

January 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman Entered at 7:12PM
Daniel J. Pinner Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Alan Donner and Officer Cawley.

Zoom Attendees: Randy Shephard, The Reporter-Lillian Browne, Ron MacDonald, Tim Smith & Jeremy Jenkusky.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 05, 2022 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. The minutes of the last regular meeting, January 05, 2022 had been distributed earlier. Dan Pinner made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- John Bell- Stated that it was him on the last Zoom meeting, will try to identify himself better in the future.
- NYSDOT- the next quarterly SFY 2021-22 CHIPS, PAVE-NY, and EWR reimbursements are scheduled to be made on March 16, 21022 in the amount of \$98,692.52.

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

- Police- December 2021 Activity Report.

Supervisor reported that WPO Ron MacDonald is preparing to start meter installations for the Downsville Water District; looking at apartment buildings first.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Mobile Office Unit will be moved this March.

Supervisor reported that Teamsters Union Contract has been agreed upon with the following stipulations: 3 year contract with \$1.00 raise each year; added a vision plan; 6% contribution toward their health insurance plans; copy of attendance card with the second pay period of each month until they get onto the paystubs; and paychecks will be available by 9am on either the Friday or Thursday payday. Board discussed.

NO. 14-2022 01/19/22 Ratify Agreement with Teamsters Local Union No. 317

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby ratifies a three year (1-1-2022 through 12-31-2024) agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 713.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Employee Rates for 2022 are as follows:

Highway Mechanic	\$21.65 per hour
Highway Equipment Operator	\$21.55 per hour

HEO1/C.L. Provisional 1st year	Base Rate =\$19.55 per hour
HEO2/C.L. after 1st yr. through 3rd yr.	Base Rate plus \$1.00 increase (\$20.55)
HEO3/C.L. in 4th yr. through 6th yr.	Base Rate plus \$1.50 increase (\$21.05)
HEO4/C.L. in 7th yr. and after	Base Rate plus \$2.00 increase (\$21.55)
Highway Laborer	\$18.55 per hour

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

Supervisor asked Highway Supt Eck the status of the Removal of Obstructions from Right-of-Way on Ackerman Acres Road. Highway Supt replied very slowly and that he will be meeting Officer Cawley to move forward.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Town Board has completed the 2021 Audits for Justice DeRosia, Justice Edel, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Cooks Falls Water District and Downsville Water District.

Councilwoman Markert entered the meeting at 7:12PM.

Supervisor reported that Lance Helms has received his Commercial Driver License and we need to hire him as a HEO1. Board discussed.

NO. 15-2022 01/19/22 Hire Lance M. Helms as HEO1

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 06, 2021 Lance M. Helms was hired as a Permanent Part-time Highway Laborer; and

WHEREAS on December 29, 2021 Lance M. Helms had received his Commercial Driver License;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Lance M. Helms as a HEO1 provisional for one year, at a pay rate of \$19.55 per hour with benefits, effective December 29, 2021, assignments and duties at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., February 2nd at 7PM - Live and ZOOM.

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the status of the ice skating rink. Board discussed. Hwy Supt Eck will look into installing the rink at the Downsville Covered Bridge Park.

Councilman Pinner inquired to the status of the surplus guns. Supervisor replied that Officer Cawley has contacted Clifford Olsen for a fair market value.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Greg Lavorgna 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.02-2022 Voucher No.41-66; Totaling \$21,378.77.

Julie Markert made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:22PM and invited Hwy Supt Eck to stay. Board held discussion. Janet Champlin made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:04 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk