

November 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
	Mark W. Mattson	Councilman
Absent:	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
Recording Secretary:	Julie B. Townsend	Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney Abby Butler-Walton Reporter, Alan Donner, Bonnie Seegmiller and Danielle McMullen-MEGA.

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, November 02, 2016 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, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried.

GUESTS: Danielle McMullen a Client Relationship Manager from Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance gave a presentation for a Community Energy Program through MEGA; NYS Public Service Commission has authorized local governments to aggregate utility customers for energy supply; municipalities can join together through MEGA to gain market power. 7 step program: choose MEGA as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) administrator; educate the public; adopt local law to authorize CCA; seek competitive bid for energy supply; select low-bid supplier; citizens can opt-out; savings begin. This program is for the NYSEG area only, ERA is not included; MEGA receives .001% per kilowatt hour that is added to the low bid price; target date is March 31st. They have samples of Implementation Plan, Data Protection Plan and Local Law. Supervisor asked that these be emailed to him so the Board can review at a later date.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Unsigned letter from Concerned Citizens of the Community- letter was passed around to Board Members- we do not act on complaints that are not formally signed.

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

- Town Justice Edel- October 2016.
- Town Justice DeRosia- October 2016.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the 2017 Freightliner with plow was picked up today from Tracey Road Equipment.

Supervisor reported that a voucher is in tonight's bill to Louis Banker for Payment No.1 in the amount of \$6,175.00 for Contract TC1-G-2015, CFWD Water System Improvements Project.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the projects for the CDBG-Housing Rehabilitation Program are completed; Invoice#16-\$67,203.88 sent Nov. 7th and Invoice#17, the remaining funds of \$34,242.24 for Administration & Program Delivery must be submitted within the next 30 days.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Barry Jones has set a corner marker; Supervisor will meet with Donald Reynolds again in regards to the Paige Cemetery boundary lines; we are still negotiating.

Supervisor reported that we have received the Letter of Understanding from the auditors, Mostert, Manzanero & Scott LLP for the 2016 audit; estimated cost is the \$200 more than last year for a total of \$10,400; we have budgeted \$11,000. Board discussed.

NO.135-2016 11/16/16 Mostert, Manzanero & Scott LLP 2016 Audit

Upon recommendation from the Supervisor, Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the Letter of Understanding with Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP Certified Public Accountants of 4 Associate Drive, Oneonta, New York to provide the 2016 Audit for the Town of Colchester at an estimated fee of \$10,400.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received an application for a Public Facility Permit from Katie and Sarah for the ice skating rink. Board discussed.

NO.136-2016 11/16/16 Public Facility Permit No.14-2016

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kathryn Mattson and Sarah Hood have applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Highway Garage located at 15500 State Hwy 30 from November 2016 through April 2017 (i.e. the end of winter) from daylight to dusk every day, weather permitting for the installation of a temporary ice skating rink;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 14-2016 to Kathryn Mattson and Sarah Hood for the use of the Highway Garage Parking lot at 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, NY.

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

Supervisor commented that a few years ago a chair lift was donated to the Town; we're not sure what happened to it; a local resident approached us that they are selling the chair lift that is in their home for \$800; the original installation cost was \$3,000 when he talked with the salesman; Supervisor will contact the installer/contractor for cost and to make sure this will be able to go into the Town Hall Reading Center. Board discussed and agreed to pursue this endeavor.

Highway Supt. Eck commented that we will be placing an ad for an HEO1 for the start of the new year at a rate of \$16.55.

Officer Rich Pagillo made the recommendation that the Town sponsor Richard Bell for the Police Academy; there is no age requirement for part-time officers; the Town would have to sponsor him and then provide field training; next academy starts March 2017. Board discussed.

NO.137-2016 11/16/16 Sponsor Richard J. Bell at Police Academy

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester will hereby appoints Richard J. Bell of 8 Lindsley Avenue, Downsville, NY as a Part-time Police Officer in order to sponsor him in the next available Police Academy at no cost to the Town of Colchester.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Offices Closed Friday, Nov. 24-27 Thanksgiving Weekend
- Town Clerk's Office closing at 12:30PM on Tuesday, November 29th
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., December 7th at 7PM

Planning Board Chair, Bonnie Seegmiller commented that they are recruiting for an alternate member of the Planning Board.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the County Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22nd; they did exceed the tax cap; they had an increase of 1.827%.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.21-2016; Voucher No.546-579; Totaling \$50,118.68.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Mattson, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, Greg Lavorgna-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk