

March 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor  
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman  
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman by ZOOM  
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman  
Daniel J. Pinner Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Alan Donner, Robert Hafele and Officer Cawley. Zoom Attendees: The Reporter-Lillian Browne, Chris Farrell- Gladstone Insurance Agency, John Bell and Joel Melton.

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 16, 2022 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Alan Donner praised the Highway Dept. for a job well done on the recent snow storm over the weekend.

Joel Melton stated that he is a Planning Board Member and would like to offer his service as a license architect; he could possibly help with the Paddle Park Project or the ARP project. Supervisor thanked him for offering and suggested that they get together with the Hwy Supt and discuss the boat launch project and permit issue.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Restaurant Depot- free sign-up to use their discounted wholesale products.
- Nelson & Nancy Howard to the DWD- a public hearing being held for a sub-division of their property tomorrow night at 7PM; their property is adjacent to the DWD wellhouse along Wilson Hollow Brook.
- NYS Dept. of Health- Notification of the results of lead and copper sampling for the Cooks Falls Water District; of the ten samples results reported, three exceeded the lead “action level” of 0.015mg/l and four exceeded the copper “action level” of 1.3mg/l; therefore, the “action level” for both lead and copper has exceeded and you must initiate corrective and educational activities.
- University Products, Inc.- Historian had called complaining about the shipping & handling charge, for a backordered product, 4oz. frame adhesive of \$3.90 plus shipping & handling charge of \$26.32, they forgave the bill for a total of \$30.22.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- February 2022- 19 customer balance due \$955.00; Receipts of \$200.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- February 2022- 26 customers balance due \$2,499.60; Receipts of \$2,861.77 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- February 2022- Total disbursed \$1,064 of which \$1,044 was Town revenues.
- Police- February 2022 Activity Report.
- Town Justice Edel- February 2022.
- Town Justice Conrow- February 2022.
- Planning Board- Minutes of January 20, 2022.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he is still working on the WMBE Waiver for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537 Project. Town/Water Clerk inquired how much longer will NYSEFC will continue to pay on the grant project for the meters and installation; 19 of the 58 meters are working from the 2012 list; after review there are 100 meters or remotes not working. Board discussed. Board suggested that one meter or remote be installed a day to get the project completed.

Supervisor reported that we are working on a schedule for the Downsville Park Paddle Project; we plan to start the end of April to do work that does not involve the boat launch; possibly pave the parking lot. Supervisor added that construction material is high now and we may have to use other funds to complete the project. Councilwoman Markert inquired about the status of the wooden eagles. Supervisor replied that we plan to store them at the park.

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

Supervisor reported that Mike VanderWerff of NYCDEP contacted him and we need their engineer and Delaware Engineering to get together to review the plans for the extension of the DWD water line to NYCDEP building; we need to get the project started and go out to bid; DEP will be paying for the project and DWDWPO Ron MacDonald will be overseeing the project.

Supervisor reported that we have received a Public Facility Permit to have a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning at the Covered Bridge Park. Board discussed.

NO. 25-2022 03/16/22 Public Facility Permit No.02-2022

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Reverend Christine Lindeberg on behalf of the Colchester Community United Methodist Church has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30AM to 7:30AM for Easter Sunrise Service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 02-2022 to Reverend Christine Lindeberg for the use of the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY on April 17, 2022.

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

Supervisor reported that Tammy Lacey had mentioned to Colleen Griffith that the Charging Station is not working; Ms. Griffith has started looking into the situation; charging station is not up to date and needs a new modem; contract ran out in 2020 and we were not contacted; quotes for warranty were given as: \$2,023 through 2023; \$2,700 through 2025; and \$3,876 through 2027; first, we need to figure how to charge customers and how much to charge; we also need to get reports to show usage.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received a letter from Michael Gavette, son of Officer Keith Gavette and a senior at Margaretville Central School who is enrolling at SUNY Canton's Criminal Justice Dept.; he would like to do a Ride-Along with our Police Dept. Board discussed.

NO. 26-2022 03/16/22 Michael Gavette Ride-Along Program

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Michael Gavette to participate in the Town of Colchester Police Department Ride-Along Program, once all necessary paperwork has been completed.

Resolution was seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., April 6th - Live and ZOOM Public Hearing at 7PM.
- Aflac presentation to Town Employees on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hwy Garage from 11am to 3pm.

Board held discussions regarding summer employment positions, snow removal of sidewalk and bridge, Senior Citizen bus trips and Styrofoam.

Board held discussion on the ARP funds: Supervisor reported that he had received quotes for a new roof at the transfer station of \$36,608 and Cooks Falls Hwy/Court building of \$19,110. Supervisor reported that we need a method to protect the dumpster and customers. We are still getting quotes for the electric service at the transfer station and for the compactor. Supervisor commented that OIC Cawley has received Quote#2059218 from Stalker Radar of \$3,080.00 for a new radar unit for the police vehicle we ordered; vehicle should be here soon. Board discussed.

NO. 27-2022 03/16/22 Purchase DSR 2X Radar from Stalker Radar

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Stalker Radar of 855 E. Collins Blvd, Richardson, TX has submitted Quote #2059218 for one DSR 2X Radar with Fast Lock Remote Package for a total of \$3,080.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts said Quote #2059218 in the amount of \$3,080.00 in the best interest of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Officer-in-Charge Ernest Cawley to purchase said DSR 2X Radar with Fast Lock Remote Package from Stalker Radar of 855 E. Collins Blvd, Richardson, TX.

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

Supervisor commented that we have set aside \$95,000 for the mobile office unit; we could possibly use ARP funds for a roof over this and include a car port for the police vehicles. OIC Cawley suggested updating the modems.

Councilwoman Champlin inquired to the status of the pool permit. Supervisor replied that NYSDOH sends us the application. Councilwoman Champlin stated that the Women's Club would like to cover the cost of putting sides on the pool pavilions for more shade; they need measurements to get material costs to see if they can afford. Supervisor replied that we could pay for project. Councilwoman Champlin inquired if NYSDOH will allow a shade unit in the kiddie pool area.

**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. 5-2022 Voucher No.115-159; Totaling \$70,355.99.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk