

February 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 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, Alan Donner, Rob Hafele 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, February 01, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYSDOH- DWD 3 sample testing not completed for 2022.
- NYSDOH- CFWD all sample testing completed for 2022.
- NYSDOH- CFWD Lead/Copper Rule Dec 2022- 2 exceeded the lead “action level” and 4 exceeded the copper “action level”; letters were submitted to high lead customers and educational material was sent to all CFWD customers.

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

- Police- January 2023 Activity Report.
- Town Justice Conrow- \$15,923.00 reported for January 2023.
- Tax Collector- As of 2/14/23, 2203 Transactions -Base Tax Total \$6,627,699.97- 76% Paid.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Scott O’Brien is continuing working on the Mobile Office Unit; we need to make decisions of where to make the two separate departments with also a common room and add an additional bathroom and exterior entrance; Electrician has not hooked up the electric yet; things are moving but slowly.

Supervisor reported that he has spoken with Michael VanderWerff of NYCDEP regarding the hookup to DWD; having difficult with their passport system (payment process to the Town).

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Short Term Rental Committee met yesterday; we are reviewing other local laws and guidelines to draft our own.

Supervisor reported that we have received the bid result for the Various Truck Parts, New/Old Stock from Auctions International as the online auction has ended; the high bid was \$620.00. Board discussed.

NO. 20-2023 02/15/23 Accept Bid from Auctions International

Upon recommendation of Supervisor and Hwy Supt, Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on February 01, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester adopted Resolution NO.18-2023 authorizing Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to advertise the Town’s Surplus Inventory with Auctions International for an online auction at auctionsinternational.com; and

WHEREAS, said online auction was held January 27, 2023 to February 10, 2023 and is now closed for bids;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the bid of \$620.00 by TimberKing for Various Truck Parts, New/Old Stock from said online auction;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Auctions International, Inc. to invoice said bidder on behalf of the Town of Colchester.

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

Highway Supt Eck reported that he is still negotiating a deal with the Box Culvert Disposal.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we need our annual Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Town Clerk explained that those who start a new term and/or have joined the NYSLRS and do not punch a time clock, must do a three month Record of Activities, which is good for eight years; once resolution is adopted it must be posted for 30 days and then send to NYSLRS. Board discussed.

NO. 21-2023 02/15/23 SWD & Reporting Resolution for Elected & Appointed Officials

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Colchester/Location Code 30554 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping systems records or record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs./day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
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Elected Officials

None

Appointed Officials

Supervisor's Bookkeeper/ Account Clerk	Dawn R. D'Addezio			6	01/01/23- 12/31/23	N	24.11
Water Superintendent	Ronnie L. MacDonald			6	01/01/23- 12/31/23	N	16.00

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, Daniel J. Pinner- voting aye

Councilperson, Julie A. Markert- voting aye Councilperson, Greg L. Lavorgna- 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 received a Public Facility Permit to have a Sunrise Service on Easter Morning at the Covered Bridge Park. Board discussed.

NO. 22-2023 02/15/23 Public Facility Permit No.01-2023

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pastor 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 9th from 7AM to 8AM 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. 01-2023 to Pastor Christine

Lindeberg for the use of the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY on April 9, 2023.

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

Hwy Supt Eck reported that the Highway Dept is trying to finish-up all annual training that is required while the weather is good; he will have to order new personal protective equipment; they are also cutting brush and trees to get ready for road work.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., March 1st at 5PM.
- Free Rabies Clinic Wed., March 1st 5-6:30pm- Colchester Hwy Dept.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the Colchester Chamber of Commerce has 55 orders of the Military Tribute Banners; they have 120 spaces in Downsville for these banners; they hope to expand to other Colchester hamlets in another year or so. Councilwoman inquired if the Town would sponsor some banners for those who have no family members in the area. Supervisor suggested that she contact our historian for a list of Veterans that may not have living relatives living here now and that we should be able to help out in some way. Board discussed and suggested that other organizations may also help out for those who need help.

Town Clerk, Julie Townsend suggested that the Board consider using an engineering firm to conduct day-to-day operations and required testing of the water districts; this could possibly save us money and run more efficiently. Supervisor suggested that the water committee should look into this and make a presentation to the Board.

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. 04-2023 Voucher No.093-120; Totaling \$64,588.52.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk