

October 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 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
 Janet Champlin Councilwoman

Recording Secretary: Allison R. Gill Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Alan Donner, Roger Lynker, Rob Hafele, Liz Defalco (The Reporter), Dawn D'Addezio, Asa Hafele, 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 October 2, 2024 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, motion carried.

GUEST: None

VISITOR COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Onward survey handed out. Delaware County is working on their Comprehensive Plan. The Board members were asked to participate with the survey and hand it in either by mail or the survey can be done online.

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

All reports on file in Town Clerk's Office

- Town of Colchester Court—Judge Conrow- September 2024 \$24,632.00 disbursed to Supervisor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- DWD- Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSR #17537: Meters & Installation – Trevor Dolph was hired. Supervisor Merrill will meet with him to set this up.
- Public Safety Building- Looking at the beginning of November for an Open House for the public.
- NYCDEP hookup to DWD:
- Park Paddle Project – Town highway guys will resume work on Fridays on this project.
- Town of Colchester Comprehensive Plan Update Grant- Next meeting is 10/24/24 @ 6:30PM
- Cemetery Drainage Project –Soil and Water is putting together the blueprints to fix the drainage issue. Last storm there was no problem at all.

NEW BUSINESS :

Officer Cawley asked about the contractual budget for the Police. He was stating that because of fuel prices being higher and the fact that they now have 3 full time employees, did Supervisor Merrill budget enough for the 2025 year. Supervisor Merrill stated he believed that the increase will cover the cost.

Julie Markert and Janet Champlin both asked why for the new building did we leave \$20,000 in the budget as that project is now complete. The Supervisor decreased this amount from \$51,000 to \$20,000. The remaining \$20,000 will be used for paving and the parking area at the new building.

The Tentative 2025 Budget was reviewed as revisions were made.

NO. 82-2024 10/16/24 Budget Public Hearing

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby gives notice that the preliminary budget of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 01, 2025 has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during regular office hours. Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of said Town of Colchester will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, the 6th day of

November, 2024 at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor or against any item therein contained. And further notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law that the following are proposed yearly salaries of the Town Officers of this Town:

Supervisor	\$25,775.00	Town Clerk	\$40,000.00
Councilman (4@)	\$ 3,875.00 each	Supt. of Highways	\$60,000.00
Town Justice (2@)	\$14,560.00 each	Tax Collector	\$7,940.00

And further notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board will be held immediately following the Preliminary Budget Hearing.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna.

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

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	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 the bid opening for Bid Proposal No.01-24 Fuel was held today at 4PM; we received the following bids from one bidder:

No.2 Heating Fuel

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.5252 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$3.1837 per gal.

Kerosene

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.5252 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$3.6587 per gal.

Winter Blend

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.4242 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$3.2427per gal.

Diesel Fuel

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.4242 per gal.

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$3.1427 per gal.

Propane

Mirabito Energy Products- Jock Albany plus a Firm Differential of \$0.7000 per gal.(Selkirk, NY)

Mirabito Energy Products- Firm Bid Price of \$2.3000 per gal.

Board discussed.

NO. 83-2024 10/16/24 Award Bid Proposal No.01-24 Fuel

Dan Pinner made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester had advertised for Bid Proposal No.01-24Fuel; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2024 the Town received said fuel bid from one bidder; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2024 the Town opened said fuel bid from the one bidder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the bid from Mirabito Energy Products for Bid Proposal No.01-24 Fuel at a rate of:

No.2 Heating Fuel - Firm Bid Price of \$3.1837per gal.

Kerosene- Firm Bid Price of \$3.6587per gal.

Winter Blend - Firm Bid Price of \$3.2427 per gal.

Diesel Fuel- Firm Bid Price of \$3.1427 per gal.

Propane - Firm Bid Price of \$2.3000 per gal.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby gives authorization to Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to enter into contract with Mirabito Energy Products of 49 Court Street, PO Box 5306, Binghamton, New York 13902 for fuel to be delivered at various locations within the Town of Colchester.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert.

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

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	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.

NO. 84-2024 10/16/24 Part-Time Transfer Station Employee

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Alan Homovich as a Part-time Transfer Station employee at the rate of \$17.50 per hour with no benefits.

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

Julie Markert also wanted to thank Alan Homovich for his work this year in the cemetery. He stepped up and did a fantastic job.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, October 16, 2024 @ 5PM.
- The regular Board meetings in January 2025 will be the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The Organizational Meeting will be on January 8, 2025 and the next meeting will be January 22, 2025. This is due to the first Wednesday is New Year's Day. February meetings will then go back to the first and third Wednesday's.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, motion carried. Abstract No. 19-2024 Voucher No. 709-747; Totaling \$368,190.02.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Julie Markert , for personnel discussion.

Board entered executive session at 5:30PM. Hwy Supt was invited to stay. Board held discussion. Julie Markert made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Dan Pinner, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 6:01PM.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk