

July 18, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:

Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
Mark W. Mattson	Councilman
Julie B. Townsend	Town Clerk

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Anthony Morgano-The Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Mary Brawley-Fuat, Alan Donner, Michele Massaro, Kaci Bunker and Janice Stickle.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read the following resolution.

NO. 73-2018 07/18/18 In Memory of Robert A. Homovich

Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, former Town of Colchester Supervisor Robert A. Homovich passed away on June 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Town of Colchester Police Officer for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Town of Colchester Councilman from 1978 until 1985; and

WHEREAS, he served as Town of Colchester Supervisor from 1986 until 1995 and again from 2006 until 2011; and

WHEREAS, he served as Delaware County Budget Director from October 2009 until December 2011; and

WHEREAS, he was a staunch supporter and determined representative of our Township on the local and county levels, particularly in negotiations with NYCDEP on the Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, he was an integral and devoted member of his community in many capacities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester and the Citizens of Colchester extend their sympathy to Bob's family and recognize with sincere appreciation and gratitude his numerous contributions to this Town, the County and his neighbors.

Resolution was seconded by Councilman Mark W. Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, June 20, 2018 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Bonnie Seegmiller commented that it should be noted that the LED Street Lights is one example of reimbursement from the ZEV Grant.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets- Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on 6/12/2018 was rated satisfactory.
- NYS Dept. of Health- Swimming Pool Inspection of 7/02/2018- flow meter missing.
- CWC- Watershed Currents July 2018 issue- change in the rules for its Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program.
- NYSEMO- check in the amount of \$25,092.11 Snow Disaster March 2017 DR4322 PW49.
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.- #R-19 Serial Bond for CFWD paid, one year left.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- June 2018- 16 customers balance due \$1,575.50; Receipts of \$100.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- June 2018- 36 customers balance due \$5,779.43; Receipts of \$575.02 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- June 2018 -Total disbursed \$1,512.16 of which \$1,469.16 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice DeRosia- June 2018.
- Town Justice Edel- June 2018.
- Planning Board- May 17, 2018 Minutes.
- Police Report- June 2018.

Bonnie Seegmiller reported that we are progressing with the Clean Energy Communities Grant.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has spoken with Michael O'Reilly of Principle Design & Engineering PLLC regarding the Walking Bridge over Downs Brook; they need to do more research; hope to have by next meeting.

Supervisor reported that a public hearing will be held on August 1st at 7pm for the 2018 CDBG Application: Housing Rehabilitation & Mobile Home Replacement; Board Meeting will follow.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he is working on a joint application with NYSDEC for the Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement project; this application is being sent to US Fish & Wildlife Service under the Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant for funding; project is bid out by DEC; project to start soon; Town will get the funds and payout the invoices.

Supervisor reported that we will try to get some Delaware River Funds to repair the stone wall at Pepacton Foods and the Daniel's home; funds to design the project.

Supervisor Merrill reported that it is time to renew the 2018 Agreement with the Humane Society of Central Delaware County, Inc. (d/b/a Heart of the Catskills Humane Society); agreement is the same as the last few years. Board discussed.

NO. 74-2018 07/18/18 Humane Society Agreement 2018

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the Agreement between the Town of Colchester, NY and the Humane Society of Central Delaware County, Inc. (d/b/a Heart of the Catskills Humane Society) of Delhi, NY to utilize the Humane Society's Shelter for the care and confinement of those stray or lost dogs which are picked up by the Town of Colchester Dog Control Officer or Police Officers.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that Auctions International has sent us a list of bids from the recent online auction; we need to accept or reject the bids. Board discussed.

NO. 75-2018 07/18/18 Accept All Bids from Auctions International

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 06, 2018, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester adopted Resolution No.61-2018 authorizing Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to advertise the Town's Surplus Inventory with Auctions International of 11167 Route20-A, East Aurora, New York, for an online auction; and

WHEREAS, said online auction was held July 02 to July 17, 2018 and is now closed for bids;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the following bids from the online auction:

1969 Kolman Athey Screening Plant

@\$2,550.00 by: bigdummy

2009 Chevrolet Tahoe Police SUV(1GNFK13079R178557)	@\$5,800.00	by: papagee58
2006 GMC Dump Truck (1GDE5C3296F06401)	@\$5,300.00	by: nate83076
1999 International Dump Truck (1HTGJAET5XH610134)	@\$4,850.00	by: jaxegrinder
1999 International Dump Truck (1HTGLAET8XH201268)	@\$3,150.00	by: northeastsrap
six tire rims	@\$10.00	by: brewzer
Brush Bandit Master Chipper	@\$3,600.00	by: OTTERS17
4' Alamo Flail Mower	@\$310.00	by: tarzan
1990 8' Sweepster Broom	@\$400.00	by: ODRIG
1990 Case 5120 Tractor with mower	@\$12,500.00	by: AC1960
two Funnel Plows	@ \$400.00	by: jaxegrinder
Swenson Spreader	@\$10.00	by: ODRIG
Lot of Tires (50+)	@\$16.00	by: kevinogd
Alkota Steam Cleaner	@\$62.50	by: VBackhoe

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

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Town Attorney Michael DeGroat presented a draft of a local law to Regulate and Prohibit the Parking of Trucks and Oversize Vehicles Exceeding 10,500 Pounds on Town Highways. Town Attorney explained that Town Highways was everything the Town maintained: roads, shoulders and ditches; it makes plowing difficult with vehicles in the right-of-ways; it was suggested to add to the fines the cost of towing to owner of vehicle. Board discussed and will revisit next meeting.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Janet Champlin has submitted a Public Facility Permit Application on behalf of the Pepacton Park Committee to use the Covered Bridge Park for a free music in the park event on August 2nd (August 9th rain date); the Lion's club will be selling hot dogs and giving free ice cream at the event. Board discussed.

NO. 76-2018 07/18/18 Public Facility Permit No.10-2018

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Janet Champlin on behalf of the Pepacton Park Committee has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Downsville Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, on Thursday, August 2nd from 6PM to 9PM for Music in the Park event;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No.10-2018 to the Pepacton Park Committee for the use of the Downsville Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY on August 02, 2018.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-abstain, resolution declared adopted.

Pool Director Janice Stickle asked to hire 3 more lifeguards upon completion of their lifeguard training. Board discussed.

NO. 77-2018 07/18/18 Appoint Part-time Lifeguards

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires the following list applicants as Part-time Lifeguards: Hallie Bunker, Meg Towsley and Seth Odell;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Part-time Lifeguards (twenty hours or less) have the hourly rate of \$10.40 per hour upon verification of all certified and completed courses and all necessary paperwork has been completed and turned in to the Supervisor's Office.

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

Pool Committee submitted a Pool Needs and Wish List for the Town Swimming Pool: new bath house, hot water, new lettering for perimeter of the pool, flow meters; finish drains, fix electrical issues, more lighting for pool deck, new pool vacuum, water or juice machine, snack machine, public address system, solar heat panels, concrete deck for pavilion and enlarge the second pavilion. Board discussed. Safety items will be done first; a new bath house will need to be

designed by engineer; we will need a budget for the bath house. Pool Director stated that the paint job was not great, wasn't sealed. Supervisor commented that one of the used air conditioners from Town Hall will be going into the pool pump house. Councilwoman Champlin commented that an outdoor carpet was purchased for under the pavilion. Pool Director inquired about a policy on occupancy. Supervisor replied that is set by the NYS Dept. of Health; 95 total in gated area.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., August 1st with Public Hearing at 7PM
- Town Clerk's Office will be Closed on Fridays during the months of August, September and October 2018

Councilwoman Markert inquired about marking inside the covered bridge. Hwy Supt Eck replied that the County just cleaned the bridge maybe it was also inspected at that time and is their markings. Councilwoman Markert commented that the sign to the covered bridge needs to be addressed; what about a sign over the bridge. Supervisor will discuss with County DPW Commissioner Reynolds.

Councilwoman Markert commented that she was asked for a letter of support for the park & paddle grant. Supervisor replied that we are submitting another grant application.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the generator & tanks look bad outside Town Hall. Supervisor replied that we are looking to move the tanks and we will be landscaping around the generator once hooked up.

Councilwoman Markert stated that she sees the parking lot on State Hwy 206 is being paved, but not NYS Hwy 30.

Councilwoman Markert inquired about the new County DPW Bldg. Supervisor replied that the County is looking at the Bishop property under eminent domain; he did not vote for it.

Councilwoman Markert asked if the wooden eagles were going into local businesses and can we get more of them repaired. Supervisor replied yes, as soon as he gets the contracts to local business owners; the repair process takes a lot of time. Michele Massaro stated that the Post Office would like two eagles. Supervisor replied that he has been the holdup, been very busy and should be able to get eagles to the PO in 2-3 weeks.

Joan Homovich inquired if we could talk to DPW Commissioner in regards to painting line on County Hwy 26. Supervisor replied that is on his list of discussions with the Commissioner.

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.12-2018 Voucher No.333-382; Totaling \$304,266.58.

Mark Mattson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss property negotiations, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:27 PM. Officer Cawley was invited to stay. Board held discussion. Janet Champlin made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:44 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk