

September 06, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, September 06, 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 entered at 7:12PM  
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., Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Mary Brawley-Faut, Jim Shields, Trevor Cazzolla 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 16, 2017 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that Louis Banker should be starting work up again on the Cooks Falls Water District- Water System Improvements Project- DWSRF #16601; should only take him about a month to finish up.

Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering asked if there were any questions on the Downsville Water District- Filtration of the DWD Spring System-DWSRF Project No.17537; if not then he will finalize the design plans.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Trevor Cazzolla commented that he was here for his government class at SUNY Delhi; just observing.

Jim Shields wants to publicly thank Julie Kaufman and Mark Butcher for all of their help in restoring the gazebo at the Downsville Covered Bridge Park; he would also like to thank Jerry Stone for repairing one of the benches at the park. Supervisor Merrill stated that he would also like to thank them and also Mr. Shields for all of his involvement. Mr. Shields suggested lighting at the park and lights highlighting the bridge. Mr. Shields also complemented the Cemetery Crew for the great looking cemeteries. Supervisor added that the cemetery shed has been moved.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Coalition of Watershed Towns- Election of the CWT Executive Committee- Supervisor will submit.
- NYSDOT- Copy of letter sent to Senator Bonacic- received his letter regarding pavement conditions on NYS Route 30 in Colchester; 2 sections from East Branch to Downsville may look very similar, but their pavement treatment needs vary greatly; the first section (East Branch – Shinhopple) was rehabilitated 11 years ago; funding has been identified and construction is scheduled for this fall; the second section (Shinhopple – Downsville) needs more work and requires more expensive project and funds have not been identified for this project; they will continue to patch and repair potholes.

Councilwoman Julie Markert entered the meeting at 7:12PM.

- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance- Final State Equalization Rate of 3.04.

- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance- Optional Apportionment Rate for Districts with a Designated Large Property for the Downsville School District is 2.43.
- American Transparency-FOIL Request an electronic copy of any and all vendor payee payments for the fiscal year 2016.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- August 2017- 18 customers balance due \$2,061.05; Receipts of \$615.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- August 2017- 44 customers balance due \$5,113.51; Receipts of \$1,638.93 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- August 2017 -Total disbursed \$2,202.80 of which \$2,156.30 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice DeRosia- August 2017.
- Town Justice Edel- August 2017.
- Planning Board- July 20, 2017 Minutes.
- Dog Control Officer- Monthly Activity Report for August 2017.
- Swimming Lesson Roster 2017- Total of 86 swimmers.

Supervisor Merrill commented that last meeting the draft of the Garcia Agreement was presented; is there any discussion. Councilwoman Markert asked to table until next meeting.

Supervisor reported that D&N Improvements submitted a quote for the replacement of the back steps; CEO and Supervisor rejected the quote as they thought it was too high; they will seek more quotes.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the windows for the library have been ordered.

Supervisor submitted a Right-to-Entry permit that he found, that we could use for the sidewalk project. Town Attorney stated that he may already have a permit on file.

Supervisor Merrill commented that the Lending Agreement for the Streetscape Eagles needs to be re-written.

Supervisor reminded Councilman Mattson and the Highway Supt. that the negotiation meeting for the teamsters is scheduled for Mon., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at Town Hall.

Supervisor stated that it is time to bid out fuel for the vehicles and buildings; to get things going we placed the ad for fuel; bids are due Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> by 2PM and then they will be read aloud; we will award at the meeting of Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Board discussed.

NO. 75-2017 09/06/17 Bid Proposal No.01-17 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall on September 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that last meeting we discussed filling the vacancy on the BAR; Supervisor Merrill recommends appointing Alan Donner to the five year term of 10-01-17 to 09-30-2022. Board discussed.

NO. 76-2017 09/06/17 Appoint Alan Donner to Board of Assessment Review

Upon recommendation from the Supervisor, Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints Alan J. Donner of 617 Fuller Hill Road, Roscoe, New York to the Board of Assessment Review for the term of 10-01-2017 to 09-30-2022.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.
- Town Clerk's Office Closed Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - Attending the Delaware County Town Clerks' Association Meeting.

Councilwoman Markert suggested that we reimburse Jim Shields for the repairs and labor done on the gazebo at the Covered Bridge Park. Board discussed.

NO. 77-2017 09/06/17 Reimbursement for Repairs to Gazebo

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Supervisor to reimburse James Shields in the amount of \$300.00 for cost of labor and repairs to the gazebo at the Downsville Covered Bridge Park.

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

Councilwoman Markert commented that she saw our police SUV going across the covered bridge; they will be reminded of what vehicles can go through the bridge.

Hwy Supt Eck reported that the grader had a major breakdown; \$10,000 in parts and \$10,000 in labor to fix; new grader costs \$250,000; they would allow \$20,000 in trade in; they also have used equipment. Supervisor reported that the grader was shipped to Milton Cat to be repaired.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the mowing on River road looks good; there is a log alongside the road opposite of Park Hill Road; could be dangerous. Hwy Supt will look into it.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Julie Markert, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.16-2017 Voucher No.420-465; Totaling \$263,566.26.

Upon recommendation of the Supervisor, Julie Markert made the motion to go into executive session to discuss police personnel issues, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:36 PM. Town Attorney and Officer Cawley were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Julie Markert made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:08 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk