

January 04, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, January 04, 2023 immediately following the Organizational Meeting, at 5:23 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., Kirstie Mattson-Deputy Town Clerk, The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco, Alan Donner and Rob Hafele

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, December 21, 2022 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- David and Michele Holmes sent a donation of \$1,000 to the Colchester Police Department. Supervisor Merrill read a thank you letter written by Officer Cawley.
- Notice of Preliminary Decisions of the CWC- they have recently approved two Colchester resident properties for new septic systems.
- Association of Towns- The 2022 Training School and Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis, February 20-23, 2022.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- December 2022- 7 customer balance due \$455.00; Receipts of \$zero disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- December 2022- 3 customers balance due \$458.80; Receipts of \$808.10 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- December 2022- Total disbursed \$1,036.00 of which \$1,021.00 was Town revenues.
- Colchester Police Department- December 2022.
- Town Justice Edel-reported \$6,710.00 for December 2022.
- Town Justice Conrow- reported \$5,764.00 for December 2022.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Mobile Office Unit is currently being worked on.

Supervisor reported that Hwy Supt Eck would like to promote Ian Osonitsch to a Mechanic position; we had discussed this at a previous meeting. Board discussed.

NO. 10-2023 01/04/23 Promote Ian H. Osonitsch to Highway Mechanic

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 09, 2019 the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hired Ian H. Osonitsch as an HEO1 of the Town of Colchester Highway Dept.; and

WHEREAS, on October 09, 2020 Ian H. Osonitsch became an HEO2 of the Town of Colchester Highway Dept.; and

WHEREAS, Ian H. Osonitsch has performed some Mechanic duties since recently and has performed them well;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby promotes Ian H. Osonitsch to Highway Mechanic at a pay rate of \$22.55 per hour with benefits, effective with the next payroll date, assignments and duties at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

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

Supervisor stated that we need to do a budget amendment for the donation to the Police Dept.

NO. 11-2023 01/04/23 Budget Amendment

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, David and Michele Holmes have sent a donation of \$1,000 to the Colchester Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Town of Colchester has a building fund for the Mobile Office Unit that the Colchester Police Department will be located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to amend the 2023 Budget by increasing the General Fund Gifts and Donations Revenue Fund #A2705 by \$1,000.00 and increasing the Buildings – New Building Contractual Expense Fund #A1620.4.1.10 by \$1,000.

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, Gregory L. Lavorgna -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:

- Town Hall Offices will be Closed Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

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. 01-2023 Voucher No.01-22; Totaling \$52,265.20.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk