

July 20, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, July 20, 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
Daniel J. Pinner Councilman
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk
Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., DWD WPO Ron MacDonald, Alan Donner, and 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, July 06, 2022 had been distributed earlier. Julie Markert made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Shawn Nash of Selective Insurance- We have been notified that the Claim Doig vs Town has been granted a Stipulation of Discontinuance.
- Notice of Claim- Vidas Stankevicius vs Town of Colchester Police Dept has been turned over to our Insurance Agency.
- NYS Division of the Budget- On July 19th we received our final Summer 2022 payment of \$100,512.52 for the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP- Town of Colchester General Purpose Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2021 (Audit) and Report to the Town Board (each Board Member received a copy). Board accepted and advised the Town Clerk to file the “Notice of Filing Annual Report.”

GUESTS: DWD Water Plant Operator Ron MacDonald apologized to the Board for not getting the new meters installed; disappointed in himself; cannot promise that they will get done; possibly get to them late fall; maybe we should hire it out to get the project done. Board discussed. Board wished that they had been notified sooner, as we purchased the meters last fall. Councilwoman Markert inquired to the status of the swimming pool bathhouse outside valve. WPO McDonald replied that he was at the pool today; the valve was a little stiff, but got it opened and told pool director to leave it open; the valve is old and not sure it can be rebuilt; there is only one line going to the pool and if using two devices then the pressure will be low

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

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

- Town Justice Conrow- \$8,579.00 reported for June 2022.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we had a surprise visit at the Transfer Station from our new representative from Seabright Products, Inc; we still need to talk with our electrician for new wiring for the compactor; Transfer Station Supt. Kenny Kipp has started to remove the siding off the building to be able to remove the old compactor; CEO Hascha is reviewing drawings for the cover of the C&D Bin; nothing new on the roof quotes; these projects will be paid by the American Rescue Plan.

Board discussed the Downsville Water System Improvement Project of Meter Installations; it was suggested that Peter Heimbuecher was retired now and interested in this project; Supervisor advised that Peter should come in and talk with him.

Supervisor reported that the EV Charging Station went off again; Colleen Griffith is contacting ChargePoint, Inc to come and look at it.

Highway Supt Eck reported that he has been in contact with the Army Core of Engineers; they have a list of questions regarding the Park Paddle Project.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received another application for lifeguard and Pool Director Jancie Stickle would like to use Machenzie Burnham as she is over the age of 18 and still short on lifeguards. Pool Director stated that Miss Burnham has not started yet as she had to return to college to collect a few items. Board discussed.

NO. 67-2022 07/20/22 Appoint Additional 2022 Pool Personnel

Upon the recommendation of Pool Director, Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Mackenzie B. Burnham as a Returning WSI/ Lifeguard at the rate of \$14.00 per hour effective July 21, 2022 for the remainder of the 2022 Pool Season.

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

Councilman Lavorgna inquired to the status of the skirting on the mobile office unit. Supervisor reported that they got rained out and it has not been done yet.

Supervisor Merrill reported that NYCDEP, Bureau of Water Supply, Source Water Operations Division has sent us a revised copy of the Emergency Action Plan for the Downsville Dam.

Supervisor reported that Taggart Electric, Inc. has submitted an estimate for the 60KW Generac Generator for the new office building at \$37,300 for purchase and install. Board discussed.

NO. 68-2022 07/20/22 Accept 60KW Generac Generator Quote of Taggart Electric, Inc Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS Taggart Electric, Inc. of 200 Merrickville Rd, Sidney Center, NY has submitted Quote #22-3507 to supply and install a 60KW Generac Generator and automatic transfer switch on the service for the new office building for a grand total of \$37,300.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts said Quote #22-3507 in the amount of \$37,300.00 in the best interest of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to purchase said 60KW Generac Generator from Taggart Electric, Inc. of 200 Merrickville Rd, Sidney Center, NY.

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

Supervisor Merrill shared the letter that was being sent to Community Bank, NA to reconsider closing the Downsville Branch Office. Councilwoman Markert stated that packets were being organized to send to all Community Bank Board Members.

Highway Supt Kenneth Eck reported that we need to order salt for this winter season; he would like to order 200ton off state bid. Board discussed.

NO. 69-2022 07/20/22 NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to sign and file the Requirement Letter of the NYS Office of General Services to be able to participate in the NYS OGS Procurement Services Group Road Salt Contract for the period of September 01, 2022 to August 31, 2023 for 200ton of road salt.

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

Highway Supt reported that New York State Dept of Motor Vehicles is changing the vehicle inspection program; they are no longer sending inspection stickers; must buy hardware for computer and print ourselves. OPUS Inspection has two options for the NY Vehicle Inspection Program: Option-1: sticker printer only- \$220.86; only good for big trucks; 9year warranty on printer only, must have PC with Windows10 to operate; then cost of 44cents per sticker. Option-2: The complete system: PC and printer for \$1,395.00 (*price updated to \$1,695 per copy of Sales Order #160877 and Order Confirmation*); good for all vehicles, police cars, light & heavy trucks; 9year warranty and support; also, 44cents per sticker. Board discussed.

NO. 70-2022 07/20/22 Purchase NYVIP3

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to purchase one NYVIP3 Safety Package (Sales Order# 160877) from OPUS Inspection of 98 Niver Street, Cohoes, New York in the amount of \$1,695.00.

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

Highway Supt Eck commented that he would like to bid on three different pickup trucks on Auctions International: 2018 Ford XL F350 Super Duty Crew Cab Pickup Truck with plow; 2015 Ford F250 XL Super Duty Pickup Truck with plow; 2015 Ford F250 Super Duty Pickup Truck; bidding ends on July 26th and 27th. Board discussed.

NO. 71-2022 07/20/22 2018 Ford XL F350 Super Duty Crew Cab Pickup Truck with plow
Dan Pinner made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to bid on a 2018 Ford XL F350 Super Duty Crew Cab Pickup Truck with plow through Auctions International;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that maximum bid shall not exceed \$60,000.00.
Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NO. 72-2022 07/20/22 2015 Ford F250 XL Super Duty Pickup Truck with plow
Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to bid on a 2015 Ford F250 XL Super Duty Pickup Truck with plow through Auctions International, Town of Big Flats #29051;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that maximum bid shall not exceed \$35,000.00.
Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NO. 73-2022 07/20/22 2015 Ford F250 Super Duty Pickup Truck
Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorize Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck to bid on a 2015 Ford F250 Super Duty Pickup Truck through Auctions International, Town of Big Flats #29051;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that maximum bid shall not exceed \$30,000.00.
Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

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. 12-2022 Voucher No.379-409; Totaling \$133,107.09.

Board held a discussion on the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and Knox Avenue. Hwy Supt Eck will investigate the issue further.

Councilwoman Markert inquired on Property Maintenance. Supervisor replied that he had spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer. Board discussed.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., August 3rd at 7PM.
- Colchester Historical Society Benefit Quilt Show at the Shinhopple Memorial Center on Friday, August 12th Noon-5PM and Sat, August 13 & Sun, August 14 10AM-5PM.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk