

June 03, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 03, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Mark W. Mattson Councilman
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman
Recording Secretary: Joyce T. Steflik Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Officer Cawley, Alan Donner. Those present over ZOOM: Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Bonnie Seegmiller, Lillian Browne-Reporter, Roberta Dunker, Darleen Beers, Jeremy Jenkusky, Sarah Hood, Joyce Specter, Dave

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting on May 20, 2020 at this time.

Lillian Browne and Bonnie Seegmiller requested copies of all reports.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that the DWD filtration tank is here; work cannot proceed since grant money is not being disbursed; Mr. Francisco will look into grant funding and project status.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

- Police- May 2020 Activity Report.
- Town Justice DeRosia- March 2020.
- Annual Drinking Water Quality Reports for 2019 for Downsville and Cooks Falls Water Districts

Supervisor Merrill reported on the following:

Cooks Falls Garage Project-Paul Ryder is waiting on three pieces of trim to finish the project.

Tiffany Hollow/Gregory Hollow Culver Project – waiting for box beam trim for guide rails.

NYCDEP DWD Contract– no reply from NYC.

NYS CDBG – nothing new.

Downsville Park Paddle Trail Project – Supervisor and Highway Supt will meet next week.

Summer Youth Employment – Applications have been received for the Pool from Mackenzie Burnham, Gabrielle Ryan, Margaret Towsley, Luccia Martucci and Director Janice Stickle. Also an application from Nathan Valentine for summer employment. Board discussed.

NO. 40-2020 06/03/2020 Appoint 2020 Pool Personnel

Upon the recommendation of Supervisor Merrill, Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires the following pool personnel at corresponding wages for the 2020 Pool Season contingent on opening:

Janice L. Stickle	Pool Recreation Director	\$15.00 per hour
Gabrielle L. Ryan	Returning Full Time Lifeguard	\$11.80 per hour
Luccia L. Martucci	Returning Full Time Lifeguard	\$11.80 per hour

Mackenzie B. Burnham Returning Full Time Lifeguard \$11.80 per hour
Margaret M. Towsley Full Time Lifeguard \$11.80 per hour

Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NO. 41-2020 06/03/2020 Appoint 2020 Seasonal Highway Laborer

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town's Summer/Youth Employment Policy states that youths must be students continuing their education and must be enrolled full-time status and verification of student status is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Nathan Valentine as a 2020 seasonal highway laborer at a rate of \$11.80 per hour with no benefits.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that verification of all necessary documents must be completed and filed before he will be allowed to start work.

Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Councilwoman Markert presented a draft proposal regarding the operation of the pool for Re-Open NY Phase 4. Supervisor Merrill read the draft proposal. Discussion followed.

NO. 42-2020 06/03/2020 Draft 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines

Upon the recommendation of Supervisor Merrill, Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing pandemic caused by COVID-19 and at the advice of the Governor, the Colchester Town Swimming Pool will not open until we have reached Phase 4 of Re-Open NY. Therefore, it is recommended that when Phase 3 begins the Town should start preparing the pool to open; and

WHEREAS, the COVID guidelines will only allow the pool to operate at 50% capacity and social distancing will be required. Therefore, only 44 people will be allowed in the pool area at one time. Because of this, priority will be given to residents and taxpayers of the Town of Colchester for the 2020 season. Swimming Permits will be issued based on applications that will be reviewed and verified by the Pool Committee and Pool Director; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Red Cross Life Guard Class will be offered to maintain staffing for the coming season; the class will follow all Red Cross guidelines and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of The Town of Colchester hereby accepts this draft proposal of the 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines.

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

Supervisor reported that we have not received the DOH Pool Permit Application; he will look into it.

Board held discussion on a COVID-19 Stipend/Comp Time.

NO.43-2020 06/03/2020 COVID-19 Stipend/Comp Time

Upon the recommendation of Supervisor Merrill, Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Officer Cawley, Officer Gavette and Transfer Station Supt. Kipp had no choice but to continue working during the COVID-19 shutdown of other offices.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED they should be compensated for their time. (\$\$?)

Resolution seconded by Arthur Merrill; Mark Mattson-nay, Julie Markert-nay, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Janet Champlin-nay, Arthur Merrill-aye. Resolution was defeated.

Highway Supt. Ken Eck presented information on a new truck for Cooks Falls. Board discussed.

NO. 44-2020 06/03/2020 2020 CV515 International Truck 4X4 with Plow

Greg Lavorgna 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 State or any agency thereof;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accept the Bid Reference Piggy Back Onondaga County Contract #ONGOV-106-19 of Stadium International Trucks for a 2020 CV515 International Truck 4x4 22,5000CVW Chassis with Boss 10 ft. Plow for the price of \$92,824.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the purchase of one 2020 CV515 International Truck 4x4 with Boss 10 ft. Plow for the delivered price of \$92,824.00; pending verification of Piggy Back Onondaga County and/or State Bid.

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

Highway Supt reported that the water leak will be fixed on Thursday.

Supervisor Merrill commented that the paving on Back River Road looks great.

Councilman Greg Lavorgna said that the Cooks Falls Court is getting ready to open but there are still bees around the door. Hwy Supt replied he would send someone over to take care of them.

Supervisor stated that the Downsville Court would not be opening right away since Judge Edel is in the hospital.

Board discussed the covered bridge traffic. Many are not adhering to the signs for limited traffic. Supervisor Merrill will talk with Sue McIntyre about the possibility of getting larger signs. A decision was made to have the police department put up cameras and give tickets for violations. Also brought up was that the light needed replacing.

Supervisor reported that the Gregorytown Cemetery had damage to some gravestones. The police investigated and reported that it didn't look like vandalism but that someone had swerved off the road and hit them. Cemetery Supervisor Nathan Homovich told Supervisor Merrill that they could fix them.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcement:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., June 17th at 7PM – may also be Zoom mtg.

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. 11-2020; Voucher No.277-296; Totaling \$19,283.36.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joyce T. Steflik, Deputy Town Clerk