

August 15, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Ron MacDonald and James Shields.

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 and the last regular meeting of August 01, 2018 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept both sets of minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Joan Homovich asked questions regarding the pavement of River Road and the walking/foot bridge at the Covered Bridge Park.

Supervisor Merrill presented an Atlas of Delaware County, NY by F.W. Beers, 1869; this was a framed map of the Town of Colchester and Hamlet of Downsville; it was donated by the LaMarch Family of Little Spring Brook Road.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Catskill Watershed Corp- Watershed Currents.
- NYSEG- Postcards advising of brush removal in the township.
- Best Dam 5K Committee- Thank you for help & support; there were 137 participants and \$3534 was raised to donate to Youth Basketball, Soccer and Little League Programs of Colchester.
- The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company- Inspection Summary and recommendations.
- Town of Hamden- Copy of their letter to NYCDEP protesting a recent land purchase. Supervisor added that we need to be more cautious in the future.
- Delaware County Chamber of Commerce- Report prepared by Tourism Economics for New York State Empire State Development Division of Tourism, outlining the impact of tourism in New York and, more specifically, the Catskill Mountains.
- NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services- Special Segment Equalization Rate for the 2018-2019 School Levy- Final Notice of Determination- the request for the 2018 Special Segment Equalization Rate for the Town of Colchester Segment of the Roscoe School District is approved and is hereby established at 2.44.
- FEMA- Flood Insurance Study.

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

- Town Justice DeRosia- July 2018.
- Town Justice Edel- July 2018.

Highway Supt Eck reported that we will start the Cooks Falls Garage addition project next week.

Supervisor reported that we need to schedule a public hearing for the local law. Board discussed.  
NO. 78-2018 08/15/18 Notice of Public Hearing

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Colchester on Wednesday, September 05, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York regarding the adoption of a Local Law to Regulate & Prohibit the Parking of Trucks and Oversize Vehicles Exceeding 10,500 Pounds on Town Highways; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk located at 72 Tannery Road in Downsville, New York;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that hopefully all the paper work has been completed for the Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant- Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project.

Supervisor reported that two change orders are needed for the Generator Project: the first change order was to move the transfer switch panel off the floor and at other end of wall in the records room; the cost was \$1,897 that the Town will cover; the generator was purchased through the Justice Court Grant; to keep the project moving this was approved by Supervisor, CEO and Town Clerk/RMO. The second change order is regarding the LP tanks to the generator; we have four options: 1) leave tanks where they are and add 2 bollards at \$650 each; 2) move tanks to other side of staircase in corner and have CEO sign letter that it is ok as it will not be compliant for \$500; 3) move tanks in corner for \$350 and Town move bulletin board; 4) move tanks out back next to building by chimney for \$2,900. Board discussed. Board has concerns that this project was not well organized and communications were not good. Supervisor added that Town Hall will be closed tomorrow for the hookup of the generator. Board discussed further.

NO. 79-2018 08/15/18 Change Order #2 Generator Project

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves Change Order #2 of the Generator Project with option 4 of moving the LP tanks out back of Town Hall for the cost of \$2,900 to K.L.Enterprises.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, Mark Mattson-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-no, Janet Champlin-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Highway Supt. Eck has submitted a proposal to purchase a Stainless steel sander for the new truck that has been ordered; this is a piggy-back bid award (NJPA #081716-VCE) from M & C Truck Equipment for a Tarco Highlander Model HL-HY2-14-SS Sander at the price of \$17,070. Board discussed.

NO. 80-2018 08/15/18 Purchase from M & C Truck Equipment

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the piggy-back bid award NJPA #081716-VCE from M & C Truck Equipment, LLC for the purchase of one (1) Tarco Highlander Model HL-HY2-14-SS Sander at the price of \$17,070.00 and hereby authorizes Highway Supt. Kenneth R. Eck, Jr. to enter into contract with M & C Truck Equipment, LLC of 2901 Vestal Road, Vestal, New York for said purchase at the total price of \$17,070.00.

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

Supervisor reported that last meeting Hwy Supt Eck inquired about purchasing another new truck; he has submitted an Onondaga County Contract for a 2020 Freightliner 114SD from Tracey Road Equipment for the price of \$184,500. Hwy Supt added that we have a plow & wing for this truck; we could purchase the sander next year. Supervisor explained that we have \$7,400 in Budget Equipment line, \$1,600 in scrap metal this year, \$125,000 from the truck Andes purchased and \$30,000 from the auction, we will be about \$20,000 short but we have funds left in the repair line. Board discussed.

NO. 81-2018 08/15/18 2020 Freightliner 114SD

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law 103 Subdivision 16 authorizes governments to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment and supplies through the use of contracts let by United States or any agency thereof;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the Bid Reference Piggy Back Onondaga County Contract#8996 of Tracey Road Equipment for a 2020 Freightliner 114SD Cab & Chassis for the price of \$184,500.00;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the purchase of one 2020 Freightliner 114SD for the total price of \$184,500.00, pending verification of Piggy Back Onondaga County Bid.

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

Supervisor reported that last meeting Hwy Supt Eck suggested paving River road from Al's Sport Store to Corbett; it is a length of 3.2miles, if we did the work the cost would be \$362,125.50 and to have Cobleskill Stone Co. do the project it would cost \$442,045.00; this would come out of Highway Surplus. Board discussed. Councilman Mattson commented that will River Road become not safe because we make it better? Councilwoman Markert and Councilman Lavorgna agree that the road is not bad enough to spend all that money; there must be other roads that need work. Councilman Mattson sees a problem with going to 20feet in some areas and only 18feet in others. Hwy Supt Eck commented that more people are using River Road verses State Hwy 30. Supervisor suggested oil & stone on the dirt roads. Hwy Supt commented that Roger's Hill Rd, Baker Hill Rd and Baxter MT Rd are dirt roads; would cost approximately\$250,000-300,000. Board discussed further.

NO. 82-2018 08/15/18 Rent Paver from Cobleskill Stone Co.

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to enter into contract with Cobleskill Stone Co. to rent a paver machine, operator and screen guy for the purpose of paving 3" blacktop to dirt roads within the Town of Colchester for the approximate cost of \$300,000.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that he and DWD Water Plant Operator Ron MacDonald met with NYCDEP on August 3<sup>rd</sup> regarding a new Downsville Water District Hookup/Contract; we came up with three options for them to hookup to our system: 1) DEP Funds and Town completes entire design, filling and construction; 2) DEP funds and Town brings water connection to DEP property line under Rte. 30; 3) DEP is responsible for design, filling and construction of entire project. WPO and Supervisor suggest option 2. Board discussed. Supervisor commented that we need to talk to an engineer; we would like to go from the well house with a meter there; we will have shut offs on both sides of Rte. 30 and then DEP will be responsible from the well house to their property and they pay for everything.

Supervisor reported that Kevin Doig had graduated from the Police Academy on June 27<sup>th</sup>; we need to make a pay rate adjustment for him. Board discussed.

NO. 83-2018 08/15/18 Pay Rate Adjustment for Police Officer Kevin Doig

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kevin Doig has completed the Police Academy on June 27, 2018 and has completed his Field Training;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves a pay rate change for Part-time Police Officer Kevin Doig of \$20.50 effective June 28, 2018 and hereby approves all retro payments to be made;

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

Supervisor reported that we received a check from FEMA for last year's snow disaster in the amount of \$4,182.00.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Closed Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> hooking up generator
- Town Hall Closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> with Public Hearing at 7PM

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.14-2018 Voucher No.414-442; Totaling \$51,091.54.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the Snowmobile Club is sponsoring a safety course on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$25.00 per person; a limit of 10 people.

Councilwoman Markert asked if we should be managing the transfer station a little better. Supervisor replied that we have had discussions at the transfer station regarding enforcing the rules better.

Hwy Supt Eck reported that information received at the Delaware County Fair regarding flag poles has been given to the Supervisor.

Councilwoman Markert suggested that the cherry trees in front of the cemetery need trimming. Supervisor replied that this is not the time of year to do this; he will have a conversation with Peter Heimbuecher regarding the matter.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend  
Town Clerk