

April 07, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, April 07, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman entered at 7:10PM
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, Dan Pinner and Officer Cawley. ZOOM attendees: Ron MacDonald and Bonnie Seegmiller.

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, March 31, 2021 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Mattson, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE: none.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- March 2021- 13 customers balance due \$650.00; Receipts of \$200.01 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- March 2021- 21 customers balance due \$1,928.40; Receipts of \$688.81 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- March 2021- Total disbursed \$3,360.11 of which \$3,326.11 was Town revenues.
- Police- March 2021 Activity Report.
- Town Justice Edel- March 2021.

Supervisor reported that we are waiting for a reimbursement for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537, then we can pay back the loan to the General Account.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Project has been extended to August 31st; disbursement request #7 was just submitted to NYS Home & Community Renewal.

Supervisor reported that we are still trying to meet with Martha to secure our permit for the dock and ramp for the Downsville Park Paddle Project.

Town Clerk reported that we have received a Public Facility Permit to use the Covered Bridge Park on Saturday, July 17th for a wedding ceremony. Board discussed.

NO. 33-2021 04/07/21 Public Facility Permit No.03-2021

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Nicole Shelton has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, on Saturday, July 17th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM for a wedding ceremony and pictures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No.03-2021 to Nicole Shelton for the use of the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY on July 17, 2021.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Police Officer Cawley reported that on 10/21/2020 the Board adopted Resolution NO.85-2020, ordering two 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Special Services Package (5.3L V-8 AFM Engine) Black in color for the price not to exceed \$40,000.00 for each vehicle; he called VanBortel Chevrolet to see the status of our order; VanBortel cannot find our order and have no explanation for the missing order. Officer Cawley commented that we have a couple of options: VanBortel has two 2020 Fords in black on their lot for the price of \$36,952.54 each; or they have an extra on order of a 2021 Chevy in white for the price of \$37,068.88 arriving in July/August 2021.

Councilwoman Markert and Hwy Supt Eck entered the meeting at 7:10PM.

Officer Cawley added that the prices for the 2022 Chevy are not in yet, but should be under \$40,000. Supervisor suggested that we purchase one 2020 Ford that is sitting on the lot and add a skid plate and then order a 2022 Chevy when available; we will then be in rotation of a vehicle every two years; we have a 2014 Ford, 2016 Ford, and 2018 Ford. Board discussed.

NO. 34-2021 04/07/21 Purchase One 2020 Utility Police Interceptor AWD

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the State Contract Onondaga Bid#8771-2020 of VanBortel Ford, 71 Marsh Road, East Rochester, New York for 1 (one) 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD (3.3L V-6 DI Engine) black in color for the price of \$36,569.07.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin.

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

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

NO. 35-2021 04/07/21 Purchase One 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the State Contract of VanBortel Chevrolet, 1338 W. Main Street, Macedon, New York for 1 (one) 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Special Services Package (5.3L V-8 AFM Engine) black in color for the price not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna.

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

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

Supervisor Merrill commented that there has been some talk of changing the terms of office for the Town Supervisor and Hwy Supt; we have done some research and in Delaware County out of 19 Towns, 4 Supervisors and 10 Hwy Supt are 4yr terms; Colchester's officials are 4yr terms, except Supervisor and Hwy Supt. Town Law states that the Town Board may adopt a resolution providing for a four-year term for any elected town position, the resolution is subject to a mandatory referendum and must be adopted at least 150 days before a biennial election (June 4th); if passed at election, the four-year term of office will take effect at the next biennial election. Municipal Home Rule states that the Town Board may adopt a Local Law changing a term of office (except Town Justices) subject to a mandatory referendum; the Board can make a provision in the local law that the new four-year term will apply to those elected at the same election and this can also be done in an off-election year. Board discussed and tabled.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., April 21st at 7PM

Councilwoman Markert asked if there was anyone we could contact regarding the bridge on Main Street and the pot holes on NYS 30 & 206. Board discussed.

Councilwoman Champlin thanked the Hwy Dept for sweeping and cleanup of the roads.

Councilwoman Markert commented that she saw that the Friends of the Upper Delaware River, in partnership with Trout Unlimited, had received funding to complete a stream assessment on Wilson Hollow; is it Wilson Hollow Brook or Road? Supervisor replied that they want to do a study on the brook.

Hwy Supt Eck reported that the 2021 Freightliner ordered should be here within the next two weeks; the 2020 Freightliner is back and has been repaired under warranty.

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.08-2021 Voucher No.207-216; Totaling \$40,197.20.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk