

November 01, 2017

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York on Wednesday, November 01, 2017 in the Town Hall for the purpose of hearing the public's comments on the Preliminary Budget for 2018. Proof of Notice having been read by the Town Clerk, the Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2018 was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill.

Joan Homovich asked a few questions concerning the budget. No other comments.

No one spoke in favor of the 2018 Budget.

No one spoke against of the 2018 Budget.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was declared closed by Supervisor Merrill at 7:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, November 01, 2017 immediately following the Budget Hearing at 7:12 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Jeff Francisco-Del. Eng., Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Mary Brawley-Faut, Alan Donner and Amy Brown.

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, October 18, 2017 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that Louis Banker started back up work today on Contract #TC1-G-2015 the Cooks Falls Water District- DWSRF #16601 Water System Improvements Project.

Mr. Francisco presented tank plans for the Downsville Water District- Filtration of the DWD Spring System-DWSRF Project No.17537; Board reviewed and agreed that the new filtration building/tank should go to the left of the existing water building/tank; Highway Dept. will dig a hole tomorrow to make sure there is no rock ledge there; WPO MacDonald needs to figure out the phosphate.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Bonnie Seegmiller announced that the Solid Waste Management Center will be holding an Open House "Trash 2 Cash" on Saturday, November 18th from 10am to Noon at 32230 State Hwy 10, Walton, NY.

Joan Homovich commented that we always seem to find money; could we hire someone to put documents on the Town's website? Supervisor replied that once minutes are approved they go on the website; we have been adding documents; we are working on it but have a long way to go.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- October 2017- 26 customers balance due \$3,231.66; Receipts of \$3,020.51 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- October 17-31, 2017- 62 customers balance due \$8,445.66; Receipts of \$12,079.37 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- October 2017- Total disbursed \$1,840.10 of which \$1,756.60 was Town revenues.
- Planning Board- September 21, 2017 Minutes.
- Police Report- October 2017.
- Dog Control Officer- October 2017.

Supervisor Merrill reported that there are vouchers in tonight for the DWD DWSRF Project No.17537 to pay for Bond Council and Delaware Engineering; we would like to submit Requisition No.1 in the amount of \$26,075.69; this is for all payments to Del. Eng. and Bond Council so far this year. Board discussed.

NO.100-2017 11/01/17 DWSRF 17537 Requisition No. 1

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has applied for funding for the Downsville Water District Springs Project, D0-17537; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation has approved the aforementioned application; and

WHEREAS, the Town may now request disbursements for project costs; and

WHEREAS, such funds will be automatically deposited in the project account,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and submit such paperwork as is necessary to receive said funds in the amount of \$26,075.69 for Requisition No.1.

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

Supervisor reported that we should have something on the reserve accounts for next meeting.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the new back steps of Town Hall have been completed; there is a voucher in tonight for \$200 for extra materials needed to bring the steps into required commercial codes; there was a miscommunication and we need to reimburse Paul Ryder for the extra materials.

Supervisor reported that the next negotiation meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17th at 9:30am.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has not heard back from Tara Donadio regarding Clean Energy Communities Program; we adopted two resolutions last meeting; we need to know what our next step is; we are looking at CEO Training for the third project; Supervisor suggested that our 4th project be a charging station. Councilman Lavorgna suggested that we ask area businesses to put on their property to help with costs; would this be covered under program?

Supervisor replied that a vehicle would need to be parked for a few hours to charge; needs to be out of the way; it was mentioned that Margaretville, Hobart & Delhi have a charging station.

Supervisor asked if there were any comments on the budget and if not asked that it be adopted. Councilman Lavorgna asked if we could adopt the budget if the negotiations are not finalized. Supervisor replied that there are sufficient funds to cover raises.

NO.101-2017 11/01/17 2018 Budget Adopted

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the Town of Colchester Preliminary Budget for 2018 as presented and that it be adopted as the Final 2017 Budget.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin.

This resolution was put to a vote by roll call and resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	absent
Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson	voting aye
Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna	voting aye

The resolution having received majority vote of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, the 2018 Budget was declared to be duly adopted. And hereby affixed one certified copy of the 2018 Budget.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the large commercial air conditioners have been disconnected and removed from the sides of Town Hall; he is getting quotes for central air conditioning, approximately \$20,000 to 25,000.

Supervisor reported that he and Councilman Mattson interviewed Michael Ennist for a position of part-time Police Officer; he is certified and experienced and should be a valuable officer to our dept. Officer Keith Gavette will start as full-time next week. Board discussed.

NO.102-2017 11/01/17 Appoint Part-time Police Officer

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester recognizes the need of continuing its Police Dept. for the safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester recognizes the need of Part-time Police Officers for the future of the Police Dept.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints the following certified officer, Michael J. Ennist of 112 South Side Spur, Margaretville, New York, as a Town of Colchester Part-time Police Officer pending submission of all necessary forms at the pay rate of \$20.00 per hour with no benefits

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

Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck reported that we are looking into a DOT/DEC Grant for a Bridge Pipe Project on Gregory Hollow; a three sided pipe; shared service project around \$100,000.

Joan Homovich commented that there was an event last week where the reservoir had to decrease their output; it was shallow from dam to covered bridge but Downs Brook was raging and created a dam; she suggested having DEC look at this; not sure what will happen with the next event. Supervisor replied dredging Downs Brook is one of Colchester's main concerns.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., November 15th at 7PM
- Health Insurance Presentation Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 PM
- Town Hall Offices Closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23rd & 24th

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Mark Mattson, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.20-2017 Voucher No.546-572; Totaling \$50,717.04.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Delaware County Tentative Budget will be ready on Friday; 1.4623% change in the tax levy which is below the tax cap of 1.84%.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Hwy Supt Eck was invited to stay. Board entered executive session at 8:13 PM. Board held discussion. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:55 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk