

December 02, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, December 02, 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
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Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Alan Donner, Rob Hafele and Officer Cawley.

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, November 18, 2020 had been distributed earlier. Julie Markert made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that the DWD Filtration Plant is on line now and working well; pumping 38,000gallons a day and the spring is running 25gallons a minute; Wakeman has been given a Punch-List of Complete the Radio System and the Electronics need adjusting to finish the project; Wakeman has 30days to complete the Punch-List; we need a signature from the Supervisor for the Certificate of Substantial Completion; once the Punch-List is completed, Wakeman and Delaware Engineering will sign the Certificate; we then can make final payment to Wakeman. Board discussed. Councilwoman Markert commented that the water is really good and getting positive feedback from the community.

NO.103-2020 12/02/20 Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester had awarded the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF#17537 Contract TC1-G-2017 to Richard W. Wakeman, Inc., for the base bid contract price of 404,801.00; and

WHEREAS, Richard W. Wakeman, Inc. has completed said project and has signed the Certificate of Substantial Completion; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has approved the completed project and has signed the Certificate of Substantial Completion; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the closeout package for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF#17537 Contract TC1-G-2017 and hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

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

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

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Auctions International- 8 items sold at the recent online auction for \$52,315 less commission fee of \$140, we received a check for \$52,175.00.
- Catskill Watershed Corp.- Notice of Preliminary Decisions of 12/02/2020: Resolution No. 3949 approved Future Stormwater Program application by Getaway Roscoe, LLC for reimbursement for design costs in an amount not to exceed \$8,566.96. And Resolution No.3950 approved MOA 145 Program application by Getaway Roscoe, LLC for reimbursement for design costs in an amount not to exceed \$8,566.96.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- November 2020- 4 customers balance due \$200; Receipts of \$405.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- November 2020- 6 customers balance due \$420; Receipts of \$3,166.22 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- November 2020- Total disbursed \$1,614.01 of which \$1,588.01 was Town revenues.
- Police- November 2020 Activity Report.
- Town Justice DeRosia- November 2020.
- Town Justice Edel- November 2020.
- Planning Board- Minutes September 17, 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.104-2020 12/02/20 Budget Amendment for DWD

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Downsville Water District has made Requisition Number 5 to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount of \$87,127.80 for the DWD DWSRF #17537 Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has received said NYSEFC funds in the amount of \$87,127.80;

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 \$87,127.80 and increasing the DWD Appropriations Rehabilitation Grant Fund #8668.4.08 by \$87,127.80.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert.

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 Delaware Opportunities has sent us a project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp. has approved bid for File No.TCOL-14 to Interstate Homes LLC in the amount of \$87,048.00; the Community Development Specialist estimated the total cost of the project at \$87,048.00. Total Grant approval of \$87,048.00. Board discussed.

NO.105-2020 12/02/20 CDBG #260HR301-18 Board Approval No. TCOL-14

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No. TCOL-14 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 \$87,048.00.

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

Supervisor reported that last meeting we decided to start the process to lower the speed limit on River Road and Fuller Hill/Horton Brook Road; Chris Biviano has calculated the mileage for these roads: River Road- 6970 River Road (Intersection NYS Hwy 30) to 6292 River Road (Hwy Garage) is .6 miles at 30mph; 6292 River Road to 4500 River Road (D'Addezio) is 1.6miles at 55mph; 4500 River Road to 3475 River Road (Donofrio) is 1.1miles at 30mph; 3475 River Road to the 1 River Road (Shinhopple) is 3.4miles at 55mph; a total of 6.7miles on River Road. 4141 Fuller Hill Road (Intersection River Road) to 1 Fuller Hill Road/2463 Horton Brook Road (Intersection Horton Brook Road) to 1Horton Brook Road (Intersection County Hwy 17) is 6.5miles at 55mph. Supervisor commented that instead of making the speed zone change he suggests to make it 30mph from NYS Hwy 30 to Donofrio's; he is not sure about changing Fuller Hill/Horton Brook Road. Board discussed. Board tabled the speed zones until all members could drive the roads and make their suggestions.

Supervisor Merrill submitted a draft of salaries for 2021. Board discussed and then set the organizational meeting for January 6th at 7pm.

NO.106-2020 12/02/20 Organizational Meeting

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, (Public Officers Law, Article 7) that the Town of Colchester Town Board will hold its Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 06, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the regular meeting be held immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

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

Supervisor reported that Bonnie Seegmiller, Planning Board Chair has submitted a letter that he read to the Board: *Don Lawrence's term on the Town of Colchester Planning Board expires 12/31/2020. He has decided not to serve an additional term. The members of the Planning Board would like to thank Don publicly for his service on the board. Don has served on the Board for a long time, since 2011/2012. During that time, he has been an invaluable member, contributing to discussions and helping the board to help members of the Colchester community. On behalf of the Town of Colchester Planning Board, we would publicly like to thank him. He will be greatly missed.*

Chair Seegmiller makes the recommendation to appoint Alan Donner (currently alternate member) as the full member for a five year term and appoint Joel Merton as the alternate member. Supervisor reported that we accept these two appointments and will make them official at the Organizational Meeting on January 6th.

Officer Ernest Cawley reported that we need a few more members for the "NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative"; this reform focuses and recognizes community of color; Officer Cawley is the Chairperson; Sabra Wright, Alan Donner and Dayette Zampolin have agreed to be on this committee; Councilwoman Champlin agreed to serve if needed and retired Police Officer Phil Lavorgna was suggested; we need to have our plan in order my April 1st, 2021.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting Wed., December 16th at 7PM - Live and ZOOM.
- Town Clerk's Office will be Closed Thurs., Dec. 24th and Fri., Dec. 25th
- Town Clerk's Office will be Closed Thurs., Dec. 31st and Fri., Jan. 1st

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Mark Mattson, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No. 23-2020 Voucher No.626-646; Totaling \$216,462.19.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk