

December 07, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, December 07, 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, Alan Donner, Bonnie Seegmiller and Officer Cawley.

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 16, 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.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that tanks are in the ground for Contract TC1-G-2015- CFWD Water System Improvements Project; also the manhole; project will probably not get finished due to weather; someone from Delaware Engineering is on site every workday; Payment #2 to Louis Banker in the amount of \$35,031.25 is being submitted tonight. Mr. Francisco presented the Downsville Water District, Spring System Upgrade DWSRF Project No.17537 engineering contract for review; to be in compliance we will need to advertise for a construction inspector. Councilwoman Markert commented that she had heard some water systems were having problems with the cartridge system. Mr. Francisco stated that he is not aware of any problems and asked for any names of these systems. Councilwoman Markert will get back to him.

Alan Donner commented that the payment job at the transfer station looks great. Supervisor replied that the cost of the project was \$7,677.00 and added that we will need to seal it next year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Catskill Watershed Corporation- November 2016 Issue Watershed Currents.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- November 2016- 6 customers balance due \$365.00; Receipts of \$450.00 disbursed to Supervisor; 9 customers turned over to County Tax Bills \$2,088.45.
- Downsville Water District- November 2016- 12 customers balance due \$771.39; Receipts of \$2,282.22 disbursed to Supervisor; 26 customers turned over to County Tax Bills \$6,159.66.
- Town Clerk- November 2016 -Total disbursed \$804.00 of which \$761.00 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice Edel- November 2016.
- Planning Board – October 20, 2016 Minutes.
- Police – November 2016.

Supervisor Merrill reported that things are wrapping up with the CDBG-Housing Rehabilitation Program; Invoice #17 in the amount of \$34,242.24 has been submitted; this is the final reimbursement for Administration and Program Delivery; all funds of \$400,000 have been spent.

Supervisor reported that he has had another meeting with Donald Reynolds in regards to the boundary lines at Paige Cemetery; Mr. Reynold's sons are not in support of a boundary line adjustment; they request that we move the small shed and mark the boundary lines. The Board will need to discuss this further and determine where to move the shed; this will be done in the spring and we will define the line better with posts.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the chair lift for the reading center was installed last Friday; there are vouchers in tonight for \$800-cost of chairlift and \$850- battery & installation; hopefully we will get more people to use the reading center and historical society.

Councilwoman Champlin commented that we have had two lost hunters recently and no one certified to use our canine; when is Officer Pagillo going to be certified? Supervisor replied that Officer Pagillo has stated that he should be certified by the end of this month. Councilwoman Markert commented that if we don't get this done by the end of the year, we should close down the program. Councilwoman Champlin agreed. Board discussed training; Board wants verification of training hours; tool (canine) is not any good if we can't use it.

Supervisor reported that the contract for Evacuation & Disposal of Refrigerants expired Sept. 30th; Barnyard Refrigeration has just submitted a new two year contract; it is the same contract from previous years. Board discussed.

NO.138-2016 12/07/16 Contract for Evacuation & Disposal of Refrigerants

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the renewal contract of Barnyard Refrigeration for the evacuation and disposal of refrigerants in units containing such at a sum of \$7.00 (seven dollars) per unit for the term of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018 and hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said contract. Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted

Supervisor Merrill reported that we need to officially adopt a resolution to start the process of reducing the speed limit on Jug Tavern Road. Downsville Central School had made the request, we now have to adopt a resolution and send it to the County DPW Commissioner for signature and comments, and then he sends to the NYSDOT for review and approval. Board discussed.

NO.139-2016 12/07/16 Speed Zone for Jug Tavern Road

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby requests that an appropriate speed zone of 30 MPH be established on **Jug Tavern Road**, a Town Highway, between 2700 County Hwy 7 (intersection of Jug Tavern Road) to 3693 Campbell Mountain Road (intersection of Jug Tavern Road), an approximate length of 1.60 miles. Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that Bowers Road has always been a Town Road but we need to officially acknowledge it as a Town Road. Hwy Supt Eck added that it is on the County list; NYSDOT is making changes and it needs to be added to their list. Board discussed.

NO.140-2016 12/07/16 Acknowledge Bowers Road

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby acknowledges Bowers Road as a Town Highway, from the intersection of Cooks Brook Road to the dead end of Bowers Road, an approximate length of 0.23 miles and said road should be added to the NYSDOT Local Listing of Roads for the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that a few days after the last meeting, Brady Gales came in wondering about continuing to shovel snow for the Town; Supervisor told him to continue and it would bring it up at the next meeting. Board discussed.

NO.141-2016 12/07/16 Hire Brady Gales for Snow Shoveling

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to hire Brady Gales of 130 Knox Avenue, Downsville to shovel snow off the bridge located at 15105 State Hwy 30, Downsville and other Town facilities as needed, by voucher and at the rate of \$10.00 per occasion.

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

Town Clerk reported that she has received Prior Written Notice of Defect No.02-2016; they would like a curve ahead sign on River Road near Banker Road; there have been many accidents on this corner and now that there is bridge construction on Route 30, River Road has a lot of traffic; this notice has be assigned to the Hwy Supt.

Supervisor gave a list of salaries for the Board to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Supervisor reported that last week he was given a copy of a letter dated 10-17-2016 from Monolith Solar; the letter is in regards to their solar system on Airport Road and appreciates our support; their letter of intent starts the 60 day clock; solar farms are exempt from taxes for 15 years; we only have a week to opt out of the tax exemption by adopting a local law; we do not have enough time to do now. Board discussed and stated that they will revisit this issue next year.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., December 21st at 7PM
- Town Clerk's Office Closed Friday, Dec. 23rd thru Monday, Dec. 26th
- Town Clerk's Office closing at 12:00PM on Friday, Dec. 30th
- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, January 02, 2017

Councilwoman Markert commented that she was advised tonight that the Town of Colchester does not have the authority to open the covered bridge for snowmobiles. Supervisor replied that the bridge has always been open; we closed it to vehicle traffic due to the bridge construction; Supervisor will talk to DPW Commissioner Wayne Reynolds.

Councilwoman Markert also commented that she heard that the Highway Dept. has refused to plow the road at Firemen's Park to the helicopter landing zone. Highway Supt. Eck stated that he was never asked. Councilman Mattson asked if we could do this. Highway Supt stated that it shouldn't be a problem.

Highway Supt reported that an ad has been placed in the Reporter for this week and next week for an HEO1; applications are due by Dec. 19th and hopes to make a recommendation at the next meeting to hire an HEO1 to start after January 4th.

Councilwoman Markert asked if any of the police would be in the Christmas Parade this weekend. Officer Cawley stated that two are scheduled. Highway Supt Eck commented that all the new Freightliners will be in the parade.

Councilman Lavorgna asked if the muffler could be fixed on the truck in Cooks Falls; it is very loud. Highway Supt will look into it; Highway Supt also stated that our truck is still at Robert Green Dealership for warranty repair; they state they cannot get any parts.

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.22-2016; Voucher No.580-636; Totaling \$212,392.19.

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