

August 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 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

Absent: Mark W. Mattson Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney, Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Joan Homovich, Bonnie Seegmiller, Pio Deroda and Alan Donner.

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, August 02, 2017 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Joan Homovich stated inquired about a copy of the application to the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; she did not receive an email. Supervisor replied that until it goes through the process it cannot be emailed to the public; please come in to look at it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance- Special Segment Equalization rate for the 2017-2018 School Levy Final Notice of Determination for the segment of Town of Colchester for the Roscoe School District is 2.48.
- CWC- Watershed Currents August 2017 Edition- Draft 2017 FAD Ready for Review.
- Delaware Opportunities- Received re-payment in the amount of \$11,438.62 for the sale of property of Denise Schenkel; check to be sent to the Town to deposit into CDBG Account; will contact Homes and Community Renewal about the use of the money.
- Margery K. Merzig of Keough Consulting- DWD Project- documents needs to be signed.
- Leanne/Rich Comfort- Thank you all for welcoming us into the Town of Colchester Family. It has been our pleasure to live in the Town for the past 23+ years. You all will be missed.
- Cornell University, Cooperative Extension of Delaware County- 16th Annual 4-H Golf Tournament- Sept. 15th at Delhi College Golf Course.
- NYS Senator John J Bonacic- copy of letter sent to NYSDOT; Colchester residents concerned with 6-mile section of roadway along NYS Route 30, which is in major need of rehabilitation; keep this stretch of highway on your radar screen for repairs.
- NYSDOH- Swimming Pool Inspection- Summary Report- no violations.

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

- Town Justice DeRosia- July 2017.
- Town Justice Edel- July 2017.

Supervisor Merrill submitted the Garcia Agreement that was drafted by him and the Town Attorney; please review, we will discuss and adopt at the next meeting.

Supervisor reported that the Code Enforcement Officer, Highway Supt and he have looked at the Cooks Falls Garage; we are designing a plan and we hope to get this done this fall.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the prep work should be done this week and moving the cemetery shed should be done very soon.

Supervisor reported that he and the Town Attorney are working on the Reserve Accounts.

Supervisor Merrill reported that CEO Zampolin has taken measurements for the new sidewalk project on Maple-Lindsley-Union; with the estimates given by Engineer Michael O'Reilly of \$15.00 per square foot for concrete, the total would be \$80,000; Harry Triebe of Sonny & Sons Stone Company said they always have sidewalk bluestone at \$8.00 a square foot; Mr. Triebe suggests to lay gravel down first and place heavier bluestone in the driveways; he also commented that he would be willing to purchase some of the old sidewalk, that we do not re-use. Board discussed. Board agreed to do bluestone on Maple Street/NYS Hwy 30 on the side from the intersection of Lindsley Avenue and State Hwy 206 for a length on 350feet and a blacktop apron from the sidewalk driveway to State Hwy 30; Supervisor will contact landowners regarding trees in the sidewalk path; we would like to get this section done this fall.

NO. 69-2017 08/16/17 Sidewalk Project

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the sidewalk project of 350feet along one side of Maple Avenue from Lindsley Avenue to NYS Hwy 206 of bluestone sidewalk with blacktop aprons for driveways do be installed with in-kind services of the Town of Colchester.

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

Pio Deroda reported that we have two Streetscape Eagles (chainsaw carved) repaired; a lot of the eagles are splitting; they need to be filled and dried and then filled and dried again; we have been asked if the eagles could be borrowed to be displayed for the public; the eagles are public art and must also display the artist who carved them. Ms. Deroda is asking for permission to lend out. Town Attorney inquired if they are Town property? Ms. Deroda replied that the Town sponsored the project; therefore, they are the Town's; once fixed and stored inside, should not need restoring again; quite an ordeal to restore and we have 19 that still need repairs; we will be putting on the Town's website that we are looking for places to display; we have two sites not in Colchester but in Delaware County that would like to display an eagle. Town Attorney suggested that a display contract/agreement should be made and signed. Board discussed.

NO. 70-2017 08/16/17 Lending Agreement for Streetscape Eagles

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the lending of the Streetscape Eagles once a Lending Agreement has been completed;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign said Lending Agreements for a period of one year or less. Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that we need to get the windows replaced in the library soon; Contractor Loren Shellman is busy; Contractor Dominick Dominguez has given a quote of \$3,500 which includes the price of windows and installation including raising the wall. Board discussed.

NO. 71-2017 08/16/17 Accept Quote of D & N Improvements

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the quote of \$3,500.00 from D & N Improvements of 506 Pardee Road, Delancey, New York for the project of replacing five windows of the Town Hall Reading Center located at 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that Wayne Marshfield, President of the NYS Covered Bridge Association has made a request to display their brochure at the Downsville Covered Bridge Park. Board discussed.

NO. 72-2017 08/16/17 NYS Covered Bridge Association

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester will hereby grants permission to the NYS Covered Bridge Association to display their brochures at the Downsville Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, New York.

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

Supervisor reported Trout Unlimited would like to erect a memorial in the name of Sonny & Ellen Mattson for them allowing access to cross their property to the East Branch of the Delaware River; this memorial would duplicate the bench for Frank Mele; on March 02, 2016 the Board approved the bench design of Sonny & Sons. Board discussed.

NO. 73-2017 08/16/17 Mattson Memorial Bench

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Trout Unlimited has made a request to erect a memorial along the East Branch of the Delaware River in the Town of Colchester commemorating Sonny & Ellen Mattson's contributions and efforts in allowing fishermen to cross their property to access the East Branch of the Delaware River;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves said memorial bench to be erected at the Downsville Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, New York.

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

Supervisor Merrill commented that he has spoken with Alan Donner in becoming a member of the Board of Assessment Review; this is a five year term starting October 1st. Supervisor asked the Town Attorney if this was a conflict of interest, as Mr. Donner is also an Alternate Planning Board Member and an Election Inspector. Town Attorney replied that there is no conflict of interest. We will make this official in September.

Supervisor reported that he has been contacted by the Teamster's and they would like to set up a negotiation meeting for Mon., Sept. 25th; Supervisor, Hwy Supt and Councilman Mattson are on the negoication committee. Board Members requested a copy of the contract.

Supervisor Merrill would like the Board to consider keeping Kevin Doig on at the cemetery until the end of the season; he is a good worker and Cemetery Supervisor Ronnie MacDonald stated he could use him. Board questioned his going back to school; Town Policy states that to be a summer youth employee, they need to continue their education. Supervisor commented that he will be attending the next police academy in January 2018; the one for Fall 2017 did not happen. Board discussed.

NO. 74-2017 08/16/17 Cemetery Laborer

Greg Lavorgna 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, Kevin Doig was appointed as a Part-time Police Officer in order to sponsor him in the next available Police Academy, therefore continuing his education; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery crew could use the help from Kevin Doig;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Kevin Doig to continue working as a Returning Seasonal Cemetery Laborer at the rate of \$10.65 per hour with no benefits until the end of September 2017.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., Sept. 6th at 7PM
- Town Clerk's Office Closed Wednesday, August 30th

Supervisor Merrill reported that we are working on police paperwork; we have nine officers on our roster: one full time; two academy officers and six part-time officers.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Julie Markert, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.15-2017 Voucher No.394-419; Totaling \$22,232.43.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk