

TOWN OF COLUMBUS MEETING MINUTES – October 13, 2025

Chairman Schroeder called the Town of Columbus Board meeting to order on Monday evening, October 13, 2025, at 7 p.m. Present were Supervisors Ed Wolf and Harold Schwoerer, Clerk Gabrielle Loeffler, Treasurer Cindy Miller, and attendees from the community as follows: Ken & Marilyn Clevenger, Arlene Sennhenn, Vicki Schulze, Dan & Kristy Wakeman, Lori Hayes, Ryan Zuehlke, Andrew Klabacka, David Thompson, Donnie Bleich, Paul Wolfe, JoAnne Thiede, Mark & Jacqui Lazzaroni, Jon Herrmann.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Schroeder stated the Town Meeting agenda had been properly noticed. Supervisor Wolf motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

Minutes of the September 8, 2025, Town Board Meeting were read. Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer Cindy Miller reported as of September 30, 2025, total Town Money was \$596,473.32.

September invoices totaling \$76,699.43 were presented for payment. Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the invoices as presented; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- ◆ Eastern Columbia County annual budget meeting will be on October 22, 2025 at 6pm.
- ◆ EMS budget will be coming out soon, per capita is about \$24
- ◆ Municipal meeting at the Highway Department was on October 3, 2025.
 - ARIP- requires a pre-engineered project and is a pay up front/reimbursement program
 - Sanderson Road was discussed
 - TRIP S- 70 State/ 30 Town split – DOT project
 - TRIP D- 50 State/ 50 Town split—DOT project
- ◆ Wendt Road RRIP project, when they were digging the ditches and the heavy rain washed away the cross culvert in front of Tom Shaner's house and the bottom was rusted out so they replaced it. The tile was also broken, will confirm if the County will repair.
- ◆ Todd Blum on Sydo & Hwy. 89 called regarding a lost dog, the Sherrif's department had also called.
- ◆ October 30, 2025 Fire Department budget meeting, the fire truck is slated for early March.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Review of 2 Assessor bids received. Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the bid from KAW Assessments & Appraisals; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Jon Hermann presented a field landscape change along Wendt Road. Chairman Schroeder will reach out for DNR clearance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the WISLR ratings report; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2025-3 P-190 Driveway and Culvert Ordinance; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Implementation of a fee schedule for driveway and ROW permits has been tabled.

- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the application for a Field Entrance Permit for Brett Weiland, N959 State Rd. 73, Location 480 feet south of Hwy. 73 on South Side of Deansville Rd; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the application for a Field Entrance Permit for Brett Weiland, N959 State Rd. 73, Location 2450 feet south of Hwy. 73 on South Side of Deansville Rd; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Wolf approved the application for a Residential Driveway Permit for Douglas Bussian, W1772 Weiner Rd, Location 570 feet north of Weiner Rd on west side of Deansville Rd, 30 foot minimum, 18-inch steel culvert end walls- one driveway for two residences; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the request by Lori Hayes for an existing Field Entrance Permit 200 feet south of N1540 Wendt Road on the East Side to obtain a fire number; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion to proceed with the Zuehlke Raze Order; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ 2026 Town Budget preparation is underway.
- ◆ Public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with a motion from Supervisor Schwoerer and seconded by Supervisor Wolf; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gabrielle Loeffler, Clerk – October 19, 2025