

August 05, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, March 05, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
	Mark W. Mattson	Councilman entered @ 7:28pm
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
Recording Secretary:	Julie B. Townsend	Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Alan Donner and Officer Cawley. ZOOM Attendees: Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Bonnie Seegmiller, and Rob Hafele.

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, July 15, 2020 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

**GUESTS:** Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that he is visiting the DWD Filtration Plant Project twice a day; Richard W. Wakeman, Inc. is moving right along; NYSEG is holding up the project; we need to contact the Town's LP contractor to get a propane tank in; the electric was hooked up to the new building, therefore the power is not need at the old building; we are working with a vendor to get the radio operating.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Supervisor asked the visitors if they would like to continue attending meetings by ZOOM; visitors would like to continue using ZOOM.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Homeland Security and Emergency Services- Received Electronic Deposits for Federal Share for the following Projects related to the Severe Storms and Flooding declared on 11-01-2018:
  - FEMA 4397 PW#348v0-Mary Smith Hill Road= \$115,721.21
  - FEMA 4397 PW#278v0-Morton Hill Road= \$3,801.84
  - FEMA 4397 PW#378v0-Island Road= \$8,580.95Supervisor added that we had taken money out of the Reserve Repair Account (\$350,000 + 100,000) we will now replace these funds.
- NYCDEP, Dave Warne- Unauthorized driveways over NYC water supply land-pilot project to formalize use; three effected parcels in Colchester.
- NYS Dept of Ag & Markets- Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed on 7/16/2020 at the Heart of the Catskills Humane Society was rated Satisfactory.
- Delaware County Dept. of Planning & Watershed Affairs- updating the County's Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- Catskill Center- Operating for 51 Years; they are working on six major efforts.
- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance- Established a final State equalization rate of 2.92 for the Town of Colchester.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- July 2020- 27 customers balance due \$2,880; Receipts of \$3,270.01 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- July 2020- 80 customers balance due \$11,805.81; Receipts of \$10,851.82 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- July 2020- Total disbursed \$3,764.77 of which \$3,699.77 was Town revenues.
- Police- July 2020 Activity Report.
- Town Justice DeRosia- July 2020.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have not received a final bill for the Cooks Falls Court/Highway Building Project.

Highway Supt. Eck reported that we have received the guiderails for the Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant- Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project, but have not installed them yet.

Town Clerk reported that there is a conference call scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 \$500,000 Housing Rehabilitation Program Project; project ends January 2021.

Councilman Mark Mattson entered the meeting at 7:28pm.

Supervisor reported that the Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project is moving along; we need to demo some more of the old building and once we get the boat launch permit, we will install it.

Supervisor Merrill reported that to move along with the sale of the old Eagle Hotel property, we needed to move the swimming pool water line; we have discussed this with Jim Amato and he is in agreement. Town Attorney Michael DeGroat reported that he has drawn up the Easement between the Town and James J. Amato, giving the Town the right to construct and install a water line to serve the Town Swimming Pool; Amato is removing the trailer at the end of this property and there is a curb stop located at 15206 State Hwy 30 that goes to the trailer; the Town will take over this water line and extend it over the brook to the swimming pool; if Amato puts a trailer back in there, then he will be responsible for the water line and billing. Board discussed.

NO. 56-2020 08/05/20 Easement at 15206 State Hwy 30 (Amato)

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the agreement between the Town of Colchester, NY and James J. Amato to have the Town take over the water line at 15206 State Hwy 30 and extend it over the brook to the Town Swimming Pool.

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

Supervisor reported that it is time to renew the Humane Society Agreement; nothing has changed from the last few years. Board discussed.

NO. 57-2020 08/05/20 Humane Society Agreement 2020

Mark Mattson 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 Greg Lavoragna, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Hwy Supt Kenneth Eck stated that he would like to go off County Bid to rent an excavator and operator to do some FEMA Projects. Board discussed.

NO. 58-2020 08/05/20      Accept County Proposal #1-20 Rental of Construction Equipment  
Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has accepted the Delaware County DPW Bid Book for construction of Town Highways per Resolution NO. 05-2020, titled Accept Del. Co. DPW & NYSDOT Policy & Standards; and

WHEREAS, due to FEMA DR#4397, Morton Hill Road, Pallor Hollow Road, Bull Run Road, Rogers Hill Road and Horse Brook Road need repairs that must be completed by September 30, 2020 to be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to enter into contract with a bidder off the Delaware County Bid Book Proposal No.1-20 for an Excavator and operator.

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

Hwy Supt Eck reported that he would like to add the 2011 Chevrolet Dump Truck (fire truck) and the 2016 Freightliner to surplus inventory and put on the online auction; we have the final say to accept any of the bids; all trucks will include the plow and sander. Board discussed.

NO. 59-2020 08/05/20      Surplus Inventory to Auction International

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester has accepted the following as Surplus Inventory:

Truck#116- 2012 Dodge Dump Truck

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Truck#119- 2016 Freightliner Dump Truck

Truck#149- 2009 GMC Dump Truck

Truck#155- 2011 Chevrolet Dump Truck

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to advertise such equipment with Auctions International of 11167 Route20-A, East Aurora, New York, for the next online auction being held, in the best interest of the Town. Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that the pool season is going well this year; three swimmers are taking the lifeguard class in Arkville.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcement:

Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Councilwoman Markert commented that Paige Cemetery looks good, especially the cherry trees; also a good job on the Chamber sign and Women's' Club sign.

Councilwoman Champlin commented that the Cemetery Crew was wondering if they could cut the grass between the curb and sidewalk; they ride the mowers to different locations anyway. Supervisor replied that it should not be a problem.

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the status of the vandalism at the Gregorytown Cemetery. Supervisor stated that the issue of golf cart and 4-wheelers has been taken care of.

Councilman Lavorgna reported that the Cooks Falls Court Building has a problem with bees. Supervisor replied that they can purchase bee spray and submit a voucher for reimbursement.

Councilman Lavorgna commented that the recent rain has done some damage to Baker Hill Road. Hwy Supt Eck will look into it. Hwy Supt added that yesterday's rain caused some minor damage to a couple of culverts.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired to the status of the water line issue on Tub Mill Road. Supervisor replied that another family member is taking care of the issue.

Supervisor Merrill reported the some of the DWD water lines are wearing out from the inside; years ago Downs Ave should have been an 2inch line. Water Clerk commented that we need to replace many meters and remotes. Board discussed. Supervisor added that he has contacted Senator Mentzer to see what is going on with the DASNY Grants; we have a \$50,000 grant for water meters; probably sitting on someone's desk in Albany.

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Julie Markert 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. 15-2020 Voucher No.379-418; Totaling \$53,713.55.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk