

January 05, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, January 05, 2022 immediately following the Organizational Meeting, at 7:26 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor  
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman  
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman  
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman  
Daniel J. Pinner Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Alan Donner. Zoom Attendees: Randy Shephard-The Reporter, John and Tim.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, December 15, 2021 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- O'Connor Foundation- Town of Colchester was approved for a 1 for 1 matching grant of \$5,000 to be used toward the purchasing and implementing use of police body cameras.
- Town of Tompkins- 2022 Contract for Shared Highway Services.
- Association of Towns- The 2022 Training School and Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis, February 20-23, 2022.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- December 2021- 1 customer balance due \$50.00; Receipts of \$250.00 disbursed to Supervisor. Annual Report for 2021.
- Downsville Water District- December 2021- 6 customers balance due \$393.30; Receipts of \$785.41 disbursed to Supervisor. Annual Report for 2021.
- Town Clerk- December 2021- Total disbursed \$2,078.02 of which \$2,047.02 was Town revenues. Annual Report for 2021.
- Town Justice Edel- December 2021.
- Town Justice DeRosia- December 2021.
- Planning Board- Minutes of November 18, 2021.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Water Plant Operator Ron MacDonald will start installing new meters for the Downsville Water District when he returns from vacations.

Supervisor reported that there was nothing new on the following projects:

- Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project- Permit extension applied.
- Mobile Office Unit.
- EFPR Group to do the American Rescue Plan

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Teamsters Union Contract has not been settled.

Supervisor reported that we need to have further discussion regarding Surplus Guns Inventory. Councilman Lavorgna commented that he had spoken with Town Attorney, Nick Cortese, who stated that he is not familiar with Municipal selling of arms and could look into it. Councilman

Lavorgna also stated that he spoke with another firearms dealer, who also commented that he is not familiar with Municipal Law, but suggested that the Town sell the firearms to a firearms dealer and let them sell the firearms. Councilman Pinner commented that we could go through a Gun Broker Auction. Town Clerk commented that she had spoken to Clifford L. Olsen a Federal Arms Dealer and Gunsmith operating as Catskill Sporting Goods; he needs a letter from the Town authorizing him to transfer the guns to individuals and the price of the sales; he will then perform a background check and do all the paperwork for a fee of \$35.00 per gun. Board discussed further.

NO. 10-2022 01/05/22 Surplus Firearms

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021 the Town Board of the Town of Colchester adopted Resolution No.128-2021 accepting the following as Surplus Inventory of the Town of Colchester Police Department:

- Sig Sauer P220 .45 cal. Semi-auto pistol serial #G341846, with three 7 round magazines.
- Sig Sauer P220 .45 cal. Semi-auto pistol serial #G341847, with three 7 round magazines.
- Sig Sauer P226 9mm cal. Semi-auto pistol serial #U553711, with five 15 round magazines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to contact Clifford L. Olsen a Federal Arms Dealer and Gunsmith operating as Catskill Sporting Goods to appraise said surplus guns at fair market value; and

FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester will hereby offer to sell said firearms to retired Town of Colchester Police Officers first, who used that firearm while employed by the Town of Colchester, at fair market value.

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

Supervisor reported that when the electricity went out last week, the generator did not kick on; K.L. Enterprises was called and they came the next day to fix the problem; they presented a three year service contract to Deputy Supervisor Champlin. Board reviewed and discussed.

NO. 11-2022 01/05/22 K.L. Enterprises 3 Year Service Contract

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Town of Colchester purchased a 45kw Generator from. K.L. Enterprises and was installed in the Fall of 2018; and

WHEREAS, maintenance should be performed each year to keep the generator running properly; and

WHEREAS, K.L. Enterprises has submitted a quote for a three year service contract at \$350 per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to execute a Service Contract with K.L. Enterprises for three years maintenance of the Town Hall Generator, at the cost of \$1,050.00.

Resolution seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received notification that Dayton Frey has received his CDL, we need to hire him as an HEO1. Board discussed.

NO. 12-2022 01/05/22 Hire Dayton R. Frey as HEO1

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 06, 2021 Dayton R. Frey was hired as a Permanent Part-time Highway Laborer; and

WHEREAS on December 23, 2021 Dayton R. Frey had received his Commercial Driver License;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Dayton R. Frey as a HEO1 provisional for one year, at a pay rate of \$18.55 per hour with benefits, effective December 23, 2021, assignments and duties at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Resolution seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that in the Organizational Meeting the Town Clerk appointed Kirstie Mattson as Deputy Town Clerk, we need to officially make this appointment.

NO. 13-2022 01/05/22      Hire Kirstie Mattson as Deputy Town Clerk  
Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints Kirstie Mattson of 10361 State Hwy 30, Downsville, New York as Clerk for the term of 01-01-2022 to 12-31-2025 at the hourly rate of \$16.50 per hour with no benefits, assignments and duties at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Resolution seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM - Live and ZOOM
- Town Hall Offices will be Closed Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Councilwoman Markert inquired to which meters are going to be replaced in the DWD. Supervisor replied that a list was passed around at a recent meeting; the list could be reviewed again; we purchased 125 meters and they will be put in where needed.

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Julie Markert 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. 01-2022 Voucher No.01-40; Totaling \$110,937.40.

Councilwoman Markert inquired about the status of the ice skating rink; is it going to be put up this year? And where? Board discussed. It was suggested to install the rink at the Covered Bridge Park; either the parking lot or in the park. Supervisor will talk to Highway Supt.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk