

November 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Alan Donner and Officer Cawley. ZOOM attendees: Town Clerk, Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Bonnie Seegmiller, Jeremy Jenkusky and John.

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

The minutes of the Budget Public Hearing, November 04, 2020 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, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. The minutes of the last regular meeting, November 04, 2020 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, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Bonnie Seegmiller thanked Highway Supt Eck for smoothing out Bull Run Road.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch- pleased to inform us that Governor Cuomo has officially signed **A.9936a Crouch/S.7897b Metzger** into law (Chapter .284) on November 11, 2020; this legislation designates a portion of the state highway system in Delaware County as the “Colchester Veterans Memorial Bridge”. Supervisor added that the next step will be that NYSDOT will have a sign made.

**REPORTS-** written reports on file at Town Clerk’s Office: none

Supervisor Merrill reported that the new Downsville Water System Improvement Project was turned on today; it will take approximately 7-10 days for the springs to fill up the water tank.

Supervisor reported that we will relocate the water line to the Town Pool in the spring.

Supervisor Merrill reported that bids were due by Noon on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for Bid Proposal No.02-2020 Highway Garage LED Lighting System; we received one bid from Blanding Electric Inc in the amount of \$8,800.00. Board discussed.

NO. 98-2020 11/18/20 Award Bid No.02-2020 Highway Garage LED Lighting System

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester had advertised for Bid Proposal No.02-2020 Highway Garage LED Lighting System; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020 the Town received said bid from one bidder; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020 the Town opened said bid from Blanding Electric Inc in the amount of \$8,800.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the bid from Blanding Electric Inc for Bid Proposal No.02-2020 Highway Garage LED Lighting System at a price of \$8,800.00, eight thousand eight hundred dollars and no cents;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby gives authorization to Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to enter into contract with Blanding Electric Inc of 429 Commerce Road, Vestal, New York 13850 for the removal and replacement of 41 high bay lights; a minimum standard of 100 watts UFO LED High Bay Light with 13,000 lumens at the Town of Colchester Highway garage located at 6292 River Road, Downsville, New York.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin. Roll Call Vote: Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that we have received a Letter of Understanding from Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP Certified Public Accountants of 4 Associate Drive, Oneonta, New York to provide the 2020 Audit for the Town of Colchester at an estimated fee of \$11,400.00; this is an increase of \$200 from last year; they have been performing the Town's Audit for the last twenty-four years; this is not required but since we have had FEMA projects and other grant programs, it is in our best interest to have an outside audit. Board discussed.

NO. 99-2020 11/18/20 Mostert, Manzanero & Scott LLP 2020 Audit

Upon recommendation from the Supervisor, Julie Markert 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 Letter of Understanding with Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP Certified Public Accountants of 4 Associate Drive, Oneonta, New York to provide the 2020 Audit for the Town of Colchester at an estimated fee of \$11,400.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that Delaware Opportunities has sent us a project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp. has approved bid for File No.TCOL-02 to D&N Improvements in the amount of \$27,320.00; the Community Development Specialist estimated the total cost of the project at \$27,578.55. Contractor amount plus \$25,050 for lead abatement for a Total Grant approval of \$52,370.00. Board discussed.

NO.100-2020 11/18/20 CDBG #260HR301-18 Board Approval No. TCOL-02

Upon recommendation of Delaware Opportunities Inc., Champlin the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No. TCOL-02 for the CDBG Project #260HR301-18, Housing Rehabilitation Grant and hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said grant approval in the amount of \$52,370.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that Delaware Opportunities has also sent another project to approve for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 Program, Housing Rehabilitation Grant; Del. Opp. has approved bid for File No.TCOL-01 to D&N Improvements in the amount of \$54,995.00; the Contractor amount plus \$20,250 for lead abatement and Lead Based Paint Risk of \$575 for a Total Grant approval of \$75,820.00. Board discussed.

NO.101-2020 11/04/20 CDBG #260HR301-18 Board Approval No. TCOL-01

Upon recommendation of Delaware Opportunities Inc., Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves File No. TCOL-04 for the CDBG Project #260HR301-18, Housing Rehabilitation Grant and

hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign said grant approval in the amount of \$75,820.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, Live and ZOOM.

Supervisor added that we may switch to ZOOM Meetings only if the number of COVID-19 cases continue to increase; the Del Co Board of Supervisors has decided to go to virtual meetings. Board held discussion.

Councilwoman Markert commented that Joan Homovich had called her to report that someone had backed over the fire hydrant at the Downsville Covered Bridge; no local PD was available so Councilwoman Markert went to the site until the Sheriff's Dept showed up; it looked as if the vehicle operator saw the limit sign and tried to backup and therefore hit the hydrant. She asked if there any damage to the hydrant? Supervisor reported that the top of the hydrant was cracked; he received correspondence today that State Farm Insurance that they are investigating the incident; he will contact WPO MacDonald and the Sheriff's Dept and respond to the letter.

Councilwoman Markert commented that Lindsley and Union look good with the new sidewalks, but road seems narrow. Hwy Supt replied that we have had a few complaints from homeowners.

Councilwoman Markert commented that there have been complaints of driving too fast on River Road; what can we do? Hwy Supt Eck replied that we would have to petition NYSDOT. Board discussed. Board agreed to start the process to lower the speed limit on River Road and Fuller Hill/Horton Brook Road to 40mph. Town Attorney added that we should designate start and end points and to contact NYSDOT that we are have a problem and ask for a study.

NO.102-2020 11/04/20 Speed Zones

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester would like to start the procedure to lower the speed limits on River Road, Fuller Hill Road and Horton Brook Road. Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna and Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Councilwoman Champlin reported that Nathan Homovich has been detailing the Town trucks and has asked for a cabinet to store supplies and more materials; he takes pride in his work and the trucks look good. Hwy Supt Eck stated that he should have come to him; we will figure something out.

Councilman Lavorgna stated that Kevin Green has the Cooks Falls Highway Garage looking good; still a mice problem.

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Greg Lavorgna 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, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Abstract No. 22-2020 Voucher No.603-625; Totaling \$182,067.54.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk