

April 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, April 20, 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
Daniel J. Pinner Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

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

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, April 06, 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 commented that Sarah Hood is helping Planning Board Clerk, Melissa Dauch, with changing their forms on the Town's website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Selective Insurance Company of America- Spaeth v. Town of Colchester: Court granted our summary judgement motion and dismissed the plaintiff's complaint; they have 30 days to file a notice of appeal of the dismissal.
- Catskill Center- purpose of letter is to refresh and increase awareness of each of their program efforts.
- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance- 2022 Segment Special Equalization Rate Request from Roscoe Central School District.
- Coalition of Watershed Towns- Election results and list of Officers.

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

- Town Justice Conrow- March 2022.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the engineers have been communicating with each other in regards to the NYCDEP hookup to Downsville Water District.

Supervisor reported that we hope to start working on the Downsville Park Paddle this spring.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Mobile Office Unit has been welded underneath and hopefully will get moved to site soon.

Supervisor reported that a few committee meetings have been held regarding the American Rescue Plan. Councilman Pinner submitted a quote from Sebright Products, Inc. for a Stationary Compactor at the Transfer Station; Board reviewed and agreed not to purchase the Filler Plate at \$2,800 and through the wall ratchet binders at \$2,915; Board also agreed to remove the old compactor, power unit and controls prior to the installation of the new compactor and to also power wash the area; It was suggested that a hand rail be installed if we want the company to service the compactor in the future. Supervisor commented that we have limited outfits that supply this type of equipment. Board discussed further. Supervisor added that the chain fence will be installed in sections in front of the C&D bin.

NO. 34-2022 04/20/22 Purchase Sebright Products Stationary Compactor

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the quote from Sebright Products, Inc. with noted deletions for a Sebright Products Model 7460S-1-6 Stationary Compactor for an installed price of \$54,745.00.

Resolution 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 L. Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	voting aye
Councilperson, Daniel J. Pinner	voting aye

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has received two roofing quotes for the Transfer Station and the Cooks Falls Hwy Garage/Court and is trying to get a third one; he has given the quotes to CEO Rich Hascha to review; this project will also be under the American Rescue Plan.

Supervisor reported that NYS Dept. of Health has sent a form that needs to be completed regarding the shade pavilion for the kiddie pool area; they are also requiring a building permit, so we need measurement for the shade pavilion. Board discussed. Board agreed that measurements will be taken for the pavilion; cost/price will be determined and what ever the Downsville Women’s Club can not cover the Town will pay the balance.

NO. 35-2022 04/20/22 Erect Kiddie Pool Shade Pavilion

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the Downsville Women’s Club project of erecting a shade pavilion for the Town’s Kiddie Pool area, size and cost to be determined.

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

Supervisor Merrill presented a County Policy on Paying Employees Who Leave Work for Volunteer EMS/Fire Calls; he asked each Board Member to review and bring back suggestions at our next meeting. Board discussed and agreed that they wanted to encourage those to volunteer.

Supervisor stated that we need to address our Cemetery Fees; the last time we amended our fees was in 2004; Supervisor suggested an increase of \$200 in sales of single graves; increase of \$200 for full burials during weekdays and \$300 increase for weekend full burials; an increase of \$50 for each cremation burial. Town Clerk had called around the area for prices and we are still on the low end. Board discussed.

NO. 36-2022 04/20/22 Cemetery Fees Revised

After a discussion on cemetery lots and fees, Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the cost of the sale of cemetery lots and burials in the Town cemeteries of the Town of Colchester previously amended on April 21, 2004 per Resolution No.34-2004 be revised as follows, effective June 01, 2022:

Cemetery Lot Prices

Residents or property owners in the Town of Colchester
Single grave (10` x 3`)\$500.00 per lot

Cemetery Burial Prices

Grave Opening/Closing

Full Burial.....\$500.00 on weekdays
.....\$700.00 on weekends and/or holidays
Cremation Burial...\$150.00 on weekdays
.....\$250.00 on weekends and/or holidays

Labor Fee

Setting of base stone.....\$50.00
Plus cost of stone

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 L. Champlin voting aye
Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert voting aye
Councilperson, Daniel J. Pinner 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 we have a squirrel problem here at Town Hall; CEO has contacted several companies and only Hulick Wildlife Control has returned his call; they visited the building today and submitted a quote: set up traps at spots of entry/exit \$300; Daily check of traps, removal of anything caught, reset, rebait for five days minimum at \$200 daily; close two gable vents at \$150 each and close two soffit openings at \$100 each, for a grand total of \$1,800. Board discussed.

NO. 37-2022 04/20/22 Hulick Wildlife Control

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the quote of Hulick Wildlife Control for the prevention and removal of wildlife from the Colchester Town Hall at a cost of \$1,800.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that he had spoken with Deputy Supervisor, Janet Champlin and they agreed to have Shantell Knorr work at the Cemetery during the week of Spring Break; she was not running power equipment, mostly raking and picking up debris at Paige Cemetery; Cemetery Supervisor Nathan Homovich stated he could use the help; we would like to pay her just the same as we do for her shoveling snow; she worked 28 hours at minimum wage of \$13.20per hour for a total of \$369.60, being paid by voucher. Board discussed. Councilwoman Markert commented that we need to be consistent on the way we hire personnel.

NO. 38-2022 04/20/22 Temporary Cemetery Laborer

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the payment of \$369.60 to be paid to Shantel Knorr for her work as a Temporary Cemetery Laborer.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-no, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., May 4th at 7PM.

Councilwoman Markert inquired about the leak on Clark Street Extension. Supervisor replied that WPO MacDonald will need help from the Hwy Dept; this project is the DWD’s expense.

Councilwoman Markert asked if trees would be cut back from roadways from the recent storm. Hwy Supt replied that they are already being taken care off; got out of roadways first; we do not touch if tree is in electric lines.

Councilman Lavorgna commented that he received a phone call from Katie Brock asking about protection for a small stream; he referred her to NYSDEC.

Councilman Lavorgna asked Hwy Supt if the Cooks Falls Court could have a corner of the new section of the Cooks Falls Garage to store files. Board discussed. Hwy Supt will look into it.

Hwy Supt Eck commented that any new truck ordered would cost more this year; starting around \$216,000; didn't want the Board to get sticker shock when he presented a quote.

Supervisor commented that he and Officer-in-Charge Cawley have had a discussion that it may be a good idea if the police vehicles have a battery operated chain saw in the trunks; if they are going on a call and a tree is in the road, could make things easier and faster. Board discussed and agreed to support the project for chain saws and accessories, OSHA training also.

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. 07-2022 Voucher No.189-215; Totaling \$62,312.95.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk