

August 03, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, August 03, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney, Tom Zampolin-CEO, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Tom Coddington-Walton Reporter, Joan Homovich, Alan Donner and Amy Brown.

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 20, 2016 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: Alan Donner gave praises to the Highway Dept. for doing a great job of brushing on Horton Brook.

Councilwoman Champlin and Town Clerk reported that they have received many compliments regarding how well our cemeteries look.

Joan Homovich inquired on the balance of the police budget. Supervisor reported that they are over in equipment and contractual; he hopes to have figures for next meeting.

Joan Homovich reported that some street lights are still not working. Supervisor will report them.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Office of the NYS Comptroller- Property Tax Cap for 2017 will be 0.68% Inflation Factor.
- Ron MacDonald- Letter of Resignation from the Town of Colchester Planning Board effective immediately; has served for 15+ years.
- Dr. Bonnie Ratnoff Seegmiller, Chair of the Colchester Planning Board- Sorry to hear that Ron MacDonald is resigning from the Planning Board; he is leaving under the best circumstances and what an extremely valuable member he has been; a recommendation of one of the alternates will follow for his position.

NO.102-2016 08/03/16 Accept Letter of Resignation

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts with regrets the Letter of Resignation from Ron MacDonald as Planning Board Member effective immediately;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester would like to thank Ron for his 15+ years of service to the Town in serving as a Planning Board Member.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

- NYSDEC- Mining Permit Application for Johnston & Rhodes, request to be lead agency for themselves- Board approved.
- NYS Senator John J. Bonacic- Pleased to inform that S.7755, which allows Earnest Cawley Jr. to take the civil service examination to become a full-time officer in the Town of Colchester, has been signed into law by Governor Cuomo- this law goes into effect immediately and is chapter number 219.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- July 2016- 26 customers balance due \$2,520.50; Receipts of \$3,246.02 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- July 2016- 82 customers balance due \$8,128.21; Receipts of \$7,865.60 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- July 2016 -Total disbursed \$2,883.27 of which \$2,814.77 was Town revenues.
- Planning Board- June 2016 Minutes.
- FEMA Update.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the 2017 Freightliner is scheduled for delivery mid-November.

Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that we should be ready to re-bid the Cooks Falls Water District Spring Water System Improvement Project Contract #TC1-G-2015 by next week; Contractor must be bonded due to NYSEFC funding.

Supervisor reported that we are waiting for funds from DASNY; Supervisor is getting quotes for a new chimney at Town Hall and replacement windows of the library. Councilwoman Markert inquired if the Town Hall bathroom sink could be fixed.

Supervisor Merrill reported that four projects of the CDBG-Housing Rehabilitation Program have been completed; due to funding the last two projects may not get done; we have been informed that a second public hearing needs to be held; details are being worked out.

Supervisor Merrill commented that we still need to review the Garcia Agreement for the Police Department Narcotics Detection Police Service Dog Program.

Supervisor stated that it is time to bid out fuel for the vehicles and buildings. Board discussed.

NO.103-2016 08/03/16 Bid Proposal No.01-16 Fuel

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to advertise for bids for the purpose of purchasing the following fuels: No. 2 Heating Fuel and Kerosene to be delivered as needed to various buildings in the Town; Propane to be delivered to the highway garages located at 6292 River Road, Downsville and 20246 County Hwy 17, Cooks Falls; Diesel Fuel and Winter Blend to be delivered to the highway garage located at 6292 River Road, Downsville. Bids will be received at the office of the Colchester Town Clerk, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York until 2:00 PM on the 7th day of September, 2016. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall on September 07, 2016 at 2:00 PM.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Zampolin reported that we must adopt a new local law adopting the International Codes and the NYS Code Supplement; everyone needs to be re-certified for the new law; there are a few changes. Board discussed.

NO.104-2016 08/03/16 Notice of Public Hearing

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Colchester on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York regarding the adoption of a Local Law Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the Compilation of the 2015 International Code Council (ICC) Codes and the New York State (NYS) 2016 Code Supplement (Building Code) in the Town of Colchester; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk located at 72 Tannery Road in Downsville, New York;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

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

Supervisor commented that we have received notification of another grant through Senator Bonacic's Office; please bring suggestions for a \$50,000 project to the next meeting.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., August 17th starting with a Public Hearing at 7 PM.

Councilman Mattson inquired about trimming the brush at the Corbett Bridge. Highway Supt. Eck replied that the NYSDOT/Route 30 side needs attention.

Councilwoman Champlin inquired to road repairs at the end of Depot Street. Highway Supt. reported that we will be getting to that at the end of September.

Councilman Lavorgna reminded the Highway Supt. that the lights at the Cooks Falls Hwy Garage/Court Building need replacing.

Joan Homovich suggested that there are weeds at the park that need attention. Supervisor will look into it.

Supervisor reported that the County passed a resolution to enter into an 8 year contract with DPW and NYC to repair NYC roads around the reservoirs; \$3 million per year; doing culverts this year.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.14-2016; Voucher No.362-385; Totaling \$236,095.19.

Mark Mattson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss potential negotiation for cemetery boundary and police personnel issues, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:45 PM. Town Attorney and Town Clerk were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:23 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk