember Carl Fancher joined the meeting at 8:58 PM*

- g. Cell Tower update – Supervisor Federice indicated that the cell tower is now being held up because of a call-before you dig issue. But it should be resolved soon.
  - h. Marijuana Legalization Options for Towns – Supervisor Federice told the councilmembers that the town has the choice to regulate the sale/use or just allow the state law to continue.
  - i. Board Member Input – Robert Proudman has been contacted, and asked if the town could maintain the path that goes from the park to the stream. Supervisor Federice will contact the mowing company to get it done.  
There was also a concern regarding the cutting of the power line when the sewer lines were installed. It has been fixed, and that there was assurances by the Contractor that it will not happen again.
  - j. **Loader Purchase and Bond Anticipation Note** – with a supermajority now present, a roll call vote was taken to approve the note. **William Federice, Aye, Carl Fancher Aye, Robert Proudman, Aye, Kelly Smith, Aye Laurel Mattice was absent. Motion Carried.**
12. Review Bills – The members present reviewed the bills. Motion by Robert Proudman to approve the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Smith, Motion carried.
13. **Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Carl Fancher, second by Kelly Smith, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Weaver  
Town Clerk



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Gilboa, NY 12076

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Board Report June 14, 2021

Dear Town Board Members,

Good evening.

We convened with the Grievance Review on June 7 with only one grievance and a stipulation from one owner to reinstate a forestry exemption on 3 of the parcels they own. The owner of those properties we believe to be deceased and the daughter is handling affairs. This is an exemption where renewal forms were not returned last year as well as this year that are required to renew the exemption so I chose not to renew it on the tentative rolls. The Board and I looked into the exemption allowance and received documentation that showed the owner was supposed to have these parcels reviewed by DEC last year and did not. Due to the forestry commitment not up to date with DEC and the renewals not timely filed in my office, the grievance board decided not to renew this exemption this year. The owner can update and refile next year with DEC and me prior to March 1 to receive the exemption for 2022.

The other applicant at the grievance was grieving an assessment that had been updated during the 2019 revaluation process. They claimed the land was over valued due to not having any road frontage even though there is ample access. They also claimed they overpaid for the house because it needs painting and a new roof shingles. The board decided to give a reduction for the land only. It is 2 parcels and total reduction came to \$13,400 of assessed value.

Right now, I am reviewing and updating parcels I am aware of prior to July 1. This is the date the State will go to when looking at the information that helps to set our Equalization rates for 2022. Any changes made will only affect property owners for 2022 rolls. It does not change anything in the 2021 rolls.

Is there any further discussion about a phone system that will allow each department to have separate messages left for them that can be retrieved remotely? This will make our jobs more efficient. With Brenda away it will be much more difficult for departments to respond to phone calls. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Marie Stuber

# Town of Conesville Building Code Report

Ron. L. Barry  
117 Maple Ln.  
Gilboa N.Y. 12096  
N.Y.S. Building Code  
Enforcement Officer

From May - 1st - 2021 To May - 31 - 2021

New Permits - 2

Certificate  
of Occupancy - 1

Permit Ext. - 3

Abstracts - 1

INSPI - 6

Final INSP. - 1

Light INSP. - 1

June - 5 - 2021

Ron L Barry

Tax Collection Totals

Town of Conesville  
Tax Year: 2021  
Mon, Jun 7, 2021, 01:49 PM

28 Zero amount tax bills  
112 Unpaid tax bills  
2 Partially paid tax bills  
1187 Fully paid tax bills  

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1329 Total number of tax bills

1150 payments collected by collector, 42 by Co Treasurer

Total to be collected this year: \$1,866,343.12

Tax Collector(s) Paid Amounts

Total base paid: \$1,624,198.29  
Total penalty: \$5,827.20  
Total late notice: \$0.00  

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Sub total paid: \$1,630,025.49

Total refunds: \$0.00  

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Net Collected \$1,630,025.49

Treasurer Collect: \$66,152.18

Treasurer Late Fees Col: \$0.00

Total unpaid: \$175,992.65

*May  
Penalties  
\$ 2,896.20*

Breakdown of totals by Swis Code

# Bills	Tax Due	Base Pd	Collected(*)	Treas Collect(*)	Owed
432800	-Town of Conesville				
1301	\$1,866,343.12	\$1,624,198.29	\$1,630,025.49	\$66,152.18	\$175,992.65

\* - Totals Collected represents the base amount paid plus penalties and late notice fees minus any refunds issued.

*Settlement with the county was  
6/8/21.*

# TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF CONESVILLE, NEW YORK

MAY, 2021

TO THE SUPERVISOR:

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Pursuant to Section 27, Subd 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all fees and moneys received by me in connection with my office during the month stated above, excepting only such fees and moneys the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by Law:

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A1255	<u>5</u>	DECALS	<u>4.42</u>	
		<b>TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES</b>		<b>4.42</b>
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A1603	<u>10</u>	CERTIFIED COPIES - BD	<u>100.00</u>	
		<b>TOTAL A1603</b>		<b>100.00</b>
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A2544	<u>4</u>	DOG LICENSES	<u>20.00</u>	
		<b>TOTAL A2544</b>		<b>20.00</b>
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A2550	<u>6</u>	BUILDING PERMITS	<u>665.00</u>	
		<b>TOTAL A2550</b>		<b>665.00</b>
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FX2144	<u>2</u>	WATER DISTRICT	<u>80.00</u>	
		<b>TOTAL FX2144</b>		<b>80.00</b>

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**Town of Conesville**  
**Resolution Number 37-21**  
**Budget Transfers**  
**June 14, 2021**

Increase Budget	To		Description	Decrease Budget	To
1,690.12	2,310.56	A1089	Interest and Penalties on Real Property		
		A1232	Tax Collection Fees	1,690.12	3789.44
106.99	306.99	A1355.4	Assessors Contractual		
200.00	500.00	A1420.4	Attorney Contractual		
2,522.56	6,722.56	A1620.4	Town Hall Contractual		
50.00	1,350.00	A1920.2	Municipal Association Dues		
5,432.97	16,232.97	A5132.4	Garage Contractual		
8.75	108.75	A7510.4	Historian Contractual		
16,567.07	29,187.07		General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance		
240.85	1,840.85	FX83404	Water Transfer & Distribution Contractual		
		FX19904	Water District Contingent	240.85	459.15

Board Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Federice, William	✓	_____	_____
Fancher, Carl	_____	_____	_____
Mattice, Laurel	_____	_____	_____
Proudman, Robert	✓	_____	_____
Smith, Kelly	✓	_____	_____