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**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 8, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7:05pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Medican, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine, Councilman Wensley

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Town Attorney, Al Fusco, Town Engineer

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Medican to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND $ 34,184.31

GENERAL - PART TOWN 12,395.24

HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE 115,421.76

HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE 3,817.88

FIELDCREST WATER 416.58

LAKE HILL FARMS WATER 2,898.17

SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER 8,308.45

SURREY MEADOWS WATER 116.80

GARBAGE DISTRICT 47,456.41

TRUST & AGENCY 4,775.00

WALTON LAKE WATER 3,067.87

$232,858.47

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the Town Board Minutes through January 25, 2017, as presented by the Town Clerk.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to enter into Executive Session at 7:07pm to discuss the hiring of personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:15pm. Motion carried 5-0.

**PARKS AND RECREATION PERSONNEL**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to hire Derek Richardson as part-time Parks & Recreation employee, effective April 3, 2017.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**LOCAL LAW 284 AGREEMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Valentine to enter into agreement with the Highway Superintendent pursuant to the provision of Section 284 of the Highway Law for the repair and improvement upon 96.58 miles of town highways for a total cost of $94,472.71 and as detailed therein.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS**

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged the requests from the Library Board with regard to the following appointments.

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the appointment of Kerry Cambria as Library Board Trustee for the term ending December 31, 2021.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the appointment of Olga Luksha as part-time Library page.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**BOARD OF ETHICS APPOINTMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Medican to appoint Vincent Finizia to the Town of Chester Board of Ethics for the term ending December 31, 2018.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**JOINT MEETING – VILLAGE OF CHESTER**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to set a joint meeting with the Village of Chester on March 29, 2017 at 7pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**EDUCATION REQUESTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Medican to approve the attendance of Vincent Finizia and Konrad Mayer to the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation training on April 25, 2017 at a cost of $15.00 per person.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of Bob Conklin and Barry Sloan to the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation training on April 25, 2017 at a cost of $15.00 per person.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Barry Sloan and Dot Wierzbicki to the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation training on May 9, 2017 at a cost of $15.00 per person.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Danial Doellinger to the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation training on April 7, 2017 at a cost of $60.00 per person.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of

Bob Favara and Konrad Mayer to the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation training on May 9, 2017 at a cost of $15.00 per person.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of Joseph Mlcoch, Building inspector to the NYSBOC Rockland Spring Seminar 2017 on April 18 – April 20th at a cost of $300.00 plus mileage costs.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of Linda Zappala, Town Clerk to the NYSTCA Regional Meeting to be held in Fishkill on March 13, 2017 at a cost of $35.00 plus mileage costs.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Medican to approve the attendance of Water Operators Tom Keller and Bill Keller to the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference to be held in Montgomery, NY on April 12, 2017 at a cost of $30.00 per person.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Tanya McPhee to the Advanced Accounting School in Town of Wappinger on May 23 through May 25, 2017 at a cost of $85.00 plus mileage.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Jamieson announced the receipt of the contract from Fireworks Extravaganza for the upcoming fireworks event on July 8. Since the attorney had not yet reviewed the contract, any action was tabled for the next meeting.

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Windridge HOA requesting a light to be installed on Lilly Pond Lane.

Supervisor Jamieson addressed the subject of PDR. He said this would require a referendum and in order to be placed on the November ballot, action would be required by late August. It was the consensus of the Board to explore this option.

Supervisor Jamieson said he would like to name a bench in Carpenter Park in honor of Jack Collins. He said it is important to honor members of the community. Councilwoman Smith added that Mr. Collins was involved in the American Legion and Kiwanis. Councilman Valentine said the Board should seek a proposal from Walter Popailo.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Smith asked the status of the Mobile Life ambulances. Supervisor Jamieson said Mobile Life will be using the old planning and zoning office at Town Hall. He added that the garage would be converted to a 2 bay for the ambulances. Councilwoman Smith asked the status of the summer recreation program. Supervisor Jamieson said it would be at the elementary school and there would soon be sign-ups for other summer programs. Councilwoman Smith commented that the building in Sugar Loaf was set to auction and is approved for a café.

Councilman Valentine said the police department renovations should begin shortly. Al Fusco said it would start on Monday. He added that the senior building would be funded through the CDBG which requires two resolutions, one approving the site plan and the other setting bid dates. He said the plans would be ready on Friday and the bid opening could be end of April.

Councilman Medican said the board had never taken action to move ahead with this project this year nor a decision made to move forward with Al Fusco as it relates to the police department renovation. He said he was shocked to hear since he never saw plans and the public have not been made aware of the senior center. Supervisor Jamieson informed him that the Board had been discussing these projects over the past two years and at the next meeting the Town Board will be asked to approve the specs and bid date about 30 days out. He said the Board could approve the contractors in the first meeting in May and construction could start in June. Councilman Valentine suggested the board get together so to keep all its members informed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to enter into Executive Session at 7:40pm to discuss personnel and litigation. Motion carried 5-0.

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Medican to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:35pm. Motion carried 5-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to appoint Al Fusco as Planning Board Engineer for the term ending December 31, 2017.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: JAMIESON, SMITH, VALENTINE, WENSLEY**

**1 NAY: MEDICAN ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to appoint Al Fusco as Town of Chester Engineer for the term ending December 31, 2017 at the annual cost of $80,000.

**VOTE: 4 AYES: JAMIESON, SMITH, VALENTINE, WENSLEY**

**1 NAY: MEDICAN ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to appoint Jim Farr as Engineer for the Town of Chester Water Department for the term ending December 31, 2017 at the hourly rate set in his proposal.

**VOTE AYES 5: Jamieson, Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala

Town Clerk

2017-03-08