

June 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 5:00 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: Kirstie Mattson Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Lynda Dolocheck-Deputy Town Clerk, Ron McDonald-DWD WPO, Officer Cawley, Elizabeth DeFalco-The Reporter, Al Donner, James Noviello, Jeremy Jenkusky and Stephen Dupy.

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, June 7, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg L. Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Stephen Dupy stated that he was told that his child could not attend the pool unless his child was a student in Downsville. Supervisor Merrill said that all residents and their children are allowed to attend. Councilperson Markert and Councilperson Champlin agreed and Councilperson Champlin will inform the Pool Director.

James Noviello and Jeremy Jenkusky received 290 signatures on their petition so far for The Board to consider allowing ATVs and UTVs on Town Roads. They also said that anyone interested in riding would have to join their club with an application as well as taking a safety course and have proof of insurance. The Town and Club would write the bylaws together and the Club would do the policing without law enforcement. Crossing, trailheads, and hours would be up to the State and County. James Noviello and Jeremy Jenkusky also stated that a person convicted DWI while driving a vehicle would be removed from the club. Councilperson Gregory L. Lavorgna suggested that the max speed should be 25mph and that guests should not be allowed without a permit, proof of insurance, and need to take a safety course. James Noviello and Jeremy Jenkusky asked what else does the town need? Supervisor Merrill said bylaws and Club's documents. Supervisor Merrill also added that the Town should have the right to "pull the plug" on this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Merrill received a Thank you from the Amish Barn and the Colchester Seniors. Sabra Wright applied to have an ice cream truck in the parking lot of the Pepacton Park starting in the summer of 2024. Supervisor Merrill said that she would need insurance. Councilperson Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the application and it was seconded by Councilperson Greg L. Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Mobile Office Unit is still underway. Councilperson Greg L. Lavorgna stated that it was taking forever and suggested putting it out for bid.

Councilperson Janet L. Champlin stated that the diving board has a big crack in it and should be replaced. A new diving board would cost \$5800 for 14' and \$6200 for a 16'. Supervisor Merrill asked Ron McDonald to locate old paperwork to order a new one.

Ron McDonald stated that he intends to help with plumbing on the Mobile Office Unit and Supervisor Merrill asked him about helping with the electric, Ron McDonald agreed to help.

Councilperson Janet Champlin questioned Ron McDonald about a voucher for a pool he submitted. Ron McDonald said he helped with set up and ordering. She also asked him about the kiddie pool bill. Ron McDonald explained it needed a new filter and base needed to be fixed. Councilperson Julie A. Markert asked Ron McDonald if the water was turned on in bathrooms at the pool? Ron McDonald stated that everything is on and ready to go. He said that the chlorinator was shut down because the supply was sparse. He also said that the Highway guys did a great job painting.

Board held discussion regarding the DWD and meter installation. It was suggested to contact Rural Water and/or Lamont /LVDV assistance.

Councilwoman Markert left the meeting at 6:32pm.

Supervisor Merrill reported that lumber has been delivered for the Park Paddle Project.

Cooks Falls Water District: Ron McDonald stated that the water in pumphouse is clear but it smells like sulfur. It was suggested that the Town test for sulfur, and a decision will be made after that to possibly drill a well.

Supervisor Merrill suggested to allow Deputy Clerk, Lynda Dolocheck access to the Towns Clerk's banking. Board discussed.

NO. 51-2023 06/21/23 Town Clerk Banking Access for Lynda Dolocheck

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lynda Dolocheck was appointed Deputy Town Clerk and it is necessary to have access to the Town Clerk and Water Clerk Accounts at Community Bank, N.A.; and

WHEREAS, Community Bank, N.A. requires the Town to authorize this for the Town Accounts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Lynda Dolocheck, to have access to the following Community Bank, N.A. Accounts:

Acct. No. ####2798- Town of Colchester Town Clerk;

Acct. No. ###0329- Town of Colchester Downsville Water District Clerk;

Acct. No. #####7124- Town of Colchester Cooks Falls Water District Water Clerk.

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

Board held discussion regarding Cemetery and Season Laborer.

NO. 52-2023 06/21/23 Pay Increase for Aaron Early

Dan Pinner made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 03, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hired Aaron Early as a New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer at the rate of \$14.20 per hour with no benefits; and

WHEREAS the Town Board has recognized his work ethic and potential benefit to the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby increases Aaron Early's hourly wage to \$17.00 per hour with no benefits as a Laborer.

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

Councilman Lavorgna stated that the Highway Crew did a good job brushing the sides of the roads in the Cloves.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert- absent, motion carried. Abstract No. 12-2023 Voucher No.336-369; Totaling \$68,389.54.

Police Officer Cawley reported that we need security cameras to be installed before the walls are constructed in the mobile office unit. Board discussed and suggested that he submit quotes. Board also discussed entrance doors for the mobile unit.

Councilwoman Markert re-entered the meeting at 6:56pm.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss public safety and personnel issues, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 6:57PM. Officer Cawley and Hwy Supt were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Julie Markert made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 7:34PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., July 5th at 5PM.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Dan Pinner, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lynda Dolocheck, Deputy Town Clerk