

July 01, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, July 01, 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: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Officer Cawley and Alan Donner.

ZOOM Attendees: Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Bonnie Seegmiller, Rob Hafele, Darlene Beers and Maryann Hollenbaugh.

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 17, 2020 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering gave an update on the DWD Filtration Plant Project: Richard W. Wakeman, Inc. pouring floor tomorrow and on Monday, they will start laying blocks for the building; EFC is releasing funds now. Supervisor replied that we will see what bills we have on project to turn in for reimbursement.

Mr. Francisco stated that the Miller Hollow Campground Project is progressing.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance- Special Segment Equalization Rate for the 2020-2021 School Levy Final Notice of Determination- the Town of Colchester segment of the Roscoe School District is approved and is hereby established at 2.49.
- Free ACIRX Card- Free Discount Prescription Cards- Info is post on Bulletin Board.
- Delaware County Board of Supervisors- copy of letter sent to Downsville Fire Dept.- Downsville Field Days July 10-11, 2020 COVID-19 Prevention. Supervisor replied that the DFD has decided to have on one day only, Sat. July 11th.
- Del. Co. Dept. of Planning & Watershed affairs- March-April-May 2020 NCY Land Acquisition Report for Delaware County.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- June 2020- 21 customers balance due \$1,825.00; Receipts of \$350.01 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- June 2020- 37 customers balance due \$4,417.96; Receipts of \$9,576.30 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- June 2020- Total disbursed \$2,177.00 of which \$2,146.00 was Town revenues.
- Police- June 2020 Activity Report.

Supervisor Merrill commented that we heard the report from Jeff Francisco that the DWD Filtration Project is under way; should be operational by the end of August.

Supervisor reported that the Cooks Falls Garage Project is still waiting for trim.

Supervisor Merrill reported that guiderails still need to be installed for the Tiffany/Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Project.

Supervisor reported that he signed 32 letters today for 8 different tribal groups for the CDBG Project; Delaware Opportunities is hoping for ten projects; they are asking for a time extension due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we are in the boat permit application process for the Downsville Park Paddle Project.

Supervisor reported that at the last meeting we adopted the 2020 Pool Operation Guidelines; applications for swimming permits are available; taxpayers of town of Colchester only this year; waiting for the Pool Permit from the NYSDOH before opening. Councilwoman Markert expressed her opinion that we should open the pool without permit. Supervisor replied that we will only open pool once we have our NYSDOH Permit.

Supervisor Merrill commented that we need to discuss Police Vehicles; we approved to purchase a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe on October 2, 2019, but found out that we were too late and did not make the list; we should discuss plans to purchase a police vehicle, a 2021 to replace the 2016 Ford vehicle; we should also look at getting one next year, a 2022 to replace the 2018 Ford. Officer Cawley will submit new information once new police vehicle notice has been posted.

Hwy Supt Kenneth Eck inquired about getting paychecks Thursday, as the banks are closed Friday, July 3rd. Supervisor replied that we had anticipated banks being closed at the Organizational Meeting, checks are dated for Thursday, July 2nd but the banks are opened on Friday, July 3rd, the Holiday is July 4th.

Hwy Supt Eck reported that he has received a quote from Keystone Associates for a GEO Tech Study for boring on Horse Brook Road and Fuller Brook Road; they quoted that it would be under \$12,000 for the two sites. Board discussed.

NO. 48-2020 07/01/20 Engineering Services Contract with Keystone Associates

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester will require professional engineering services for a Geo Tech Study on Horse Brook Road and Fuller Brook Road;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Highway Supt Kenneth Eck to execute an Engineering Agreement for the mentioned projects and to enter into Contract with Keystone Associates in accordance with the scope of services and not to exceed \$12,000 in total cost.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have hired four lifeguards; have heard that there may be others interested but not in the Township. Board discussed.

NO. 49-2020 07/01/20 Certified Lifeguards

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester is seeking more certified lifeguard applications;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the advertisement that the Town of Colchester is seeking applications of any available Certified Lifeguards.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., June 15th at 7PM

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the status of the Eagle Hotel Lot. Supervisor replied that Dollar General's Developer was here last Wed.; last Friday, sonar testing was done and moving forward; contract should be ready by August; they have a few issues: stone wall on Klindt's side and large rocks on other side; rocks should be easily moved. Councilwoman Markert inquired about trucking out material. Supervisor replied that DEC is willing to leave there and not disturb; more dirt may need to be brought in. Bonnie Seegmiller asked if a referendum was needed to get public input. Supervisor did not think so, but will contact Town Attorney.

Councilwoman Markert stated that there is some over growth on Knox Ave. Hwy Supt Eck replied that he is taking care of it.

Councilwoman Markert commented that she had heard rumors that an appointed town official had turned in some businesses/organizations for not endorsing NYS rules about wearing face masks while they were trying to make a living. Supervisor replied that we have no protocol to enforce; a complaint goes to 911 then to Public Health then Town Supervisor.

Councilwoman Champlin commented that the water is brown at the Fire Hall. Supervisor stated that we haven't had any complaints; he will contact WPO Ron MacDonald.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson 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. 13-2020 Voucher No.323-342; Totaling \$37,255.11.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Mattson, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk