

June 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 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
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Vicky Klukkert-The Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Alan Donner, Gene & Ruth Wilhowsky and Fred Carpenter.

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, June 05, 2019 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Joan Homovich inquired if \$10,000 grant was a firm amount to manage the Downsville Park Paddle Trail/Walking Bridge Project? Supervisor replied that this was a matching grant, 50-50; we will use in-kind services to match this grant. Ms. Homovich asked who was on the ad hoc committee. Supervisor replied that this committee is also the Revitalization Committee and some of the members are: Barry Jones, Anne Flannery, Mary Brawley-Fuat, Bonnie Seegmiller, Jeannie Langdon and others.

Ruth Wilhowsky commented that there have been discussions regarding Police Reports going to the newspaper weekly; didn't see it this week. Supervisor replied that the Board receives them monthly and believes our police dept. sends them to the paper monthly.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYCDEP- Negative Declaration: Proposed revisions to Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York: "Rules for the Recreational Use of Water Supply Lands and Waters".
- John & Barbara Giarretta- Thank You letter to Law Enforcement Agencies in each state, in hope that it gets to all officers in the USA.

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

- Town Justice DeRosia- May 2019.
- Town Justice Edel- May 2019.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has sent a letter to DCS in regards to Supporting the Government Efficiency Grant Program and a copy of last meeting's resolution was also included.

Supervisor reported that we are making a court appearance tomorrow in regards to the petition we received on June 04, 2019, a Petition for Not Proceeding with Permanent or Leased Police Building for Police and Police Vehicles; the Town Board had authorized the Supervisor and Town Attorney to prepare and file an objection to said petition.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received a request from Sarah Hood to continue the Aqua-Fit Program, two classes a week for six weeks starting the first week of July at the Town of Colchester Pool; Sarah has been doing this since 2013. Board discussed.

NO. 68-2019 06/19/19 Authorize Aqua-Fit Program at Town Pool

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Sarah Hood of Head to Toe Fitness Studio to hold an Aqua-Fit Program, two classes a week for six weeks starting the first week of July at the Town of Colchester Pool located at 14728 State Hwy 30, Downsville, New York.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Clerk's Office Closing at Noon on Fridays starting June 21st through August 30th
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., July 3rd @ 7PM
- Town Clerk's Office Closed Thurs. July 4th and Friday July 5th

Councilman Lavorgna inquired if we could put out an advertisement similar to Liberty's; a map and business cards within the area. Supervisor replied that our Chamber of Commerce does this and the Town gives money to them each year for advertisement.

Councilwoman Markert asked why the Town does not offer a Veterans' Tax Relief Program. Supervisor replied that we do have a program; suggested to see the Assessors.

Councilwoman Markert inquired about the cardboard box trailer at the Transfer Station and who mows the grass there? Supervisor replied that the TS Superintendent asked residents when dropping off their cardboard and the majority stated that they liked the trailer where it is, therefore it is staying there; and the TS Super mows the area with an old cemetery mower.

Board held discussion on the Gregory Hollow Road Stream Crossing Project; Engineer has sent a bid proposal and has since moved from the area; Highway Supt will contact Steve Swenson of DEC to get clarification on bid documents. Board approved going to bid.

NO. 69-2019 06/19/19 Bid Gregory Hollow Road Stream Crossing Project

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town has entered in contract with Tau Engineering PC for engineering services for the replacement of the culvert over Tiffany Hollow Brook along Gregory Hollow Road Stream Creek Project, and have completed bid documents for said project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby gives authorization to Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to advertise for bids for Gregory Hollow Road Stream Crossing Project.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson.

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, Gregory L. Lavorgna	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	voting aye
Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson	voting aye

The resolution was declared to be duly adopted by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester.

Highway Supt Eck reported that upon recommendation of the Town Attorney we are rejecting all bids for the 4x4 Pickup Truck. Town Attorney reported that there are reason to reject the lowest bid, however in the minutes and resolution note purpose for not accepting the low bid; we need to justify the purchase. Board discussed.

NO. 70-2019 06/19/19 Reject All Bids –Mini-Bid #19050070 4x4 Pickup Truck

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, six bids were received for NYSOGS Mini-Bid #19050070 4x4 Pickup Truck; and

WHEREAS, said bids were on various pickup trucks and various specifications not meeting our fleet needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby rejects all bids received for the NYSOGS Mini-Bid #19050070 4x4 Pickup Truck.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.11-2019 Voucher No.323-348; Totaling \$361,860.16.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:34 PM. Town Clerk, Highway Supt and Town Attorney were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 7:52 PM. Board held discussion and made the following resolutions.

NO. 71-2019 06/19/19 Re-bid 4x4 Pickup Truck

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Highway Superintendent Kenneth Eck to re-bid for a 2019 or newer 4x4 Pickup Truck off the NYSOGS Mini-Bid #19070011 of the New York State Vehicle Marketplace.

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

NO. 72-2019 06/19/19 Accept Letter of Resignation of Councilwoman Champlin

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Janet Champlin plans to retire from Downsville Central School as of June 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Retirement System has notified her that in order to include her retirement contributions from the Town of Colchester in her retirement package, she must resign her position on the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Janet Champlin has handed in a letter of resignation from the office of Town of Colchester Member of Council for NYS retirement purposes, effective June 29, 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts letter of resignation from Councilwoman Champlin with consideration of her re-appointment at the July 03, 2019 Town Board Meeting.

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

Highway Supt Kenneth Eck submitted three quotes for a laptop to be used by the FEMA Clerk:

Dell New Inspiron 17" 3000 Summary	\$948.99
HP Envy Laptop	\$999.99
Idea Pad L 340 17" Gaming Laptop	\$1,039.99

Board discussed.

NO. 73-2019 06/19/19 Purchase Laptop Computer for Highway Dept.

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Highway Superintendent Kenneth Eck to purchase a Dell New Inspiron 17" 3000 Summary Laptop Computer at the price of \$948.99 for the use of the Highway Department.

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

Highway Supt Eck reported that the highway backup generator is not working; we need a new circuit board; Kinsley Power Systems has given a quote of \$2,914.61 to remove and replace the ATS Controller. Board discussed.

NO. 74-2019 06/19/19 Highway Backup Generator

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the quote of Kinsley Power Systems of \$2,914.61 to remove and replace the ATS Controller of the Town's highway generator and hereby authorizes Highway Supt Kenneth Eck to enter into contract with Kinsley Power Systems.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that we are getting things ready at the pool; new pump is causing an issue with electrical panel; Nelson boys are doing a lot of work to the bath houses.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk