

August 02, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, August 02, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Mark W. Mattson Councilman
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman

Absent: Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney, Jeff Francisco-Del. Eng., Joan Homovich, Mary Brawley-Faut and Bonnie Seegmiller.

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting, July 19, 2017 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Mattson, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering presented another set of plans for the DWD Filtration Plant; the Engineering Report for the project has been endorsed by NYSDOH; we need to get JEM down here for testing and new proposal for the Corrosion Control Treatment Plan. Mr. Francisco stated that he has not spoken with Louie Banker regarding the CFWD.

Mary Brawley-Faut voiced her concerns with NYS Hwy 30; road condition is dangerous for cyclists; is the Complete Streets resolution relevant to this. Supervisor Merrill replied yes and he is in the process of writing a letter to the NYSDOT to put them on notice and is including the Complete Streets resolution; Supervisor added that the Town of Andes and Bovina would like a copy of our resolution, they are having similar issues.

Joan Homovich asked for a copy of the application to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. Supervisor replied that he just received by email and will print a copy.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYSDOH- Swimming Pool Inspection of July 26, 2017; one violation found: self-closing/self-latching gate; this has been corrected.
- Catskill Recreation Center- the CRC and Overlook Mountain Bicycles are hosting the Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge on Sunday, Sept 3rd in Arkville, NY.
- Amy Doig, DCS Eagle Athletic Club President- Request for financial support to continue their program. Board discussed.

NO. 64-2017 08/02/17 DCS Eagle Athletic Club

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Colchester Board hereby continues their support and hereby authorizes the donation of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) be made to the DCS Eagle Athletic Club.

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

- Richard W. Comfort- Letter of Resignation as Member of the Board of Assessment Review; they have sold their home on Baker Hill Road and are moving to Florida; he does not wish to be reappointed for another five year term. Supervisor replied that the term is ending Sept. 30th; we will need to make an appointment the second meeting in Sept. Board discussed.

Board thanks Rich Comfort for his eight years of service and wishes Rich & Leeann well in their new home.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- July 2017- 27 customers balance due \$2,676.05; Receipts of \$3,085.52 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- July 2017- 72 customers balance due \$6,750.24; Receipts of \$8,427.26 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- July 2017 -Total disbursed \$1,794.27 of which \$1,718.77 was Town revenues.
- Planning Board- June 15, 2017 Minutes.
- Police Report- July 2017.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he received a phone call inquiring about the remaining funds of \$15,000 for the CFWD DWSRF 16601 Project; Supervisor replied that we will be using the funds once work resumes.

Supervisor reported that he and the Town Attorney are working on the Garcia Agreement.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the cemetery shed will get moved as soon as they can; we are going to work on the drainage issue also; we have had good luck with the mulching kit and have purchased another kit; we need to buy another riding mower. Board discussed options for the banks of the North Section of Paige Cemetery.

Supervisor reported that he is working with the Town Attorney on the new capital reserve funds.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Shelly Johnson from Delaware County Planning Dept. has put together a grant application for installing an early warning system for the Towns of Deposit and Colchester; the Town's share would be in-kind service of \$574. Board discussed.

NO. 65-2017 08/02/17 Grant Application for the Purpose of Installing an Early Warning System Along the East Branch of the Delaware River Below the Pepacton Reservoir in the Town of Colchester

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester is located below the impoundment of the Pepacton Reservoir along the East Branch of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has sustained significant damages from flood events, including the loss for four lives in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has participated in and adopted the Delaware County All Hazards Mitigation Plan (the Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Plan has identified flood hazards as the greatest risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has been alerted of potential failure at the Cannonsville Dam in 2015, highlighting the risk of life and property below an impoundment; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends exploring the possibility of installing audible warning systems for Pepacton Dam emergencies (Attached);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Delaware County Planning to prepare application to funding agencies for the purpose of installing an audible early warning (siren) system.

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

Supervisor recommends that we re-appoint Ernie Cawley and Keith Gavette as part-time police officers off the Delaware County Certified Civil Service Police Officer Certification of Eligibles List. Board discussed.

NO. 66-2017 08/02/17 Re-Appoint Earnest Cawley as Part-time Police Officer

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2013 the Town Board of the Town of Colchester appointed Earnest Cawley as a Part-Time Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2016 Ernest Cawley took and passed the Police Officer Exam for Delaware County Residents, placing him on the Civil Service List;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to complete the required Delaware County Personnel form, which removes Ernest Cawley from the Delaware County Certified Civil Service Police Officer Certification of Eligibles List as a competitive permanent part time police officer.

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

NO. 67-2017 08/02/17 Re-Appoint Keith Gavette as Part-time Police Officer

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2014 the Town Board of the Town of Colchester appointed Keith Gavette as a Part-Time Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2016 Keith Gavette took and passed the Police Officer Exam for Delaware County Residents, placing him on the Civil Service List;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to complete the required Delaware County Personnel form, which removes Keith Gavette from the Delaware County Certified Civil Service Police Officer Certification of Eligibles List as a competitive permanent part time police officer.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that a recommendation has been made to sponsor Kevin Doig in the Police Academy that starts in January 2018 or sooner; the Town would have to sponsor him, provide basic supplies (i.e.: ammo and uniform) and then provide field training. Board discussed.

NO. 68-2017 08/02/17 Sponsor Kevin Doig at Police Academy

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester will hereby appoints Kevin Doig of Downsville, NY as a Part-time Police Officer in order to sponsor him in the next available Police Academy.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., August 16th
- Town Clerk's Office Closed Tuesday, August 15th and Wednesday, August 16th

Councilwoman Markert commented that Officer Cawley had pulled a motorist over in her parking lot, the motorist had just run the red light; she thanked him for doing his job. Bonnie Seegmiller also thanked the Police for their help with a lost dog incident and positive interaction with teenagers.

Councilwoman Markert reported that someone had approached her, that the day the pool was closed because of no running water, the lifeguards were working all day. Supervisor replied that a recent storm took out the water line to the pool; the water line goes through the brook; once the brook water went down the water line was repaired. Town Clerk commented that Pool Director

Janice Stickle was in that morning and copied swimming lesson certificates and commented that the lifeguards were preparing for the upcoming water carnival. Supervisor added that the new pump is here and will be installed if the old pump fails or before the new season starts.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Mark Mattson, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.14-2017 Voucher No.362-393; Totaling \$62,497.76.

Supervisor Merrill asked for an executive session to discuss police personnel issues, Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss police personnel issues, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:53 PM. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:00 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk