

December 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, December 21, 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., The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco and Officer Keith Gavett.

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, December 07, 2022 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Parade of Lights Committee- Thank You for continued support of the Parade of Lights.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Scott O'Brien is installing plywood for the Mobile Office Unit; the plumbing is being laid out for the bathrooms and kitchenette; and there is approximately \$23,00 remaining from the permissive referendum for the Mobile Office Unit, Resolution NO. 82-2021 Appropriation from General Capital Reserve Fund for Police Car, Mini Excavator and Mobile Office Building.

Highway Supt. Eck reported that NYS Encon has sent an email stating that Trout Pond's Dam (Cables Lake) is in bad shape; they are keeping an eye on it and have an emergency evacuation plan in place; the dam is over 200years old.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, Dec. 26th Christmas.
- Town Clerk's Office Closing at 12:30PM each Friday.
- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, Jan. 02, 2023 New Year's Day.
- Organizational and Next Regular Meeting is Wed., Jan.04, 2023 at 5PM.

Councilwoman Champlin reported that the property owners across the street from the transfer station have complained about the bright lights all night long at the transfer station; can the lights be turned down? Supervisor replied that they are left on for when the County comes to change out the bins; we will look into it with the electrician.

Councilwoman Champlin inquired why we were replacing a paycheck? Supervisor replied that an employee had five outstanding paychecks, four checks were deposited on Dec 5th and the Feb 2022 check cannot be found, therefore we are replacing the check through the vouchers tonight. Board discussed. Councilwoman Markert stated that Judge Conrow should be more accountable for her paychecks.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Greg Lavorgna made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No. 22-2022 Voucher No.694-719; Totaling \$25,634.40.

Officer Keith Gavett reported that Tristan Reed will start the Ride-Along Program on January 4th.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Highway Personnel issue, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 5:14PM. Hwy Supt was invited to stay. Board held discussion. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 5:31 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk