

March 07, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, March 07, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor  
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman  
Mark W. Mattson Councilman entered at 7:07PM  
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman  
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman  
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering and Larry Guglielmo.

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 21, 2018 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported on the Cooks Falls Water District-Water System Improvements Project- DWSRF#16601: spoke to Louis Bunker in regards to Contract #TC1-G-2015; wiring still needs to be done, if not done soon Mr. Francisco will do himself and send Bunker a bill; tank is working great; leak somewhere in the lines, using 40 gallons a minute of water.

Councilman Mattson entered the meeting at 7:07PM.

Jeff Francisco inquired if the Board had any questions or suggestions on the preliminary plans for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537 Contract#TC1-G-2018 & Contract#TC1-E-2018. Board reviewed. Mr. Francisco will submit the plans to DOH for approval and put out to bid soon.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Margaretville Telephone Company- Rate increase as of April 01, 2018.
- Town of Andes- Shared Service Agreement.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- February 2018- 19 customers balance due \$1,005.00; Receipts of \$665.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- February 2018- 42 customers balance due \$3,458.48; Receipts of \$2,275.92 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- February 2018 -Total disbursed \$361.50 of which \$342.50 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice DeRosia- February 2018.
- Town Justice Edel- February 2018.
- Planning Board- October 19, 2017 Minutes.
- Police Report- February 2018.

Supervisor Merrill reported on the Clean Energy Communities Program/Grant: waiting for confirmation from EVConnect that the signal is strong enough to support the system.

Supervisor reported that we have received one written quote for the Town Hall Central Air Conditioning System, still waiting on others.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has spoken with Michael O'Reilly of Principle Design & Engineering PLLC they are drawing up the Engineering Services Contract for the Walking Bridge over Downs Brook Project.

Supervisor reminded everyone of the Public Hearing scheduled for Wed. April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM to Dissolve the Downsville Lighting District.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Soil & Water Conservation District Presentation that was scheduled for tonight will be held at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting at 7PM; we postponed this due to tonight's weather and possible low attendance.

Supervisor Merrill commented that he will be away for the March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting and that Deputy Supervisor Janet Champlin will also be away; since we do not have a lot on the agenda, Supervisor recommends that we cancel the second meeting in March, but he would like authorization to pay the outstanding vouchers for that date; Supervisor will be here on Thursday to sign the checks. Board discussed.

NO. 28-2018 03/07/18 Cancel Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board Meetings of the Town of Colchester have been scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the third Wednesday in March 2018 both the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor will be out of town;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby cancel the March 21, 2018 Town Board Meeting.

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

NO. 29-2018 03/07/18 Authorize Abstract No.05-2018 for March 21, 2018

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester has canceled the March 21, 2018 Town Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, to make payments on time and to avoid penalty amounts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to pay all vouchers as of March 21, 2018 for Abstract No.05-2018.

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

Supervisor reported that we received notice that DWSRF 16601 Requisition No. 3 in the amount of \$10,721.62 should be electronically deposited in to our account on March 8<sup>th</sup>; this was for expenses we paid in 2017 for the CFWD; there is a balance of around \$4,300 left in the grant.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
- Soil & Water Conservation District Presentation April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Councilman Mattson commented that he sees the new electronic billboard is up and running; should we put on billboard who to contact to add a message; also the flag is very bright, especially in the evenings. Supervisor replied that there is a wireless modem in the water building to support the message board; Supervisor hopes to get down there to work on it.

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the water main leak on Downs Ave. Supervisor replied that we are waiting for the weather to break and a tree has been cut down near the area.

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the sidewalk ordinance, any complaints? Supervisor replied that the ordinance states: Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within twelve hours after the snow has stopped falling and that the sidewalk shall be continuously maintained to be kept free of snow and ice.

Councilwoman Markert commented that Sheriff Craig DuMond has stated that he is in support of a Resource Officer in all schools. Board held discussion. Supervisor commented that NYS is looking into a program to provide money for this purpose. Officer Cawley commented that at the last DCS Board of Education meeting, it was discussed to have a full-time officer from the Town, five days a week; not at the expense of the Town. Supervisor suggested rotating the officer. Board discussed further.

Councilwoman Markert commented that Town of Hancock Supervisor, Sam Rowe has resigned, wasn't he on the Public Works Committee involving the new DPW Building. Supervisor replied that Rowe was the Chairman, George Haynes will become the new Chairman.

Board discussed the repairs to Truck#149, a 2009 GMC. Hwy Supt Eck reported that at one point they had four trucks down.

**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.04-2018 Voucher No.109-132; Totaling \$38,183.61.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend  
Town Clerk