

August 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, August 18, 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: Officer Cawley, Alan Donner, Mary Brawley-Fuat and Dan Pinner. ZOOM attendees: 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, August 04, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Catskill Recreation Center- CRC and Overlook Mountain Bicycles hosting the Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge; this non-competitive event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 5th in Arkville, NY.

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

- Town Justice DeRosia- July 2021.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Permissive Referendum Notice was posted in the Bulletin Board on 7/15 and published in The Reporter on 7/21, if no petition by 8/14, we will act on it at the next Town Board Meeting.

NO. 82-2021 08/18/21 Appropriation from General Capital Reserve Fund for Police Car, Mini Excavator and Mobile Office Building

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester adopted Resolution No.134-2015 establishing a General Capital Reserve Fund to pay the cost of capital improvements and equipment for the Town of Colchester; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend the sum not to exceed \$200,000 from the said fund for the purpose of replacing a vehicle in the Town of Colchester Police Department (\$45,000), to purchase a mini excavator for the Cemetery Dept. (\$60,000) and to purchase and install a mobile office building (\$95,000). The sum total of the three purchases is \$200,000.;and

WHEREAS, said resolution was subject to a permissive referendum; and

WHEREAS, no petition has been submitted.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Colchester be hereby authorized and directed to transfer from the General Capital Reserve Fund ending in 5558 of the Town of Colchester duly established on December 22, 2015, the sum not to exceed \$200,000 of the principal and accumulated interest in said reserve fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to amend the 2021 Budget by increasing the General Revenues Interfund Transfers #5031 by \$200,000.00 and increasing the Police Equipment Appropriations #3120.2 by \$45,000.00, increasing the Cemetery Equipment Appropriations

#8810.2 by \$60,000.00, and increasing the New Building Appropriations #16204.1.10 by \$95,000.00, for a grand total of \$200,000.00 transferred from the General Fund Capital Reserve. 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 reported that Surplus Inventory was on the Auctions International Auction #25654 that closed August 17, 2021 at 6PM. Board discussed bid results.

NO. 83-2021 08/18/21 Accept Bids from Auctions International

Upon recommendation of Supervisor, Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on July 07, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester adopted Resolution NO.66-2021 authorizing Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to advertise the Town's Surplus Inventory with Auctions International for an online auction at auctionsinternational.com; and

WHEREAS, said online auction was held August 03, 2021 to August 17, 2021 and is now closed for bids;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the following bids from the online auction:

2016 Ford Explorer- 1FM5K8AR8GGD32194	@\$8,500.00	by: mtlc
2000 International Dump Truck - 1HTGEATR2YH256771	@\$2,275.00	by: Jaurele1
1991 Case 621ZF Loader	@\$13,100.00	by: DGDu2719

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Auctions International, Inc. to invoice all bidders on behalf of the Town of Colchester.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NO. 84-2021 08/18/21 Counteroffer Bid at Auctions International

Upon recommendation of Supervisor Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on July 07, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester adopted Resolution NO.66-2021 authorizing Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to advertise the Town's Surplus Inventory with Auctions International for an online auction at auctionsinternational.com; and

WHEREAS, said online auction was held August 03, 2021 to August 17, 2021 and is now closed for bids; and

WHEREAS, the bid for the 40-- Cooper Lighting 250watt shop lights came in lower than expected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby counteroffers the bid of \$100.00 for the 40-- Cooper Lighting 250watt shop lights;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Auctions International, Inc. to invoice the bidder on behalf of the Town of Colchester if the bidder accepts the counteroffer. Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that there is a COVID Relief Program that the Town may be eligible for \$208,000; we need to know how much revenue we lost; Delaware County has hired EFPR Group, Certified Public Accountants to help them with their calculations; EFPR has quoted the Town \$2,000 for the lost revenue calculation. Board discussed.

NO. 85-2021 08/18/21 EFPR Group/ Lost Revenue Calculation

Upon recommendation from the Supervisor, Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to hire EFPR Group, Certified Public Accountants of 6390 Main

Street, Williamsville New York to provide the Town of Colchester with their Lost Revenue Calculation for an estimated fee of \$2,000.00.

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

Supervisor reported that Highway Supt. Eck would like to place an advertisement in the newspaper for Heavy Equipment Operators; we have three HEOs that are leaving the Town. Board discussed.
NO. 86-2021 08/18/21 Advertise for HEOs

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for the position of HEO (Heavy Equipment Operator). Applicants must have a valid Commercial Driver License (CDL); Class B minimum; free and clear of convictions; with air brake endorsement. Applications are due Tuesday, September 14th.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Officer Ernest Cawley reported that their police body cameras are no longer working; there are two options: server or cloud. Officer Cawley recommends the server option and submitted a quote from Stalker Radar for four complete packages of Cop Trax Body Worn Camera, 32GB, Model B in the amount of \$4,128 plus one-time fee \$1,600 for Server Installation and Set Up for a grand total of \$5,788. The cloud option is \$7,704 for the first year and \$3,744 each year after. There is also a 50/50 grant that we can apply for. Board discussed.

NO. 87-2021 08/18/21 Cop Trax Body Worn Camera Purchase

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Officer -in-Charge Ernest Cawley to gather further information on the Cop Trax Body Worn Cameras from Stalker Radar of 855 E. Collins Blvd, Richardson, TX.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., September 1st - Live and ZOOM at 7PM- Assessor Joe Gifford will be in attendance.

Councilwoman Champlin announced that a Dairy Give-a-Way on Thursday, August 26th from 10am until run out, at the Downsville Firemen's Field.

Councilwoman Markert announced that the Knox Avenue Bridge Project will start Monday, August 23rd; one lane traffic for three weeks; then using the one lane temporary bridge with lights on both sides; project should be done within 90days.

Supervisor replied that he has spoken with Andrew Mattson, the cornfield on the other side of the covered bridge is for sale; Frank Wood states that the Town owns this from many years ago. Supervisor reported that Frank Wood has sent him a second quick claim for the property between the bridges; this time the original owners filled the quick claim, the Town does not own this property.

Supervisor Merrill commented that condolences are extended to the Family of Joyce T. Steflik, Deputy Town Clerk, 1971-1975 and 9/21/2017 to 9/13/2021. And also, to the Family of Philip J. Lavorgna, Planning Board Member 2013-2021 and Father of Councilman Greg Lavorgna.

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. 17-2021 Voucher No.444-480; Totaling \$63,303.70.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk