

October 05, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, October 05, 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., Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Abby Butler-Walton Reporter, Joan Homovich, Alan Donner, Bonnie Seegmiller and Mary Brawley-Faut.

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

The minutes of the Public Hearing of September 21, 2016 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. The minutes of the last regular meeting, September 21, 2016 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that once Louis Banker completes all the necessary documents for Contract TC1-G-2015; CFWD Water System Improvements Project, he will be given the Notice of Proceed; DOH has approved the contract. Mr. Francisco also reported that EFC has approved the DWD Filtration Project; project contract should be ready for next meeting. Supervisor Merrill reported that he has received verbal correspondence from Senator John J. Bonacic that he has awarded us a grant of \$50,000 for the CFWD Well Rehab Project. Supervisor added that we are still waiting for three grant funds that Senator Bonacic has awarded but the State has not disbursed yet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Watershed Agricultural Council- WAC & NYCDEP Announce \$43million Stewardship Fund for Long-Term Protection of Farm & Forest Easements.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- September 2016- 16 customers balance due \$2,020.50; Receipts of \$650.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- September 2016- 39 customers balance due \$5,592.34; Receipts of \$379.12 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- September 2016 -Total disbursed \$3,260.71 of which \$3,183.71 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice Edel- September 2016.
- Town Justice DeRosia- September 2016.

Board discussed the Garcia Agreement; Board gave suggestions; Supervisor will meet with Officer Pagillo and Town Attorney to make more revisions and bring back to the Board for final review and adoption.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has met with Donald Reynolds in regards to the Paige Cemetery boundary lines; we are still negotiating.

Supervisor reported that we had tabled awarding Bid Proposal No.01-16 -Fuel. Board reviewed and discussed the bids that were received on September 7th. Bids were as follows:

No.2 Heating Fuel

Suburban Propane-	Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.25 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	JoC Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.2775 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	Firm Bid Price of \$2.0213 per gal.

Kerosene

Suburban Propane-	Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.25 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	JoC Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.3224 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	Firm Bid Price of \$2.4813 per gal.

Winter Blend

Suburban Propane-	Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.18 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	JoC Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.2975 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	Firm Bid Price of \$2.4708 per gal.

Diesel Fuel

Suburban Propane-	Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.18 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	JoC Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.2436 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	Firm Bid Price of \$2.0108 per gal.

Propane

Suburban Propane-	Vestal OPUS Fixed Price of \$1.29 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	JoC Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.5500 per gal.
Mirabito Energy Products-	Firm Bid Price of \$1.34 per gal.

NO.121-2016 10/05/16 Award Bid Proposal No. 1-16 Fuel

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester had advertised for Bid Proposal No. 1-16 Fuel; and
WHEREAS, on September 07, 2016 the Town received said fuel bid from two bidders;
WHEREAS, on September 07, 2016 the Town opened said fuel bid from the two bidders;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the low bid from Suburban Propane for Bid Proposal No.1-16 Fuel at the rates of:
No.2 Heating Fuel - Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.25 per gal.

Kerosene- Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.25 per gal.

Winter Blend - Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.18 per gal.

Diesel Fuel- Vestal OPUS plus a Firm Differential of \$0.18 per gal.

Propane - Vestal OPUS Fixed Price of \$1.29 per gal.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby gives authorization to Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to enter into contract with Suburban Propane of 6178 State Hwy 7, PO Box 25, Colliersville, New York 13747 for fuel to be delivered at various locations within the Town of Colchester.

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

Supervisor Merrill presented the 2017 Tentative Budget; Board briefly reviewed and discussed; budget increase was 0.00997322005 which is just under the tax cap. Board agreed to a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, October 11th at 8:30AM at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the two Town Justices would like to apply to the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program for a grant to purchase conference chairs, folding chairs and ADA Room furniture, also to make modifications to the Town Hall's exterior rear stairway next to the ramp for the Downsville Court and new flooring for the Cooks Falls Court. Board discussed.

NO.122-2016 10/05/16 Apply for Justice Court Assistance Program

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester is in need of funds to aid the Courts in updating the court rooms and court offices; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available through the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby authorize Town Justice Arthur C. Edel and Town Justice Edward J. DeRosia III to make application to the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program for modifications to the Town Hall's exterior rear stairway next to the ramp, new flooring for the Cooks Falls Court, and for miscellaneous office equipment and supplies needed for the Courts. The estimated cost of the items being applied for will not exceed \$30,000.

FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the certification of said application.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Town Clerk/Water Clerk has presented a list of delinquent water bills for the Cooks Falls and Downsville Water Districts; we would like to add any delinquent water bills to their 2017 Tax Bill if not paid by October 31st. Board discussed.

NO.123-2016 10/05/16 Delinquent Water Bills Added to Property Taxes

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 submit a list of all delinquent water bills of the Downsville and Cooks Falls Water Districts to the County to be added to the property owners' tax bills for 2017, if these bills are not paid by October 31, 2016.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., October 19th

Supervisor reported that we received a check from FEMA today in the amount of \$68,487.00; this was for DR4020 PW4800-Downs Brook-Debris Removal; it was short about \$5,500.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired about the cemetery shed. Supervisor replied that we are still negotiating.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired about the paving at the transfer station. Highway Supt replied that we are waiting on Cobleskill Stone to have a time & date for us.

Board discussed cemetery issues. Supervisor reported that the cemetery crew may have to stay until the end of October, as weather permits.

Supervisor reported that the issue with the EZPass violation was cleared up; the license plate number was for the Town's 2016 Freightliner, so we asked for a picture of the vehicle; the attendant reviewed the picture and stated there was a number missing from the license plate, they will take care of notifying the proper violator.

Councilwoman Markert asked how long the State Auditors would be here. Supervisor replied about six weeks; the last time they were here was in the late 1980's.

Councilwoman Markert commented that voting for the Downsville Pedal Car Streetscape favorite can still be done at Town Hall.

Officer Cawley reported that they were notified that we are receiving a federal grant that will cover the total cost of the police vests.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson 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.18-2016; Voucher No.483-505; Totaling \$33,118.14.

Councilman Mattson asked if anyone has approached the Town to talk about solar heat for water for the highway garage. Supervisor asked for contact information. Councilman Lavorgna commented that an article in the Talk of the Towns & Topics stated that municipalities need to be careful with solar energy.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk