

June 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor  
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman  
Mark W. Mattson Councilman (arrived at 7:03 PM)  
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman  
Gilbert D. Close Councilman

Recording Secretary: Susan D. Early Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney, Police Officer Rich Pagillo, Lillian Browne -Walton Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Mary Brawley-Fuat, Pio Deroda, Maureen Pedersen, and Joan Homovich.

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

Councilman Mark Mattson entered the meeting at 7:03 PM.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, June 03, 2015 had been distributed earlier. Julie Markert made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Joan Homovich made a comment that she had to call the police because of loud music and noise coming from the Covered Bridge Park after it was supposed to be closed (10 PM). There is a sign there stating the hours that the park is open. Our police will patrol there to check that it is being complied with.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- CWC- Notice of Preliminary Decisions as of June 3, 2015.
- Robert Kurau- Letter inquiring status of the Campbell Mt. Road repair.
- John J. Bonacic- Two new FEMA grants concerning Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM).

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

- Town Justice Edward J. DeRosia- May 2015.
- Historian- Colchester History Connections Newsletter- June 2015.

Supervisor Merrill reported that FEMA#1710-PW123-COL14-Holiday Brook Road – road resurfacing- has been completed and we received the funds from FEMA on June 8, 2015 in a check for \$32,965.32. Under our CWC loan agreement, the Town of Colchester must repay the CWC within thirty days of receiving funds from FEMA. Board discussed.

NO. 59-2015 06/17/15 Partial Payment to CWC

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2008, the CWC Board of Directors per Resolution No. 1307, approved an application by the Town of Colchester for a loan in an amount of up to \$2,500,000 in the form of a note or bond at 0% interest for a term of one year renewable up to four times for FEMA eligible expenses related to infrastructure repairs in the portion of the Town of Colchester that is within the West of Hudson Watershed; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2014, the Town of Colchester received an aggregate principal amount of \$800,000 from the CWC Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014A for Holiday Brook Road (No.R-5 rollover \$291,008.51 and No.R-6 new money \$508,991.49; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2015, the Town of Colchester made a partial payment to the CWC in the amount of \$267,273.27 for FEMA#1710 PW123-Holiday Brook Road; and

WHEREAS, on June 08, 2015, the Town of Colchester received FEMA Funds in the amount of \$32,965.32 for FEMA#1710 PW123-Holiday Brook Road; and

WHEREAS, under the CWC loan agreement the Town of Colchester must repay the CWC within thirty days of receiving FEMA Funds;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes and directs, Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to make Voucher 339 to the Catskill Watershed Corporation in the amount of \$32,965.32 for a partial payment on the CWC Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014A.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that our CWC Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2014A matures June 25, 2015 and the Town Attorney needs to make a request to roll-over said note to the CWC in the amount of \$499,761.41 (balance due). Board discussed.

NO. 60-2015 06/17/15 Request for \$499,761.41 Disbursement to CWC

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has been granted an interest free loan from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for projects within the watershed area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has completed all projects within said watershed area and is waiting for FEMA reimbursements;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Attorney to also make a request for the roll-over of the CWC Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2012A to the CWC in the amount of \$499,761.41.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported on the following:

- FEMA#4031-PW2238- Holiday Brook Road- Bridge Project-This project has been completed and the road is open.
- FEMA#4031-PW2240- Cooks Falls Road- Embankment Project – Highway Superintendent reported that it's completed and we are waiting FEMA closeout.
- DWD and CFWD- There is nothing new to report for either water district. Delaware Engineering is still working on bid documents for each district's rehabilitation project.

Hwy Supt Eck reported that prices he checked to purchase a new mower for the Highway Dept. were very high and it was getting late in the season to order; they would use the current one and look for a good deal to purchase one for next season.

Supervisor reported on the John Bonacic grant that would cover renovation to Town Hall. We received a response from DASNY but need clarification of the paperwork received as both the renovation project and the replacement of the Salt Storage Shed seem to be rolled together and not separated. We had already been approved for \$50,000 from the SAM grant for the salt shed, received the paperwork, and the contract signed.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program had been approved and contract signed with Delaware Opportunities.

Supervisor also reported that the Town Pool has been cleaned and repainted and will be opening on June 29<sup>th</sup> for the season. Pool swim hours will be daily 1-5 PM and 6-8 PM with lap swim for adults only (16 and over) from 5 to 6pm during the week. Swimming lessons will begin on July 6<sup>th</sup>, continue through July, and end with a wonderful water carnival on Sat. Aug 1. Parents can register for lessons after the end of the school year by calling 363- 2400 or stopping by the pool. Board discussed. There have been requests for both a ladder in the kiddie pool and more shade in that area (table with umbrella). The two pavilions at the pool also were discussed as they have very high roofs and only afford shade for short periods of time during the day. These concerns will be addressed. Officer Pagillo will also have the police patrol there after closing hours (swimming after closing hours had occurred last season). WSI class has been held there the last few weeks with lifeguards from both Walton and Downsville led by Candy Russell. Board discussed.

Office Pagillo was asked about whether a camera had been installed on the Covered Bridge. Approximately fifteen tickets have been issued but people have still observed motorists (both local and out of towners) breaking the rule about “cars only”. Officer Pagillo commented that the officers are patrolling there Officer Pagillo commented, “If we tell everyone that a camera is installed there, it would be inviting someone to steal it.” He did not rule out one being there in the future. Board discussed.

Supervisor reported that “Get Outdoor Day” was a great success in his opinion. It was held in beautiful weather this past Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a Bike Rodeo at Downsville Central School held by Police Officer Pagillo and nine new donated bikes were given away. Games for children hosted by Downsville Fire Dept. Auxiliary, a yoga class conducted by Sarah Hood of Head to Toe Fitness Center, vendors selling refreshments at the Covered Bridge Park. Catskill Mountain Club oversaw a hike up a Campbell Mt. trail, the Colchester Chamber of Commerce held a fishing derby and with numerous sponsorships, the Town hosted a paddle scavenger hunt in the river. Supervisor Merrill thanked Colleen Griffith for all her hard work organizing this event as well as the many community organizations that took time to support it with their time, sponsorships, and donations. We hope to have bigger numbers next year to come enjoy this event and say hello to summer.

Supervisor Merrill needs to sign and file Requirement Letter No. 171 to the NYS Office of General Services to participate in the NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract. Board discussed.

NO. 61-2015 06/17/15 NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign and file Requirement Letter No. 171 of the NYS Office of General Services to be able to participate in the NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract for the period of September 01, 2015 to August 31, 2016 for 100ton of road salt.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin , all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that after advertising in the Walton Reporter for a Court Clerk for the Downsville Court, we received three applications. Interviews were conducted by the judges and Judge Edel recommends that Caitlin E. West be appointed as the Downsville Court Clerk. Dawn D’Addezio will start training the new clerk as soon as possible. Board discussed.

NO. 62-2015 06/17/15 Appoint Caitlin E. West as Court Clerk

Upon the recommendation of Town Justice Arthur C. Edel, Janet Champlin made the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints Caitlin E. West of 15121 State Hwy 30, Downsville, New York as the Downsville Court Clerk at the pay rate of \$13.10 per hour with no benefits effectively immediately. Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill and Highway Supt Eck reported that they held a meeting this past week with the two young men who were hired to help the Highway Dept. this summer through the Summer Youth Employment Program. (County Youth Bureau). Gabe Barnhart and James Eck will work approximately 160 hours this summer under Highway supervision.

Supervisor Merrill met with the UDRTC (Upper Delaware River Tailwater Coalition) recently in Sullivan Co. and reported that Sullivan Co. as well as Wayne Co. in PA showed interest in having the group expand to their region. This group's mission is to protect the interests of those living along the Delaware River and the areas it impacts. He also reported that this group received a grant from Community Foundation For South Central NY to further the Stream Corridor Management Study (this study would help develop a plan to be used for flood mitigation and reclamation in time of flooding). Board discussed. This group's next meeting is June 22<sup>nd</sup> and they will meet with Paul Rush of the DEP

Officer Pagillo commented that he would like to purchase more Taser holsters at a cost of \$30 each. He would only need a few more. He is also currently trying to get a new TRACS computer for the Tahoe and if the State Police grant does not come through for this, he has three quotes from state bid to purchase one. He will bring more information at a later date. He also has concerns over the age and condition of their radar equipment and had quotes from state bid. Board discussed and decided to discuss replacing the radar. Officer Pagillo then brought up the subject of the light on the Tahoe. It was not really designed for this vehicle and was just borrowed temporarily. He is currently trying to find one to purchase on state bid also. Board discussed further.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Planning Board Meeting for Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> has been canceled.
- Main Street Revitalization Meeting June 25<sup>th</sup> 4PM- Supervisor reported that we would like to reapply for this grant and the due date to submit it is July 3<sup>1</sup>.
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., July 01, 2015 at 7PM
- Town Hall Offices Closed Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Independence Day

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No. 11-2015; Voucher No.314-339; Totaling \$110,730.55.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session upon recommendation of the Supervisor to discuss a Police personnel issue, seconded by Gilbert Close, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:05 PM. Town Attorney and Officer Pagillo were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Julie Markert made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:42 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Gilbert Close made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan D. Early, Deputy Town Clerk