

September 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, September 16, 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., Alan Donner, Rob Hafele and Officer Cawley.

ZOOM attendees: none

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, September 02, 2020 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: none.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

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

- Town Justice DeRosia- August 2020.
- Town Justice Edel- July 2020 and August 2020.

Supervisor Merrill reported that things are wrapping up for the Downsville Water District Filtration Project; we have received Payment No.2 to Richard W. Wakeman in the amount of \$52,687.00; since we do not meet until October 7<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor would like approval to pay this pending approval from Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering; we have also received an invoice from Del. Eng. in the amount of \$4,900; we will need to make a requisition to the DWSRF to be able to pay both of the invoices. Board discussed.

NO. 69-2020 09/16/20 Payment No.2 to Richard W. Wakeman, Inc.

Upon recommendation from Delaware Engineering, P.C., Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves Contractor's Application for Payment No.1 to Richard W. Wakeman, Inc. for Contract No. TC1-G-2017, Downsville Water System Improvement Project and hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to pay this request in the amount of \$52,687.00 pending approval from Delaware Engineering.

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

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

NO. 70-2020 09/16/20 DWSRF 17537 Requisition No.4

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester had applied for funding for the Downsville Water District Improvement Project, D0-17537; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation has approved the aforementioned application; and

WHEREAS, the Town may now request disbursements for project costs; and

WHEREAS, such funds will be automatically deposited in the project account,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and submit such paperwork as is necessary to receive said funds in the amount of \$57,587.00 for Requisition No.4.

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

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

Supervisor reported that the CDBG Project is moving along; CEO Tom Zampolin is receiving permit applications from Delaware Opportunities.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the pool water line has not been moved yet; it will get done this fall; the pool water has been shut off at the Eagle Hotel/Dollar General lot.

Supervisor reported that the rain date for the Music in the Park Event that was to be held last Sunday is this Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.

Supervisor Merrill reported that any requests for the 2021 Budget needs to get to the Supervisor soon; the tentative budget is due to the Town Clerk by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and a copy will be submitted to the Board at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor reported that the pool is shut down; season seemed to run smoothly this year.

Supervisor Merrill stated that it is time to bid out fuel for the vehicles and buildings; an ad will be placed; bids are due on October 21<sup>st</sup> by 2PM in the Town Hall at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded at the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. Board discussed.

NO. 71-2020 09/16/20 Bid Proposal No.01-20 Fuel

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to advertise for bids for the purpose of purchasing the following fuels: No. 2 Heating Fuel and Kerosene to be delivered as needed to various buildings in the Town; Propane to be delivered to the highway garages located at 6292 River Road, Downsville and 20246 County Hwy 17, Cooks Falls and the DWD Water Building at 222 Tub Mill Road, Downsville; Diesel Fuel and Winter Blend to be delivered to the highway garage located at 6292 River Road, Downsville. Bids will be received at the office of the Colchester Town Clerk, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York until 2:00 PM on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall on October 21, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

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

Supervisor reported that the contract with the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District to furnish fire and emergency protection to the territory known as "Colchester Fire Protection District" expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>; we need to negotiate a new five year contract; we will send a letter to the

Roscoe-Rockland Fire Commissioners with the recommendation to stay at \$12,000 for the next five years; we will wait for a response and we will hold a public hearing to hear comments on the contract. Board discussed.

NO. 72-2020 09/16/20 Public Hearing Colchester Fire Protection District

Greg Lavorgna 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 in the matter of the contract renewal with the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District to furnish fire and emergency protection to the territory known as "Colchester Fire Protection District". Such public hearing will be held Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 at 7:00 PM 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 Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Councilwoman Markert commented that there is a concern with the sidewalk near the bank; something should get done before next year. Supervisor replied that the water line leak and hydrant will get fixed as soon as we can and then repair the sidewalk; sidewalk is dug up and is no worse than before; will get done before winter.

Councilwoman Champlin commented that the Dairy distribution went well on Monday; we served 268 families. Delaware Opportunities would like to do a Food Distribution this year.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., October 7<sup>th</sup> with a Public Hearing at 7PM.

Supervisor commented that we will need community input for a new required policy "NYS Police Reform & Reinvention Collaboration Policy"; we have a guideline available and need to start soon.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Greg Lavorgna made the motion, seconded by Julie Markert, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No. 18-2020 Voucher No.475-507; Totaling \$185,717.03.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk