

September 06, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, September 06, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Absent: Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco, Alan Donner, Rebecca Mochel 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, August 23, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Julie Markert made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- August 2023- 19 customer balance due \$2,150.00; Receipts of \$311.04 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- August 2023- 44 customers balance due \$7,249.64; Receipts of \$2,741.02 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- August 2023- Total disbursed \$3,912.22 of which \$3,876.22 was Town revenues.
- Police- August 2023 Activity Report.
- Town Justice Edel- \$5,817.00 reported for August 2023.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Downsville Water District does not have enough funds to pay the two loan payments that are coming due; he suggested that DWD borrow \$25,000 from the Supervisor's General Fund. Board discussed.

NO. 70-2023 09/06/23 Inter-Fund Transfer to DWD

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Downsville Water District had insufficient funds to make their September 21st Principal payment to the NYSEFC Loan#5713 and October 1st payment to USDA Loan that are in tonight's vouchers;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to make an Inter Fund Transfer from the Supervisor's General Fund to the Downsville Water District Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert.

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

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill-voting aye

Councilperson, Janet Champlin-absent

Councilperson, Julie A. Markert-voting aye

Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna -voting aye

Councilperson, Daniel J. Pinner-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 progress is being made at the Mobile Office Unit; plumbing is almost done; electric work should be done next week. George Jones has submitted two quotes for removal and replacement of security doors and constructing deck with stairs and roofing. Board discussed. Since both quotes were for the labor only and both at \$15,000, the Board agreed to hire George Jones get the project moving along; Town will supply the building materials.

NO. 71-2023 09/06/23 Hire George Jones Mobile Office Unit Project

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires George Jones for the project of removal and replacement of security doors and construction of a deck with stairs and roofing at the Mobile Office Unit located at 6292 River Road at a Labor Cost of \$15,000.00.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Highway Dept will hopefully start Monday on the park Paddle Project.

Supervisor reported that he had a conference call with the Town Attorney regarding the ATV/UTV local law; it was short as James Noviello forgot about the call. Supervisor suggested that James call the Town Attorney directly.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received a Public Facility Permit Application from the Friends of the Upper Delaware River; they would like to do a planting event and additional activities & crafts at the covered Bridge Park on Sat., October 21st; they hope to have other organizations setup booths/tables to talk about their organization. Board discussed.

NO. 72-2023 09/06/23 Public Facility Permit No.06-2023

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ky Romanofski, on behalf of the Friends of the Upper Delaware River, has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use the Downsville Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, on Saturday, October 21st from 8:00AM to 5:00PM for a planting event and additional activities & crafts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 06-2023 to the Friends of the Upper Delaware River for the use of the Downsville Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

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

Supervisor commented that he has spoken with Cemetery Supervisor Nate Homovich in regards to a new cemetery mower; we have received a quote from McAdams Lawnmower for a Cub Cadet at \$6,100; we have money in the 2023 Budget; we will have Nate ask for a test drive.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed. September 20th at 5PM.
- Clean Sweep Business & Farms Fri .Sept. 22nd & Household Sept.23rd

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Abstract No. 17-2023 Voucher No.498-529; Totaling \$146,166.41.

Officer Cawley reported that the police car is getting decals put on; he stated that we should be ordering a new vehicle for 2024; Ford is not making any 2024s, they are catching up on 2023 orders and will be submitting price lists for 2025 models mid-November to be delivered end of year 2024; Chevy is taking order for 2024 now. Board discussed and agreed to wait until pricing comes out in mid-November.

Board held discussion on short term rentals. Supervisor read the local law of the Town of Andes's Transient Rental Regulations. We will start with the local law from Andes and make changes to it, and have the CEO review and then send to the Town Attorney for his input.

Julie Markert made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 6:29PM. Town Clerk was invited to stay. Board held discussion. Julie Markert made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 6:37PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk