

June 02, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 02, 2021 at 7:01 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: Darlene Beers Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Dan Pinner. ZOOM attendees: Vickie Klukkert-The Reporter, 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 Public Hearing, May 19, 2021 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor and motion carried. The minutes of the last regular meeting, May 19, 2021 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:

- NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance- Tentative equalization of 2.96 was received, with the Roscoe part of the tentative equalization being 2.45. Last year's equalization was 2.49.
- Delaware County Treasurer -Receipt of Town Tax Warrant in the amount of \$337,651.47.

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

- Police- May 2021 Activity Report.
- Town Justice Edel- May 2021.
- Planning Board- Minutes of April 15, 2021.

Downsville Water District- Nothing new to report

Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project. Progress has been made in clean up. Discussion of moving the Salt shed. There may be a WQIP Grant available to move it. There was a discussion of the boat launch, Pavilion and possible bridge.

Speed Zone River Road and Speed Zone Fuller Hill Road/Horton Brook Road Supervisor Merrill has started the paperwork.

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer position has been advertised.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Lavorgna spoke re: his research of the feasibility of a sticker program for the Transfer Station to help defray costs and control use. He reported that Hancock charges \$10.00 a year, Middletown charges nonresidents \$500.00, and commercial haulers \$600.00. A resource for the stickers is Locust Grove and they are 39 cents per thousand, 31 cents for three thousand. Transfer Station Supt. Ken Kipp has said he would be willing to give out the stickers. Board held discussion Re: distribution, documentation and cost and the possibility of including them in tax bills and Transfer Station regulations. Transfer Station Supt. requested a C&D sign and a magnetic FULL sign for the cardboard container. No further action was taken.

Personnel: Janice Stickle has applications for lifeguards. Supervisor Merrill advised that the rate of pay is \$13.20/hour for instructors, \$12.70/hour for returning and \$12.50 an hour for new hires. Gabrielle Ryan, Kayla Houck, Haily Johnston and Margaret Towsley have applied and a motion to hire these four. Pool hours of operation and possibility of swimming lessons are pending staffing. Board discussed.

NO. 56-2021 06/02/21 Appoint 2021 Pool Personnel

Upon the recommendation of Pool Director, Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires the following pool personnel for the 2021 Pool Season contingent on opening:

Gabrielle L. Ryan	Returning WSI/ Lifeguard	\$13.20 per hour
Margaret M. Towsley	Returning Lifeguard	\$12.70 per hour
Kayla G. Houck	Returning Lifeguard	\$12.70 per hour
Hailey N. Johnston	New Lifeguard	\$12.50 per hour

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., June 16th - Live and ZOOM at 7PM.
- Grievance Day is Tuesday, June 8th 4-8pm.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Champlin spoke about the Dairy giveaway and said it was successful. She is considering a second giveaway in July. It is through Delaware Opportunities and promotes local dairies. The next event will be at the Fireman's Field. Motion to allow assistance was made by Greg Lavorgna and seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor and motion carried.

Councilman Lavorgna said a Cooks Falls resident had a complaint about chickens in the Cooks Falls Cemetery. A discussion re: the possibility of intervention from the local law enforcement re: containment of chickens.

Councilwoman Champlin spoke about how beautiful the Paige Cemetery was for Memorial Day. The general consensus is that Cemetery Supervisor Nate Homovich takes a great deal of pride in his work. Nate has requested a mini excavator with rubber tracks and will check out cost and availability.

Councilman Mattson spoke re: the Memorial Day Parade and was concerned about the lack of attendance. He suggested the Town Board members should march in the parade to honor Veterans and the Fire Department should march in uniforms. Councilwoman Markert suggested that more organizations be involved. Councilman Lavorgna offered the possibility of Motorcycle Veterans.

Councilman Mattson also mention there was a large pot hole on town road in the Corbett area.

Councilwoman Markert stated there were more snowmobile trails opening along the back river to Cooks Falls.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert 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. 12-2021 Voucher No.305-320; Totaling \$75,945.98.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Darlene N. Beers, Deputy Town Clerk