

July 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday July 17 , 2024 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: Allison Gill Town Clerk

Others present: Highway Supt Kenneth Eck, Alan Donnor, Nate Homovich, Rob Hafele, and Liz DeFalco (The Reporter).

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Art Merrill , and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the July 3rd, 2024 meeting had been distributed earlier, Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITORS COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Clean Sweep 2024—September 20th for business and farms
September 21st for household

Please register ahead of time for this Clean Sweep 2024

Application for Climate Smart Community Grant (salt shed) has been accepted.

Thank You to the Board from Jody Reed for the Adirondack chairs and the bench at the pool.
Supervisor Merrill wanted to thank the cemetery crew for the use of their truck for the weekend to have the pool shed roof stripped.

REPORTS: written reports on file at Town Clerk's office
Cooks Falls Court- \$32,839 disbursed to Supervisor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

DWD- Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSRF #17537: Meters & Installation No change.

Public Safety Building- Court is ready. Clean up is being done and a few small jobs that were not completed by the first contractor are being finished up. Justice Lavorgna will begin to move her court and office over to the new building.

NYCDEP hookup to DWD: Supervisor Merrill and Pat O'brien got all registered on the online account and should now be able to receive money in that account.

Park Paddle Project – Work on this will start again, once hwy dept is done with road work.

Cemetery Drainage Project- Need to have plans drawn up for what we want to do for the drainage and then put the project out to bid. Supervisor Merrill will contact Soil and Water Conservation to have someone come draw up the plans.

NEW BUSINESS

The town pool needs the refrigerator and small freezer for the building to sell waters and ice pops from. Board discussed.

NO. 57-2024 07/17/24 Approve Purchase of and Freezer for Pool

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the Purchase of a small used freezer for the amount of \$50.00.

Dan Pinner seconded the motion, all in favor, Aye. So passed.

NO. 58-2014 07/17/24 Approve Purchase of Refrigerator for Town Pool

Dan Pinner made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the Purchase of a small refrigerator from Appliance Plus in Walton. The Board has agreed to allow Councilwoman Janet Champlin to go shop for the appliance.

Julie Markert seconded this motion, all in favor, Aye. Resolution Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 at 5pm.
- First Meeting of the Town of Colchester Comprehensive Plan is on Thursday July, 25th, 2024, at 6:30 pm, in the Town of Colchester Town Hall.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Dan Pinner asked about the paving and stone and tarring job that the state is doing throughout town. Will the water services be marked out for this. Dan will speak to Ronnie about this and if need be Dan and Greg can assist Ron in doing this.

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the status of the Covered Bridge Cemetery tree removal. Supervisor Merrill stated that he had spoke to 6 different companies and would discuss that further in executive session tonight.

Councilwoman Janet Champlin stated she had received a call in regards MacDonald Road. The USPS mail truck was unable to get through as the owners are parking on both sides and there is no room to pass in between them. It was stated that in the back there is a need for an ambulance to get through at times, and when the owners were asked, they didn't make a change. Officer Cawley will go see the owners and have this taken care of.

Councilman Greg Lavorgna stated he had received a call in regards to the Town Clerks office hours. The complainant wanted to pay his dog license and stated that the hours were not suitable for what he needed. It was suggested that maybe the Town Clerk have one night where the office is opened later in the morning and later in to the evening. Allison Gill stated that the license can be paid through the mail, if a proof of rabies is needed, that will have to accompany the payment for the license. Also, the dog license can be paid online but also, if rabies certificate is needed, that will have to be mailed or brought in to the office before the license can be renewed.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Julie Markert, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Vouchers 472 – 506.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried.

Board entered executive session at 5:20PM.. 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 6:10PM.

NO. 59-2024 07/17/24 Hire John Wayne Forestry for tree removal at Bridge Cemetery

Dan Pinner made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the large trees in the Bridge Cemetery need to be removed, John Wayne Forestry came and gave an estimate for the removal of the trees. A contract was drawn up and needs signature. River Road will need to be closed down on that end for the removal of these trees. Notice to the residence of town will be made in advance of this.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is given to Supervisor Merrill to go forward with signing the contract in the amount of \$6200.00 for removal of all 4 pine trees.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, Vote was taken by roll call with these results:

Supervisor Merrill- Aye	Julie Markert - Aye
Janet Champlin – Aye	Dan Pinner - Aye
Greg Lavorgna- Aye	

All in favor, resolution passed.

NO. 60-2024 07/17/24 Olivia Brunner Payrate

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby sets Olivia Brunner's payrate at \$19.00 per hour, as she is the acting interim cemetery supervisor, effective as of July 10, 2024 and forward.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna Vote was put to roll call with this result

Supervisor Merrill – aye	Janet Champlin – aye
Greg Lavorgna – aye	Julie Markert – aye
Dan Pinner – aye.	

Resolution passed.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk