

February 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 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., Joseph Angelino-NYS Assemblyman, Alan Donner and Officer Cawley. ZOOM attendees: Camille O'Brien-Office of Senator Mike Martucci, Bonnie Seegmiller and Ron MacDonald.

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, February 03, 2021 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: NYS Assemblyman Joseph Angelino introduced himself and stated that he likes to visit townships in his district; he has been working with Cliff Crouch and has been elected to the NYS Assembly; he is using the same staff, office and phone numbers as was Assemblyman Crouch; he stated that the Assembly is trying to restore the 20% hold on CHIPS Funds; he has been selected for many committees, including: Agriculture; Banks; Parks, Recreation & Tourism; Disabilities; and Investigations; he has been very busy, but if there are any concerns please contact him. Supervisor Merrill commented that he hopes the CHIPS 20% does not fall back on to the County; Delaware County Sales Tax has been okay.

VISITOR COMMENTS: ZOOM attendee Camille O'Brien-Office of Senator Mike Martucci commented that the Senator is looking into reassessing the number of Corona Virus Vaccines does by community size; understand that the rural areas are not getting enough vaccines.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- State of New York Dept. of State – Local Law 1 2021 was filed on February 08, 2021.
- Town of Tompkins- 2021 Contract for Shared Highway Services.

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

- Town Clerk- Annual Report for 2020.
- Town Justice DeRosia- January 2021.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Richard W. Wakeman Inc., has sent their final bill for the DWD Filtration of the Spring System, Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537 to Jeff Francisco at Delaware Engineering for review; once approved it will be sent to us for payment.

Supervisor reported that NYCDEP has not contacted our new Town Attorney regarding the Downsville Water District Hookup Contract.

Supervisor Merrill reported that there is nothing new on the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program Project.

Supervisor reported that the Downsville Park Paddle Project is moving along.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Speed Zone for River Road and Fuller Hill Road/Horton Brook Road have not been worked.

Supervisor reported that the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Committee held their second meeting last night; survey is out and will be put online; working on policies; the District Attorney and Public Defender have been added to this committee and have been very helpful.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received a Letter of Resignation from William Reichert as a Member of the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept William Reichert's Letter of Resignation with regret and thanks for his ten years of service, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor recommended appointing Ronnie L. MacDonald to the Board of Assessment Review to replace William Reichert; Ron has agreed to help out the Town as this term ends September 30, 2021 and training will be in May; the original term is for five year term and grievance day is the fourth Tuesday in May each year; we increased the stipend to \$200 for each member. Board discussed.
NO. 23-2021 02/17/21 Appoint Ronnie L. MacDonald to Board of Assessment Review
Upon recommendation from the Supervisor, Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints Ronnie L. MacDonald of Money Point Road, Downsville, New York to the Board of Assessment Review for the term of 02-17-2021 to 09-30-2021.

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

Supervisor reported that we need to get the word out that we need more Election Inspectors; each election pays \$250 and \$50 for training; Board of Elections has new procedures mandated for this year.

Highway Supt Eck reported that an injury occurred last week to a highway employee; they were working on a chain and it cut his finger and it required stitches; he is back to work.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired to the status of the union inquiry. Supervisor replied that we had to go back to hire date and give retro pay for those who went to an HEO2 status; contract is up this year and we are going to review and re-write this better.

Councilman Mattson reported that he has contacted a scrap metal hauler for a container at the transfer station; they have stated that they have a contract with Delaware County and would have to have authorization from the County first before considering this; freight costs are so high and they are 90 miles away round-trip, they really are not interested. Board discussed. Supervisor will contact the County and Councilman Mattson will research further.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired to the status of the new freightliner. Hwy Supt Eck replied that it still is under warranty and have not taken it back again; waiting for snow to quit so we will not be down a truck. Hwy Supt also reported that we have been running out of salt for every storm; supply is going elsewhere.

Councilwoman Champlin reported that she has received two phone calls regarding snowmobiles in Paige Cemetery; she has contacted the snowmobile owners and has taken care of the situation.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., March 3rd Live and ZOOM at 7PM.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin 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. 04-2021 Voucher No.99-136; Totaling \$379,191.63.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk