

June 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:04 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Mark W. Mattson Councilman entered at 7:08
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman
Recording Secretary: Joyce Steflik Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Officer Ernest Cawley, Ron MacDonald and Alan Donner. On Zoom- Julie Townsend, Darlene Beers, Bonnie Seegmiller, Lillian Browne-The Reporter, David and Maryann Hollenbaugh, Galaxy S9, Galaxy S10E

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

The minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting and the last meeting, June 3, 2020 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting as written, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes of June 3, 2020 meeting as written, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Navastar – confirmation of order for the 2020 International truck
- Excellus – regarding rate increase of 7.9% for those who pay toward their H.I effective January 1, 2021.
- Senator Metzger – Press Release to rename Downsville bridge in honor of Veterans
- Department of Taxation and Finance – regarding special equalization rate
- CHIPS DOT – budget amounts as expected. Total \$334,112.95 – could be cut as much as 20%. Still have roll-over money of \$77,500.00 and have spent \$267,290.36 so far.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- May 2020- 29 customers balance due \$2,180.00; Receipts of \$2,110.01 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- May 2020- 76 customers balance due \$13,994.18; Receipts of \$17,083.48 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- May 2020- Total disbursed \$1,394.61 of which \$1,350.11 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice DeRosia- April 2020 and May 2020.

Supervisor Merrill reported on the following:

Downsville Water District – Filtration of the Spring System – Work has begun and the tank has been put in.

Cooks Falls Water District– Still waiting for trim to be delivered.

Tiffany Hollow/Gregory Hollow Culvert Replacement project–Still waiting for guard rail pieces.

NYCDEP – Still waiting for contract

NYS CDBG – Moving forward

Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project – Ready for next stage of demolition.

Town Pool: 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines

Councilwoman Markert presented the amended 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines. Board Discussed.

NO. 45-2020 06/17/20 Adopt 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines

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 open once NYSDOH has approved our pool permit application; and

WHEREAS, the COVID guidelines will only allow the pool to operate at 50% capacity and social distancing will be required. Therefore, only 45 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 adopts the proposal of the 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines.

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

Councilwoman Markert presented a draft of pool rules and the application form needed to obtain permission to use the pool; rules and application form was drawn up by Pool Director, Janice Stickle. Board discussed and made some additions.

NO. 46-2020 06/17/20 2020 Colchester Town Pool Guidelines

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, due to Corona virus concerns and regulations plus a shortage of staff, the Town Pool will be open daily Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm until 8:00pm. We will be closed on Saturdays and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, we are implementing a permit process with numbered wristbands that are to be worn when you come to the pool for full-time residents and tax payers of the Town of Colchester. If you are issued a band you must wear it at all times in the pool area. No band, no swimming. Applications will be available at the Town Hall, at the pool and other locations to be announced; and

WHEREAS, at reopening we are limited to approximately 45 patrons, not including life guards. There will be a 2 hour time limit that can be extended if not at capacity. If we reach capacity and people are waiting, the earliest to arrive will be asked to leave so that others can swim as well; and

WHEREAS, upon arriving at the pool you will be signed in with the date and time and will be asked how you are feeling, etc.; and

WHEREAS, family groups will be allowed to sit together but we are requesting that you wear a mask outside of the pool unless you can practice social distancing of the required 6 ft. (for example: bathrooms); and

WHEREAS, we will be providing wipes for you to wipe down your lounges and chairs before you use them and again when you are done using them, much like at tanning salons; and

WHEREAS, toys will be allowed in the kiddie pool because the chlorine from the pool water will sanitize them; and

WHEREAS, all regular pool rules apply as always. In addition, 1st offense will be issued a verbal warning, 2nd offense will lose 1 week of swimming privileges and 3rd will lose swimming privileges for the season.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Town Board of The Town of Colchester hereby adopts the proposal for the 2020 Colchester Town Pool Guidelines.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that the pool has been drained and cleaned, painting next and then filling the pool; Supervisor is completing the pool permit to operate and will be mailed Thursday.

DWD Water Plant Operator Ron MacDonald reported that Russell Williams has been having a problem getting water to his family's home at 211 Tub Mill Rd, designated by tax map number 339.-1-47; the house is above the water tank so water is pumped up; the line was put in during the 1960's and it appears there may be a hole in the line; the line from the house runs under the road to the shut-off valve and Mr. Williams would like it dug up. Supervisor Merrill suggested digging up the line from the house to the road to determine if the leak is there before anything else is done. Mr. Williams should not dig up the road. Board discussed further.

NO. 47-2020 06/17/20 211 Tub Mill Rd. Water Problem

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Downsville Water District guidelines states that the upkeep of the water line from the shut-off valve to the house is the responsibility of the homeowner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester declares since the problem is in their water line, the cost of fixing the water line is totally the responsibility of the homeowners; Russell R. Williams and Patricia Schuenzel.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all approved, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., July 1, 2020 at 7PM
- Town Clerk Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday – Friday; please call for an appointment; Masks are required.
- The transfer station is open regular hours now; Tues. thru Sun. from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Town Attorney Michael DeGroat announced that he would be retiring at the end of this year. He recommends a member of his law firm as his replacement to meet with Supervisor Merrill to discuss options. Councilwoman Julie Markert mentioned we could look into the possibility of shared services with the Downsville Central School.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert 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. 12 Voucher No 297-322.; Totaling \$279,439.98.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joyce T. Steflik, Deputy Town Clerk