

May 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held immediately following the Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 04, 2016 at 7:11 PM at the Town Hall. Present:

Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
Mark W. Mattson	Councilman
Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
Absent: Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend	Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Abby Butler-Walton Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Stanley Strain, Joan Homovich, Amy Brown, Bob Praschil, Larry Guglielmo, Sarah Hood, Janice Stickle, Kathryn Mattson, Vinny & Juanita Picece and Pio Deroda.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the public hearing and last regular meeting of May 04, 2016 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Sarah Hood on behalf of the Best Dam 5K commented that they raised funds last year for the pool sign and twenty loungers; they have remaining funds and would like to donate a shed, a 4'x6'x6' plastic walk-in storage shed to house the loungers. Board discussed. NO. 68-2016 05/18/16 Accept Donation of Pool Lounger Shed

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the 2015 Best Dam 5K Run/Walk donation of a 4'x6'x6' plastic walk-in storage shed to be placed at the Town Pool to house the donation of twenty lounge chairs.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Sarah Hood and Kathryn Mattson commented that they would like to add a bike route to this year's Best Dam Race, from Al's Sport Store to Shinhopple starting at 8am to 9am and runners to start at 9:30am to 10:30am; they are asking permission for River Road to be closed on October 1st during the race. Supervisor replied that the Town with help of the Fire Dept. should be able to close or man the road. Board discussed and issued a Public Facility Permit.

NO. 69-2016 05/18/16 Public Facility Permit No.07-2016

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sarah Hood & Kathryn Mattson on behalf of the Best Dam Race, have applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, on Saturday, October 1st from 7:30AM to Noon for the Best Dam Race Awards Ceremony;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 07-2016 to Sarah Hood & Kathryn Mattson for the use of River Road, Bridge Street and the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Kathryn Mattson and Sarah Hood on behalf of the Best Dam Race Committee asked for permission to do a fundraiser at the Town Pool on Saturday, September 10th; they would like to do again this year the "Dog Days of Summer" event to benefit the Heart of the Catskill Humane Society; asking for items to give to the humane society. Board discussed.

NO. 70-2016 05/18/16 Public Facility Permit No.08-2016

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sarah Hood & Kathryn Mattson on behalf of the Best Dam Race Committee have applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Town Swimming Pool located at 14728 State Hwy 30, on Saturday, September 10th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM for the a “Dog Days of Summer” event to benefit the Heart of the Catskill Humane Society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 08-2016 to Sarah Hood & Kathryn Mattson for the use of the Town Swimming Pool located at 14728 State Hwy 30, Downsville, NY.

Resolution seconded by Mark Mattson, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that there will be traffic delays on Saturday, July 23rd; Downsville will be hosting the Delaware County Firemen’s Parade this year; they will parade from the NYCDEP buildings to the Downsville Firemen’s Park.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Amy Brown (read by Supervisor Merrill) -Precedent of speaking during meetings and conflict of interest of Councilwoman Markert as owner of the Schoolhouse Inn and management of the Police Dept. Supervisor added that we have allowed visitors to participate during the meeting and I think it is a good thing. Town Attorney stated that he will have to research the issue.
- Microbac- Notice of Important Changes to Water Testing Services (CFWD & DWD).

REPORTS- written reports on file at Town Clerk’s Office:

- Town Justice DeRosia- April 2016.
- Town Justice Edel- April 2016.
- CFWD Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015.
- DWD Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Delaware Opportunities has sent us another project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260CRF-HR113-14 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp. has approved bid for File No.CTRCD-08 to D&N Improvements in the amount of \$14,370.00; the Community Development Specialist estimated the total cost of the project at \$14,377 plus an additional \$550 for cost of Lead Based Paint Risk Assessment by EcoSpect Inc. Board discussed.

NO. 71-2016 05/18/16 CDBG #260CRF-HR113-14 Board Approval No.CTRCD-08

Upon recommendation of Delaware Opportunities Inc., Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No.CTRCD-08 for the CDBG Project #260CRF-HR113-14, Housing Rehabilitation Grant and hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said grant approval in the amount of \$14,920.00.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that the 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor should be here next month.

Councilwoman Champlin inquired if the Town of Colchester Police Canine would go elsewhere, the Village of Delhi Does not. Supervisor replied that the Policy & Procedure states that the request would only be fulfilled with approval of the Police Commissioner.

Councilwoman Julie Markert entered the meeting at 7:30PM. Councilwoman Markert read the letter from Amy Brown and stated “*I think I will resign*” and left the meeting at 7:32PM. Board urged her to re-consider.

Supervisor reported that we have received an Acceptance Agreement from Southern Tier Police Canine Association Incorporated; Town Attorney reviewed. Town Attorney commented that this is a bare bones contract. Supervisor replied that is there standard contract, Officer Pagillo tried to re-word and they didn't want to make any changes. Town Attorney commented if we return the dog they get the dog back but there is no standard care policy; he would like to research further.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we received a quote from Ronald R. Mullenix, Professional Land Surveyor; certified boundary survey of the Paige Cemetery parcel identified by Tax Map No. 358.-1-8.2 will be \$1,500.; once they are in the field they will be able to give a price for marking the portion of the cemetery that is shared with Reynolds, Tax Map No. 358-1-10. Board discussed.

NO. 72-2016 05/18/16 Accept Quote of Ronald R. Mullenix

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the quote of \$1,500.00 from Ronald R. Mullenix, Professional Land Surveyor of 27 Second Street, Delhi, New York for the survey of the boundary of Paige Cemetery identified by Tax Map No. 358.-1-8.2 and the marking of boundary line shared with Reynolds, Tax Map No. 358-1-10.

Resolution seconded by Mark Mattson, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that we have received a quote of \$6,243.50 from Titan for replacing the pump, pipe and wire at the Downsville Water District well on Route 30; WPO Ronnie MacDonald keeps enough water available if the pump shuts down. Board discussed.

NO. 73-2016 05/18/16 Accept Quote of Titan Drilling Corp.

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the quote of \$6,243.50 from Titan Drilling Corp. of 264 County Highway 38, Arkville, New York for replacing the pump, pipe and wire of the Downsville Water District Well located at 15602 State Hwy 30, Downsville, New York.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Janice Stickle has made a recommendation for this year's lifeguards. Ms. Stickle reported that we will need the pool filled by mid-June as all the guards need to renew their lifeguarding and CPR; Anthony Shields and Kendra Lacey have volunteered to help with swimming lessons in order for them to keep their WSI certifications; Lori Davis will be the instructor, renewing eight lifeguards and instructing six new students for lifeguards; once the new guards are certified, we could hire them as part-time and/or subs. Board discussed.

NO. 74-2016 05/18/16 Appoint 2016 Pool Personnel

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires the following pool personnel at corresponding wages for the 2016 Pool Season:

Janice L. Stickle	Pool Recreation Director	\$12.50 per hour
Carli R. Pinner	Returning WSI & Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.25 per hour
Rebecca R. Reed	New WSI & Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.00 per hour
Melanie L. Champlin	New WSI & Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.00 per hour
Andrew C. Towsley	Full-time Lifeguard	\$9.00 per hour
Myles K. Liddell	Full-time Lifeguard	\$9.00 per hour
Rose J. Luscomb	Part-time Lifeguard	\$9.00 per hour

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that there is an issue that Joey Gales may not be going to college in the fall; he has submitted his acceptance letter but not proof of continuing. Board discussed. JR MacDonald has recommended Kevin Doig to fill the position. Board discussed further.

NO. 75-2016 05/18/16 2016 Seasonal Cemetery Laborers

Upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Supervisor, Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town's Summer/Youth Employment Policy states that youths must be students continuing their education and must be enrolled full-time status and verification of student status is required; and

WHEREAS, Joseph M. Gales has not submitted the proper verification of continuing education and therefore the Town withdrew his offer of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Kevin W. Doig as a New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer at the rate of \$9.25 per hour with no benefits for the 2016 Season.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., June 1st at 7:00 PM

Supervisor reported that the memorial bench has been delivered to the Downsville Covered Bridge Park; a memorial dedication to Frank Mele, father of the Water Releases Regulations, will be held Friday, May 20th at 11am with a luncheon to follow at the Schoolhouse Inn.

Joan Homovich commented that there are large holes filling up with water in front of Gary Hood's Apartment Building on Bridge Street. Highway Supt. will look at it.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.09-2016; Voucher No.223-248; Totaling \$81,482.75.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss highway personnel issues, seconded by Mark Mattson, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:02 PM. Town Attorney and Highway Supt Eck were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:12 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

Officer Cawley entered the meeting and reported that DPW Commissioner Wayne Reynolds has authorized the Town Cemetery Dept. to cross the covered bridge with their riding lawn mowers.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk