

December 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, December 4, 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: Joyce Steflik Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Vicky Klukkert-The Reporter, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Alan Donner, and Darlene Beers.

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 20, 2019 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlain made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering stated the contract for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537: Contract #TC1-G-2019 was sent to contractor, Richard W. Wakeman, Inc. and he is waiting for a response; project will start in the spring and take about 2 to 3 months to complete.

Mr. Francisco suggested scheduling the Public Hearing for the Getaway Campground Project on January 15, 2020.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Merrill reported that the permit for the Christmas Parade was approved; it will be held December 14, 2019 at 4:30 to 7 PM.

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

- Planning Board- October 17, 2019 Minutes.
- Town Justice DeRosia- November 2019.
- Town Justice Edel- November 2019.

Hwy Supt Eck reported that Paul G. Ryder III Construction has almost completed the Cooks Falls Garage Project; some electrical and exterior work remains.

Hwy Supt reported that the structure is in for the Tiffany Hollow Project and Dave Doig will be done with filling in Thursday; black top and guard rails will be done next season.

NYCDEP Downsville Water District Contract—Contract to Bid - Supervisor will call.

NYSCDBG Project – nothing new

Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project requested another map which Supervisor Merrill will take care of.

Supervisor reported that UniFirst maintenance crew has been selected to supply and clean carpets in and outside the Town Hall for \$35 a visit.

Board reviewed the Wages for 2020; a discussion followed. These rates will be adopted at the Organizational Meeting.

Supervisor asked for a motion to hold the Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2020. Board discussed.

NO.137-2019 12/04/19 Organizational Meeting

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, (Public Officers Law, Article 7) that the Town of Colchester Town Board will hold its Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 02, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the regular meeting be held immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

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

Supervisor Merrill asked for a motion to hold the Public Hearing for the Getaway Campground on January 15, 2020. Discussion was held.

NO. 138-2019 12/04/19 Public Hearing Getaway Campground

Janet Champlain made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby gives notice that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding a State Environmental Quality Review of the following project: Getaway Campground, Miller Hollow Road, Downsville, New York. Such public hearing will be held Wednesday, the 15th day of January, 2020 at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that further notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

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

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of Anne Miceli as Justice Clerk. Supervisor requested a motion to appoint her as Justice Court Clerk.

NO. 139-2019 12/04/19 Appoint Anne Miceli as Justice Clerk

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints Anne P. Miceli of Downsville, New York as a Part-time Justice Clerk for the Town of Colchester Downsville Court, at the pay rate of \$14.80 per hour with no benefits.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Christmas Party-Friday, December 13th @ Noon- bring a dish to pass.
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., December 18th at 7 PM

Councilwoman Markert asked who is responsible for the snow removal on the Knox Ave. Bridge. Supervisor Merrill and Hwy Supt Eck stated that the Town Hwy does not maintain the edges of bridges. Hwy Supt Eck added that the proposed Knox Ave. Bridge will not have a raised edge; therefore it will no longer be an issue.

Councilwoman Markert asked about removing the trees between the former Eagle Hotel property and Duke's. Since they purchased Duke's, Tom Markert would like to clear the trees from that area. Attorney Mike DeGroat replied that would be fine as long as they sent a letter to the Town to indemnify the Town of Colchester in case of injuries.

Councilman Lavorgna asked about status of replacing the two hydrants not working on Clark Street and State Hwy 206 near Oberg. Supervisor replied at this point funds are not available and weather is not favorable to replace.

Hwy Supt Eck reported mechanical issues with the recently repaired Cooks Falls truck and it was towed back to the repair shop. He also stated that one new truck would be coming this week.

Hwy Supt also reported that all of the new Highway employees are working out well.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No. 22-2019 Voucher No. 687-717; Totaling \$185,045.29.

Upon the recommendation of the Supervisor, Janet Champlain made the motion to go into executive session to discuss cleaning personnel, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:34 PM. Board held discussion. Janet Champlain made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:03 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Janet Champlain made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Joyce T. Steflik, Deputy Town Clerk