

April 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, April 19, 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

Absent: Daniel J. Pinner Councilman

Recording Secretary: Kirstie Mattson Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco.

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, April 5, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- The American Legion sent a request for a permit for their Memorial Day Parade. Supervisor Merrill said that he would fill out and submit the parade permit.
- Julie Townsend sent a photo and thank you for her retirement open house.

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

- Town Justice Conrow- \$18,805.00 reported for March 2023.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the interior electrical work is done in the Mobile Office Unit. The walls are almost completely built and the doors have been ordered. Scott is now working with Ron MacDonald on the building's plumbing.

The Supervisor reported that the sheetrock is going in for the Park and Paddle Project. They are also currently waiting for the decking material to be delivered. Highway Superintendent Eck advised that the current permit from DEC needs to be renewed soon.

Supervisor Merrill spoke with Titan Drilling Corporation about the Cooks Falls Water District well. Titan Drilling Corporation will be pulling the broken water pump out and temporarily replacing it with a smaller one. This will allow us to test the water and see how to move forward.

Deputy Town Clerk, Kirstie Mattson, addressed the board with interest in accepting credit and debit cards in the Town Clerk's office. The board asked questions and discussed.

#### **NO. 30-2023 04/19/23 Town Clerk Card Reader**

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the Deputy Town Clerk's request to utilize credit card and online payments in the Town Clerk's Office by partnering with the company "MuniciPAY".

Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

Board members received several questions from citizens on why the Town Highway Department was cutting trees at the Firemen's field. Eck informed the board that we have shared services and it was a service that needed to be done.

The board also discussed the Jersey barriers at the Transfer Station. Board member Greg Lavorgna asked if they are in the correct place, as part of their purpose was to inhibit people from backing up to the ledge. The board discussed this but agreed that moving them forward would not leave enough room for vehicles to be able to turn around, especially when the lot is congested.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Cemetery needs seasonal help. There is currently a classified job listing in The Reporter for seasonal help, however the Cemetery Forman could use help as soon as possible. The Board discussed.

**NO. 31-2023 04/19/23 Part-Time Cemetery Laborer**

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Shantel Knorr as a Part-time Cemetery Laborer for the 2023 season.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

The board also discussed pay rate for Shantel. She worked for the pool last summer but applied for the cemetery crew this year- the board discussed if that should affect her eligibility for the returning seasonal employee pay.

**NO. 32-2023 04/19/23 Shantel Knorr Payrate**

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby sets Shantel Knorr's pay rate at \$15.20 per hour- the returning seasonal employee rate.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

Greg Lavorgna updated the board after visiting Sal Tantillo on Auslander Road regarding his concerns from the last meeting. He reported that the road could use some maintenance but the bridge on Auslander road is a major hinderance. The board discussed possible solutions and Eck said that he would go look at it soon.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., May 3, 2023 at 5PM.

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. **Abstract No. 08-2023 Voucher No. 209-230 ; Totaling \$33,828.71**

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 5:42PM Board held discussion. Janet Champlin made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 6:01PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kirstie Mattson, Deputy Town Clerk