

October 07, 2020

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York on Wednesday, October 07, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall for the purpose of hearing the public's comments on 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".

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill.

Supervisor reported that the RRFD was notified of the public hearing and proposed contract of \$12,000 for each of the years 2021 through 2025.

No one spoke in favor of the contract renewal with the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District.

No one spoke against of the contract renewal with the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Public Hearing was declared closed by Supervisor Merrill at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, October 07, 2020 immediately following the Public Hearing at 7:08 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., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Alan Donner, James Noviello and Officer Cawley. ZOOM attendees: Bonnie Seegmiller and Whodat.

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 16, 2020 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that the DWD Filtration Plant should be up and running the last week of October; the springs are hooked up and we should not see any interruption of water service; well will be controlled by radio, when the springs need water it will kick on the well pump.

VISITOR COMMENTS: James Noviello addressed his concern of our Transfer Station with the Board: how is it funded? *Supervisor replied Taxpayers.* What are the C&D Regulations? *A 55 gallon drum (half of a pickup truck) per day per resident.* Perception is argumentative. If we are capable of doing a renovation ourselves we should be able to take as much C&D that we have. *We pay extra to the County for C&D material; we limit material so everyone can take to transfer station; other option is to take to County Landfill at a charge.* I suggest that we ask for more containers or picked up more often; have gone by transfer station many times and it looks like a mess; we don't want our township to have a bad reputation; we need a better policy. *This year we have gotten more C&D as residents have more time for renovations; we cannot control the*

*County pick-ups; they come Wednesday and Saturday; the County does not have extra dumpsters; residents get turned away all the time as the dumpsters fill up quickly; we might be able to persuade the County to come more often, but we are not the only transfer station in the County.* Mr. Noviello asked for a solution and stated that he may be back again. Board thanked him for his concern.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- John Cain, Solar Generations & ConEdison Solutions- Inquiring if the Town has interest in Solar Energy. Board discussed and agreed that they were not interested at this time.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- September 2020- 12 customers balance due \$1,985.00; Receipts of \$430.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- September 2020- 31 customers balance due \$5,994.53; Receipts of \$749.70 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- September 2020- Total disbursed \$2,462.81 of which \$2,438.81 was Town revenues.
- Police- September 2020 Activity Report.
- Town Justice DeRosia- September 2020.
- Town Justice Edel- September 2020.
- Planning Board- Minutes of July 16, 2020.
- Colchester Historian- Colchester History Connections Newsletter July 01, 2020.

Supervisor commented that we need to do a budget amendment for the DWD; we have received our payment request from the NYSEFC for the DWSRF #17537 Project. Board discussed.

NO. 73-2020 10/07/20 Budget Amendment for DWD

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Downsville Water District has made Requisition Number 4 to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount of \$57,587.00 for the DWD DWSRF #17537 Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has received said NYSEFC funds in the amount of \$7,797.48;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to amend the 2020 Budget by increasing the DWD Revenue State Aid/Water Capital Project Fund #3991.08 by \$57,587.00 and increasing the DWD Appropriations Rehabilitation Grant Fund #8668.4.08 by \$57,587.00.

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 Merrill reported that James Amato was in today and signed the Easement for the DWD water line for the Town Pool; we will forgive the water bills starting this month; the waterline to the pool still needs to be installed.

Supervisor reported that Bid Proposal No.01-20 Fuel is due Wed., October 21<sup>st</sup> by 2PM.

Supervisor asked the Board to adopt the proposed resolution for the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District to furnish fire and emergency protection to the territory known as the “Colchester Fire Protection District at a budget contract of \$12,000 each year for the next five years. Board discussed.

NO. 74-2020 10/07/20 Roscoe-Rockland Fire District

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as Public Hearing was duly held on October 07, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Colchester Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf or in opposition to said proposed Fire District Contract or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to renew said contract for the term of five years with the following amounts:

2021- \$12,000.00

2022- \$12,000.00

2023- \$12,000.00

2024- \$12,000.00

2025- \$12,000.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby gives authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the renewal contract with the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District to furnish fire and emergency protection to the territory known as the “Colchester Fire Protection District”.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that Delaware Opportunities has sent us another project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp. has approved bid for File No.TCOL-05 to D&N Improvements in the amount of \$26,980.00; the Community Development Specialist estimated the total cost of the project at \$27,220.19 plus an additional \$575 for cost of Lead Based Paint Risk Assessment by EcoSpect Inc. Board discussed.

NO. 75-2020 10/07/20 CDBG #260HR301-18 Board Approval No. TCOL-05

Upon recommendation of Delaware Opportunities Inc., Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No. TCOL-05 for the CDBG Project #260HR301-18, Housing Rehabilitation Grant and hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said grant approval in the amount of \$27,555.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that Delaware Opportunities has sent us another project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp. has approved bid for File No.TCOL-06 to D&N Improvements in the amount of \$26,250.00; the Community Development Specialist estimated the total cost of the project at \$26,939.27 plus an additional \$575 for cost of Lead Based Paint Risk Assessment by EcoSpect Inc. Board discussed.

NO. 76-2020 10/07/20 CDBG #260HR301-18 Board Approval No. TCOL-06

Upon recommendation of Delaware Opportunities Inc., Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No. TCOL-06 for the CDBG Project #260HR301-18, Housing Rehabilitation Grant and hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said grant approval in the amount of \$26,825.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that Delaware Opportunities has sent us another project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp.

has approved bid for File No.TCOL-08 to Christian Brothers Home Improvement, Inc. in the amount of \$32,500.00; the Community Development Specialist estimated the total cost of the project at \$36,613.92 plus an additional \$610 for cost of Lead Based Paint Risk Assessment by EcoSpect Inc. Board discussed.

NO. 77-2020 10/07/20 CDBG #260HR301-18 Board Approval No. TCOL-08

Upon recommendation of Delaware Opportunities Inc., Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No. TCOL-08 for the CDBG Project #260HR301-18, Housing Rehabilitation Grant and hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said grant approval in the amount of \$33,110.00.

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

Supervisor reported that he received a phone call from Ms. Kilpatrick stating that the Town was in the wrong by leaving political signs on Town property; Supervisor looked into signs in the area; we have no signs on Town property; if she is referring to signs between the road and sidewalks that is on private home owners'; the Town only has an easement from the center of the road or a right-of-way. Councilman Lavorgna commented that leaving the political signs up after the election is littering. Supervisor agreed.

Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck reported that the highway garage is going through a lot of light bulbs and they are very expensive; he suggested to bid out a new LED lighting system for the interior of the highway garage and its installation. Board discussed.

NO. 78-2020 10/07/20 Bid No.02-20 Hwy Garage LED Lighting System

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Hwy Supt. Kenneth R. Eck to advertise for bids for the purpose of purchasing a new interior LED lighting system for the highway garage located at 6292 River Road, Downsville and its installation and removal of previous 41 High Bay Light Fixtures. Bids will be received at the office of the Colchester Town Clerk, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York until Noon (12:00 PM) on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall.

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

Town Clerk presented the 2021 Tentative Budget to the Town Board Members and the Supervisor presented an Operating Statement as of 9/30/2020. Supervisor went over the Tentative Budget line by line and Board discussed.

General Fund Appropriations Increase of 51,690:

Increase of 19,390 for 2.5% raises, adjustment to Retirement and Soc. Sec.

Increase of 35,000 for health & dental insurance

Decrease of 2,700 in contractual

General Fund Estimated Revenues Increase of 6,000:

Increase of 1,000 for Cablevision and Increase of 5,000 for Mortgage Tax

General Fund Unexpended Balance Increase of 4,000

**General Fund Total Increase of 41,690 from 2020 Budget.**

Highway Fund Appropriations Decrease of 8,000:

Increase of 12,000 for 2.5% raises, adjustment to Retirement and Soc. Sec.

Decrease of 20,000 in contractual

Highway Fund Estimated Revenues Increase of 3,000:

Highway Fund Unexpended Balance Decrease of 5,000

**Highway Fund Total Decrease of 6,000 from 2020 Budget.**

**Total of 35,690 increase over 2020 Budget a 1.53% Increase over 2020 Budget.**

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
- Next Regular Meeting Wed., October 21st at 7PM - Live and ZOOM.

Councilman Lavorgna commented that the Cooks Falls Court would like to use the digital sign (near Paige Cemetery) for the Court if it was not going to be used. Board discussed.

**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. 19-2020 Voucher No.508-550; Totaling \$135,280.00.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Highway personnel issues, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:33 PM. Town Attorney, Town Clerk and Hwy Supt were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:52 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk