

May 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor  
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman  
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman  
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman  
Absent: Daniel J. Pinner Councilman  
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk  
Others present: Officer Cawley.

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, May 04, 2022 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, Dan Pinner-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYSDEC John Smith, Professional Engineer- Copy of routine inspection of the Downsville Dam, DEC Dam ID#146-1429; Hazard Class C- High Hazard Dam performed on April 15, 2022; Condition Rating: "No Deficiencies Noted".
- Federal Communications Commission- Grant of Petition for Reconsideration; by grant of this petition, the "Termination Pending" status for the licenses will be removed and returned to "Active" status and the associated construction notification dates will be updated in ULR.
- Mostert, Manzanero & Scott LLP- Draft of the 2021 Audit; Supervisor needs to review.
- Shawn Nash of Selective Insurance-Notice of Appeal of the Dismissal in Spaeth v. Town.

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

- Town Justice Conrow- \$9,079.00 reported for April 2022.
- Tax Collector- As of 5/09/22, 2700 Transactions -Base Tax Total \$7,506,322.28- 93% Paid.

Supervisor Merrill reported that WPO MacDonald is working on meter installations for the Downsville Water District.

Supervisor reported that NYCDEP Lawyers are revising the DWD Water Hookup Contract.

Supervisor Merrill reported that a conference call was held on the Downsville Park Paddle Project; doesn't look like the Boat Launch Permit will not be issued; goal now is to get the area paved, slat shed down and part of the old shed also and get a new pavilion constructed.

Supervisor reported that a conference call was held with DASNY; we have five outstanding grants: 1) \$100,000- 2022 plow truck; 2) \$50,000- relocation of salt shed; 3) \$50,000- Reno of Town Hall and salt shed; 4) \$50,000- DWD before filtration project (possibly large well pump and small storage shed for chemicals); and 5) \$50,000- CFWD reno pumphouse and water mains.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we need to call Interstate Homes to have the skirting put on the Mobile Office Unit to finish up the project; Taggart Electric is coming tomorrow to review and give an estimate for electric.

Supervisor reported on projects under the American Rescue Plan: Brian Ryder looked at the Cooks Falls Hwy Garage Roof, estimated around \$24,000; he is not interested in the transfer station project; Premier Roofing is coming next week. Supervisor commented that we have not received a new proposal from Sebright Products on the compactor; he will contact them and include rails on both.

Supervisor Merrill stated that a new bank account has been started for the EV Charging Station.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we need our annual Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Town Clerk explained that those who start a new term and/or have joined the NYSLRS and do not punch a time clock, must do a three month Record of Activities, which is good for eight years; once resolution is adopted it must be posted for 30 days and then send to NYSLRS. Board discussed.

**NO. 48-2022 05/18/22 SWD & Reporting Resolution for Elected & Appointed Officials**  
Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Colchester/Location Code 30554 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping systems records or record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs./day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>							
Town Justice	Cindy S. Conrow			6	01/01/2022-12/31/2025	N	3.56
Supt. of Highways	Kenneth R. Eck Jr.			6	01/01/2022-12/31/2023	N	26.83
Town Clerk	Julie B. Townsend			6	01/01/2022-12/31/2025	N	28.45
Council Member	Daniel J. Pinner			6	01/01/2022-12/31/2025	N	0.62
<b>Appointed Officials</b>							
Supervisor's Bookkeeper/ Account Clerk	Dawn R. D'Addezio			6	01/01/2022-12/31/2022	N	24.11
Water Superintendent	Ronnie L. MacDonald			6	01/01/2022-12/31/2022	N	16.00

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna.

This resolution was put to a vote by roll call and resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet L. Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Daniel J. Pinner	absent
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	voting aye
Councilperson, Greg L. Lavorgna	voting aye

The resolution was declared to be duly adopted by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester.

Supervisor reported that Officer Michael Ennist was notified that his previous retirement date was insufficient of days; he read two letters from Officer Ennist. Board discussed.

NO. 49-2022 05/18/22     Accept Letter of Resignation of Police Officer Michael J. Ennist  
Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Police Officer Michael J. Ennist plans to retire from the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Michael Ennist has handed in a letter of resignation from the Town of Colchester Police Department for NYS retirement purposes, effective May 28, 2022;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts letter of resignation from Police Officer Michael J. Ennist.

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

NO. 50-2022 05/18/22     Appoint Part-time Police Officer Michael J. Ennist  
Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester recognizes the need of continuing its Police Dept. for the safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester recognizes the need of Part-time Police Officers for the future of the Police Dept.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints the following certified officer, Michael J. Ennist of 112 South Side Spur, Margaretville, New York, as a Town of Colchester Part-time Police Officer at the pay rate of \$21.00 per hour with no benefits effective May 29, 2022.

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

Supervisor Merrill commented that we need to get the word out that we are looking for summer help; we did not place an ad in The Reporter; we put on Facebook and website. Board discussed.

Councilman Lavorgna asked if the Hwy Supt had given any thought about room for court records in the garage part of building; the Court has also asked about the electronic sign.

Councilwoman Champlin inquired about the COVID numbers for the county; she has a concern with open Senior Meal sites.

Councilwoman Markert commented that Nate Homovich has been spending his own money on things at the cemetery. Supervisor stated that he is not aware of this and will have a chat with him.

**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. 09-2022 Voucher No.252-284; Totaling \$139,023.06.

Supervisor advised the Board that he may not be here for the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board discussed. Board agreed to have one meeting for the month of June. The June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be rescheduled for Wed., June 8<sup>th</sup> and the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be canceled. Board discussed further.

NO. 51-2022 05/18/22     Board Meeting Date Change June 2022

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board Meetings of the Town of Colchester have been scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the third Wednesday in June Supervisor Merrill will not be able to attend;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby reschedule the June 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting to June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and hereby cancels the meeting date of Wed., June 15, 2022.

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

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk