

September 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman entered at 5:10pm
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., The Reporter-Elizabeth DeFalco, Rob Hafele, 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 September 06, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Pinner, Julie Markert-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Rebecca Mochel inquired to the procedure to request sidewalks and/or lower the speed limit to 15mph on Knox Ave and Montgomery Ave. Supervisor replied that there is not enough room for sidewalks; he added that a petition would need to be presented to the Town Board for review and then sent on to the County and State.

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

- Town Justice Conrow- \$15,838 reported for August 2023.
- Status Report for Mobil Building as of 9/19/2023.

Councilwoman Champlin entered the meeting at 5:10PM.

Councilman Pinner stated that we needed to get the fire hydrant by the covered bridge repaired or replaced. Supervisor added that the payment for the hydrant is not going to be paid by an insurance company but rather by the person who hit it; he added that it was estimated to be \$1,200 and that it would be paid off in installments.

Supervisor Merrill reported that a lot of progress has been made on the Mobile Office Unit (Public Safety Building) and a pad needs to be poured for the generator and parking.

Supervisor reported that he was at the NYCDEP uploading documents for the DEP/DWD Project and will try again tomorrow.

Supervisor Merrill reported that paving will start October 1st for the Park Paddle Project.

Supervisor reported that we are trying to edit Andes' short term rental regulations.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have not received the results of the CFWD well; NYSDOH wants a second water source; we will not pursue this well if it contains sulfur water.

Supervisor stated that the Town Attorney has submitted an edited form regarding the ATV/UTV local law; the County is looking into this also and is contacting the State as well.

Supervisor Merrill stated that it is time to bid out fuel for the vehicles and buildings; we need to add the Public Safety Building (Mobile Office Unit); an ad will be placed; bids are due on October 18th by 4PM

in the Town Hall at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded at the Oct. 18th Board Meeting. Board discussed.

NO. 73-2023 09/20/23 Bid Proposal No.01-23 Fuel

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to advertise for bids for the purpose of purchasing the following fuels: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Section 103 of General Municipal Law, sealed bids will be received by the Town of Colchester for the following:

- A. **No. 2 Heating Fuel** to be delivered as needed to Town Hall, 72 Tannery Rd, Downsville.
- B. **Kerosene** to be delivered as needed to Paige Cemetery, 15505 State Hwy 30 and Highway Garage, 6292 River Rd, Downsville.
- C. **Winter Blend** to be delivered as needed to Highway Garage, 6292 River Rd, Downsville.
- D. **Diesel Fuel** to be delivered as needed to Highway Garage, 6292 River Rd, Downsville.
- E. **Propane** to be delivered as needed to Highway Garage, 20246 County Hwy 17, Cooks Falls; Highway Garage and Public Safety Building, 6292 River Rd; DWD Water Building, 222 Tub Mill Rd; and Town Hall, 72 Tannery Rd, Downsville.

Bids will be received at the office of the Colchester Town Clerk, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York until 4:00 PM on the 18th day of October, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall on October 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed. October 4th at 5PM.
- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, October 9th Columbus Day.

Councilwoman Markert commented that for a limited time, Wayne Bank is offering a NY Class 5% rate to municipals, schools and fire districts; we should look into this. Supervisor will take it under advisement.

Councilwoman Markert reported that CEO Hascha would like the Hwy Supt to be involved with Hwy Access Permits and that WPO Ron MacDonald should be involved with Dig Safely.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired how we would like the three sections of the Public Safety Building connected inside? Supervisor suggested 1'x6' to cover up each connection. Councilman Lavorgna also inquired about the new doors, hand painted or professionally sprayed. Supervisor replied hand painted. Councilman Lavorgna suggested that we need to contact the flooring company to see how they would like the luan glued? Supervisor will contact them.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired why did the Roscoe School Tax go up 40% for Colchester residents. Supervisor replied that Roscoe Central School did not apply for the Special Equalization Rate last year; so instead of 20% increase it doubled to 40%.

Discussion of Transfer Station was held.

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. 18-2023 Voucher No.530-562; Totaling \$68,378.74.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk