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TOWN BOARD COUNTY OF ALBANY

TOWN OF COLONIE

PUBLIC COMMENT

THE STENOGRAPHIC MINUTES of the above entitled matter by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter commencing on May 7, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. via telephonically.

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PAULA MAHAN, SUPERVISOR
- LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
- DAVID GREEN
- MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
- RICK FIELD
- JILL PENN
- DANIELLE FUTIA

ALSO PRESENT:

- Michael C. Magguilli, Esq, Town Attorney
- Julie Gansle, Town Clerk

1 (The pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

2 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding was adjoured to
3 address the public comment of the evening and then
4 recommenced immediately after.)

5 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Okay, I will begin reading
6 for the public comment period.

7 Dear Supervisor Mahan and Town Board Members:
8 In June 2019, you and the entire Town Board voted
9 unanmously to recognize June as LGBT Pride Month for
10 the first time ever. Your action sent a unified and
11 powerful message to our community that Colonie is a
12 welcoming Town that works together and values its
13 diversity.

14 In our neighboring cities, at the county,
15 state, and even federal levels, our elected officials
16 recognize June as LGBT Pride Month year after year. I
17 write to you to ask that you again recognize this
18 coming June as LGBT Pride Month.

19 This year's pride celebration will be much
20 different than last year's. There will not be any
21 parades, marches or large gatherings that have been
22 integral to the LGBT rights movement for 50 years.
23 Instead, we will fly our rainbow flags at home,
24 connect with our friends through video and social
25 media, and appreciate time spent at home with our

1 families. In light of this reality we all find
2 ourselves in, a Resolution from our Town government
3 that shows its solidarity with its LGBT citizens is
4 more important now than ever.

5 Earlier this year I started Colonie Pride,
6 our Town's first LGBT organization to bring together
7 LGBT citizens and allies in Colonie. Our goal is to
8 increase LGBT visibility, build up our community, and
9 encourage all to live proudly to bring about positive
10 change to our Town as a whole. To accomplish these
11 goals, we need support from our local leaders and hope
12 that you will all vote to pass a Resolution to
13 recognize this June as Pride Month once again.

14 Colonie Pride is also contacting local
15 businesses throughout the Town to fly the Pride Flag
16 and show other signs of support this June. We hope
17 that the Town will consider doing the same at public
18 buildings and spaces. Thank you for your time and I
19 hope you and your families stay safe and healthy.
20 Sincerely, Mark McCauslin, 2 Surfwood Drive, Colonie
21 Pride.

22 (Whereas the above entitled proceeding as
23 concluded at 7:05 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATION

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I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby
CERTIFY that the record taken by me at the time and
place noted in the heading hereof is a true and
accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability
and belief.

Dated: _____

NANCY L. STRANG
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