

April 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor  
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman  
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman  
Daniel J. Pinner Councilman  
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman

Recording Secretary: Kirstie Mattson Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Al Donner, The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco, Jeannie Langdon, Peter Heimbucher, Sal Tantillo

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, March 15, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Pinner, Janet Champlin-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner- aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, motion carried.

#### VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Jeannie Langdon spoke to the board about the new LED lights at the Transfer Station. She lives across the road and the new lights are very bright and on all night. Supervisor Merrill said that he will look into some possible solutions.
- Sal Tantillo spoke about the conditions on Auslander Road in Cooks Falls. He has concerns about the quality of the road and the dustiness. Highway Supervisor Eck explained that the size of the bridge restricts the Town's ability to change the road- as none of our machinery can cross the wooden bridge. Eck said that he would go look at the road for other possible solutions.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Department of Health sent a letter with information about missed water tests for the Downsville Water District.
- Board of Election sent an updated schedule for important election days. The petition days have changed due to Passover.
- Superintendent Eck received a statement that the town could receive an Employee Retention Tax Credit. However, as a tax-exempt organization- the town is not eligible.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- Mach 2023- 15 customer balance due \$810.00; Receipts of \$200.01 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- March 2023- 24 customers balance due \$2,058.18; Receipts of \$725.30 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- March 2023- Total disbursed \$2,754.18 of which \$2,721.18 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice Edel- \$9,295.00 reported for March 2023.
- Planning Board minutes from February 16, 2023 meeting.
- Colchester Police report for March 2023.

The board asked Peter Heimbucher is discuss his opinions on the Downsville Water District and his reason for resigning. Peter explained that he feels that the Water District is lacking regular

maintenance and updated information, which made installing the new meters too difficult. The board asked questions and discussed. The Downsville Water District Committee plans to meet soon and discuss possible solutions.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Mobile Office Unit is progressing. The new doors have been installed and the walls can be finished once electric is installed.

Supervisor reported that the Paddle Park is waiting for a wood delivery to continue work on that project.

Supervisor Merrill met with Ron MacDonald and Delaware Engineering, DPC in the Cooks Falls Water District. Delaware Engineering recommended that the town do some maintenance of the water pump and then test the water before doing any major work.

Highway Supt Eck stated that we need to submit paperwork for the NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract; he would like to order 300ton. Board discussed.

**NO. 29-2023 04/05/23 NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract**

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to sign and file the Requirement Letter of the NYS Office of General Services to be able to participate in the NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024 for 300 ton of road salt.

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

There are currently three applications for cemetery help this summer. The board discussed and stated that the summer employment openings need to be posted publicly before any personnel decisions are made.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.

Janet Champlin asked the board about the Flag at Paige Cemetery. It was blown down in a recent storm. The current flag is a bit tattered and should be replaced.

Julie Markert reported that she has seen multiple large vehicles, including a dually truck, go over the covered bridge. The board discussed a few different options to deter this, including better ways to enforce the law on the bridge and changing the wording of the signs.

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, motion carried. Abstract No. 07-2023 Voucher No.165-208; Totaling \$72,581.88

Julie Markert made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 6:13PM. 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 6:40 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Dan Pinner made the motion for adjournment, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Janet Champlin-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kirstie Mattson, Deputy Town Clerk