

September 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:

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| Arthur M. Merrill                     | Supervisor        |
| Mark W. Mattson                       | Councilman        |
| Julie A. Markert                      | Councilwoman      |
| Gregory L. Lavorgna                   | Councilman        |
| Janet L. Champlin                     | Councilwoman      |
| Recording Secretary: Joyce T. Steflik | Deputy Town Clerk |

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Mike Martin -The Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Alan Donner, Thomas and Dayette Zampolin and Mary Brawley-Fuat.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the Public Hearing of September 05, 2018 and the last regular meeting, September 05, 2018 had been distributed earlier. Councilwoman Markert asked if ordering the sander had been approved and Supervisor Merrill replied that it had just been discussed. Julie Markert made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna. All in favor, motion carried.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Dayette Zampolin read her letter to the Board regarding issues with Frontier Communications services. She would like the Board to advertise a public meeting to discuss these issues with an elevated management representative from Frontier who can respond to these complaints. Supervisor Merrill asked her to send him copies of her FCC complaints and he will contact Frontier and then FCC if necessary. He said that he has been speaking with Glenn Falkner and Jim Christie from MTC about putting in new poles and expanding service to all roads in the Town of Colchester this side of Cat Hollow. He will contact them to see about having a public information session. At this time, Supervisor Merrill also mentioned that MTC has started using the space downtown at the previous highway garage for storing their equipment and will be there for about two months.

Joan Homovich asked if the contracts for the eagles were ready. Supervisor Merrill replied that they weren't but he will take care of it within the next two weeks.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- From Betsy Tromater of US Fish & Wildlife Service that enrollment in ASAP is complete for the DEC Tiffany Hollow project.
- Lawrence Reed, Real Property Analyst, sent a letter praising Assessor Gerald Merrill for all the help on his own time in collecting data for the 2019 FVM survey.
- Received a Certificate of Completion for the CDBG project #260CRF-HR113-14.
- Notice of Public Budget Hearing for the Roscoe-Rockland Fire District Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.in the community center.
- Letter from Dayette Zampolin – addressed above in visitor comments.

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

- Town Justice DeRosia- August 2018

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Cooks Falls Water District- Project completed.
- Downsville Water District- Nothing new
- Cooks Falls Garage Project- Paul G. Ryder III Construction – starting next week
- Clean Energy Communities Program/Grant – Bonnie Seegmiller reported that the Grant has been signed by the State, just waiting for easement to continue. Hwy Supt Kenneth Eck shared that MTC is taking down their old poles and giving them to the town. Supervisor Merrill said that one of them could possibly be used here.
- Walking Bridge over Downs Brook- Supervisor contacted Mike O'Reilly and has not heard back on design.
- Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant- Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement project is moving forward.
- NYCDEP Downsville Water District Contract – Ronald MacDonald and Supervisor Merrill are meeting with Jeff Francisco

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM
- Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. - H.I. workshop will be held with Kevin Morse

Councilman Lavorgna inquired how paving is going. Hwy. Supt. Eck replied that they've been working on the dirt roads.

Kenneth Eck mentioned that the old shaker for making sand is gone. Clark's can come in and make sand for about \$7,000 – \$12,000 or J & A Gravel has a modern shaker for \$9,000 that we could purchase. After discussion, it was agreed that Hwy Supt should look into J & A Gravel's machine and bring information and pictures to the next meeting.

**SUBMISSION OF BILLS/EXPENSES:** Mark Mattson made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.16-2018 Voucher No.477-500; Totaling \$52,667.61.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:41 PM. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 7:58 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joyce T. Steflik  
Deputy Town Clerk