

October 05, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, September 07, 2022 at 5:00 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., Kristie Mattson-Deputy Town Clerk, The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco, 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, September 21, 2022 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:

- Catskill Recreation Center- Annual Cross Mountain Crusher Gravel Grinder to be held Oct. 15, 2022 starting in Arkville, NY.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- September 2022- 16 customers balance due \$2,175.00; Receipts of \$150.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- September 2022- 36 customers balance due \$6,972.54; Receipts of \$1,916.50 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- September 2022- Total disbursed \$3,385.00 of which \$3,302.50 was Town revenues.
- Police- September 2022 Activity Report.
- Town Justice Edel- \$7,997.00 reported for September 2022.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we are waiting for the completion of the compactor for the transfer station, part of the American Rescue Plan; Seabright states they are still waiting on two cylinders.

Supervisor reported on the DASNY- 5 SAM Grant Projects: #1-\$100,000- 2022 plow truck; waiting for voucher to submit for reimbursement. #2-\$50,000- construction of salt shed; and #3-\$50,000- Reno of Town Hall and relocation of salt shed; asked for more time for research and construction.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Peter Heimbuecher has installed more meters for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537: Meters & Installation; having a hard time finding shut offs.

Supervisor reported that today we mapped out the offices, bathrooms and kitchenettes for the Mobile Office Unit; also, a deck for the front and the entrances. Board discussed who would do the construction work; two highway workers stated they would do for comp time; it was suggested

to contact Francis Scott O'Brien for \$20 an hour, he will be done working on the cemetery October 18th. Supervisor will contact Scott.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the boat ramp is installed for the Park Paddle Project.

Supervisor reported that the bid opening for Bid Proposal No.01-22 Fuel was held today at 4PM; we received the following bids from one bidder:

No.2 Heating Fuel

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.4500 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$4.0696 per gal.

Kerosene

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.4500 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$4.8696 per gal.

Winter Blend

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.3750 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$4.0367 per gal.

Diesel Fuel

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.3750 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$3.9367 per gal.

Propane

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.600 per gal.(Selkirk, NY)

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$2.4500 per gal.

Board discussed.

NO. 97-2022 10/05/22 Award Bid Proposal No.01-22 Fuel

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester had advertised for Bid Proposal No.01-22 Fuel; and

WHEREAS, on October 05, 2022 the Town received said fuel bid from one bidder; and

WHEREAS, on October 05, 2022 the Town opened said fuel bid from the one bidder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the bid from Mirabito Energy Products for Bid Proposal No.01-22 Fuel at a rate of:

No.2 Heating Fuel - Firm Bid Price of \$4.0696 per gal.

Kerosene- Firm Bid Price of \$4.8696 per gal.

Winter Blend - Firm Bid Price of \$4.0367 per gal.

Diesel Fuel- Firm Bid Price of \$3.9367 per gal.

Propane - Firm Bid Price of \$2.4500 per gal.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby gives authorization to Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to enter into contract with Mirabito Energy Products of 49 Court Street, PO Box 5306, Binghamton, New York 13902 for fuel to be delivered at various locations within the Town of Colchester.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna.

This resolution was put to a vote and resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet 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

Councilwoman Markert reported that Andrew Mattson went to a meeting last night and the Delaware County Farm Bureau will endorse our ATV/UTV Local Law. Board discussed further.

Town Clerk presented the 2023 Tentative Budget to the Town Board Members. Supervisor reported that our tax cap was around \$48,500; gave a 3% salary raise, except Central Data Processing/Supervisor's Bookkeeper \$4,000=9%. Supervisor went over the Tentative Budget line by line and Board discussed items.

General Fund Appropriations Increase of 34,100:

- Increase of 34,500 for raises and retirement
- Increase of 15,000 for health & dental insurance
- Decrease of 15,400 for equipment & contractual

General Fund Estimated Revenues increase of 9,200

General Fund Unexpended Balance Increase of 10,000

General Fund Total Increase of 14,900 from 2022 Budget.

Highway Fund Appropriations Increase of 87,000:

- Increase of 30,000 for raises and retirement
- Increase of 20,000 for health & dental insurance
- Increase of 50,000 Capital Improvements
- Decrease of 13,000 in contractual maintenance & repairs

Highway Fund Estimated Revenues Increase of 50,000 from CHIPS

Highway Fund Unexpended Balance Increase of 15,000

Highway Fund Total Increase of 22,000 from 2022 Budget.

Total of 36,900 increase over 2022 Budget a 1.521% Increase over 2022 Budget.

Board discussed the health insurance for the DWD WPO. Supervisor stated that he will have to look into the numbers again; he may have increased the line by too much.

Councilwoman Markert asked if the Town could donate money to the Corbett Community for their new pavilion? Supervisor will have to look into it.

Town Board discussed banking options and agreed that with Community Bank NA closing the Downsville Branch it has made a hardship on the Town and its community. Town Clerk made the announcement that to get banking done at the end of each month, the Town Clerk's Office will be closing at 12:30pm each end of month business day and each Friday; this will allow for ample time to travel to Walton to make deposits.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Town Clerk has presented the past due water bills and by law we need to take a resolution to add them to the property tax bills. Town Clerk added that everyone received a notice in their October billing that if not paid by October 31st their past due account would get added to the tax bill. Board discussed.

NO. 98-2022 10/05/22 Delinquent Water Bills Added to Property Taxes

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to submit a list of all delinquent water bills of the Downsville and Cooks Falls Water Districts to the County to be added to the property owners' tax bills for 2023, if these bills are not paid by October 31, 2022.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert.

This resolution was put to a vote and resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet 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 made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., October 19th at 5PM.

Board discussed a few vouchers and direct deposit.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Dan Pinner, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No. 17-2022 Voucher No.534-561; Totaling \$35,633.48.

Councilwoman Markert inquired again about a new STOP sign at Tannery Road and Knox Ave. Hwy Supt will look into it.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk