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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
February 14, 2018
7:00 PM**

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

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq. – Bonacic, McMahon, Al Fusco – Fusco Engineering

PUBLIC HEARING – INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2018

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to open the Public Hearing at 7:07pm.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

The following is the notice of the Introductory Law in its entirety, as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on January 30, 2018.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2018**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled Local Law No. 1 of 2018 to Amend the Town Code of the Town of Chester. Said public hearing will take place on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

All persons interested in the proposed local law will be heard by the Town Board at the above time and place. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board in connection with the proposed local law must be received by the Board at, or prior to the public hearing.

The proposed local law appears below in its entirety.

Be it enacted by the Town of Chester in the County of Orange, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose of this Local Law to update and amend the Town Code of the Town of Chester, as it relates to penalties and failure to remit scheduled fine amounts resulting from the reporting or otherwise permitting or causing the report of a false alarm within the Town of Chester.

Section 2. Amend Section 34-3 entitled “Penalties for Offenses”, to read as follows:

A. The second false alarm reported during any period shall be considered to be a violation which shall be punishable by a fine of \$100.00.

B. For the third and each subsequent violation during any period, an adjudged violator may be subjected to a fine of \$200.00 for a third false alarm, \$250.00 for a fourth false alarm, up to a maximum of \$400.00 or a term of imprisonment not to exceed 10 days.

C. The fine schedule contained in this Chapter is subject to review and amendment and the same shall be set by resolution of the Town Board at its annual reorganizational meeting.

Section 3. Amend the title of Section 34-4 from “Failure to Remit Fine; Criminal Prosecution”, to “Failure to Remit Fine”, which Section 34-4 shall further be amended to read as follows:

A. An invoice for the fee associated with each false alarm, as described above, shall be generated by the Town Clerk. For each fee that goes unpaid after 45 days of the invoice date, a late fee, as established by resolution of the Town Board, shall be added to the original fee. Any invoice with an associated late charge that has been unpaid for at least 60 days on November 1 of that year shall be automatically included as a lien on the tax bill of the property on which the false alarm occurred. There shall be an administrative surcharge of \$50 added to the invoice should such lien be required.

B. Any owner or lessee who has a false alarm occur on his or her property may request the Town Clerk to reconsider the invoice or a portion thereof within 30 days of the invoice date, as described above, by filing a written request with the Town Clerk, setting forth the basis for such request. The Town Clerk shall have 30 days from the receipt of such request to render a decision with respect to the request for reconsideration. Said decision may include a reduction in fine amount or a dismissal of the charges, provided such relief does not conflict with the terms of this chapter. If the Town Clerk fails to respond within the thirty-day period it shall be deemed a denial of the request to reconsider. The property owner may appeal any denial and/or decision of the Town Clerk on a request to reconsider to the Town Board by filing a written request with the Town Clerk and paying the applicable appeal fee, as established by resolution of the Town Board, which may be refunded at the discretion of the Town Board. A hearing shall be held by the Town Board within a reasonable time after the Town Clerk's receipt of the written appeal. The decision of the Town Board shall be final. The Town Board shall have sole authority to expunge all or a portion of a property owner's false alarm history.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF CHESTER

Linda A. Zappala

Town Clerk

Dated: January 25, 2018

Supervisor Jamieson said the purpose of this amended local law is to increase the fine schedule and allow the Town to relevy any unpaid false alarm fines to the property owner's Town tax. Supervisor Jamieson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilman Medican to close the Public Hearing at 7:09PM.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2018

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2018.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

SET PUBLIC HEARING – INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW - A LOCAL LAW ADDING ARTICLE X ENTITLED “FLOOR AREA RATIO” TO CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to set a public hearing on the matter of the A Local Law Adding Article X Entitled “Floor Area Ratio” To Chapter 98 Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester on March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

LEAD AGENCY

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the following resolution establishing the Town of Chester as Lead Agency in the matter of the Introductory Local Law Adding Article X Entitled “Floor Area Ratio” To Chapter 98 Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester.

The Town of Chester, New York Town Board hereby declares its intent to be lead agency as required by SEQR (6NYCRR Part 617)

Name of Action: Town of Chester FAR (Floor to Area Ratio) Zoning Regulation

Location: Town-wide

Zone: Varies

Project: Town of Chester Revised Zoning Ordinance

Action: Type I

Documents: Available at Town Hall or available upon FOIL request for viewing.

The Town Board had declared its intention to become Lead Agency on February 14, 2018. The proposed action includes a revised Zoning Regulation.

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chester hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency for the SEQRA review of the revisions to the Zoning Regulations.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the following resolution concerning the State Environmental Quality Review for the matter of Introductory Local Law Adding Article X Entitled “Floor Area Ratio” To Chapter 98 Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester.

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, held on February 14, 2018, the following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester is considering a Local Law #-- of 2018 to amend the official Zoning Code regarding Floor Area Ratios (FAR); and

WHEREAS, the Town has cause to have prepared a Full Form Environmental Assessment under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has passed a resolution of Intent to be Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has taken and determined that the application process to be a coordinate review and a Type I Action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester has declared itself to be Lead Agency.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW NEGATIVE DECLARATION

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the following resolution concerning the Negative Declaration Notice of Determination of Non-Significance for the matter of Introductory Local Law Adding Article X Entitled “Floor Area Ratio” To Chapter 98 Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

This notice is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environment Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Town of Chester Town Board, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: FAR (Floor to Area Ratio) Zoning Ordinance

SEQR Status: Type I

Negative Declaration: Yes

Description of Action: Application for approval of Local Law for revised Zoning Regulations

Facts & Reasons Supporting This Determination:

Based on it careful review of the application, the plans and revisions thereto submitted by the applicant, Short Form Environmental Assessment Form, with supporting information and public comment, the Town Board has identified the no areas of environmental concern in connection with the proposed project.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that based on the Town Board’s review and consideration of the Project, Full Environmental Assessment Form, supplementary technical information, public comments and consideration of the

criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 NYCRR 617.7 (c), the Project as designed together with the applicants completion of the Local Law for revisions of the Subdivision Regulations set forth herein will not result in any significant impact to the environment. Furthermore, authorizes the Supervisor to sign the SEQR documents accordingly.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilwoman Smith to Introduce the following Local Law Amending Chapter 6 Entitled “Credit Card Payments” Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester And Amending Chapter 87, Article Viii, Entitled “Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption” Of The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER AND AMENDING CHAPTER 87, ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED “COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION” OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Be it enacted by the Town of Chester in the County of Orange, as follows:

SECTION 1. Title

This Local Law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending Chapter 6, entitled “Credit Card Payments,” of the Town Code of Chester and Amending Chapter 87, Article VIII, entitled “Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption,” of the Code of the Town of Chester.

SECTION 2: Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose of this Local Law to amend Chapter 6, entitled “Credit Card Payments,” of the Town Code of the Town of Chester, as it relates to municipal departments permitted to accept credit card payments and to amend and update Chapter 87, Article VIII, entitled “Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption,” of the Town Code of the Town of Chester as it relates to real property tax exemptions for Cold War Veterans.

SECTION 3: Amend Subsection (G) of §6-3, entitled “Credit card agreements; payment of obligations by credit card,” to read as follows:

G. The Town Board hereby designates the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Recreation Coordinator of the Recreation Department, and their respective deputies, as the officers charged with the duty of collecting or receiving money on behalf of the Town, and said persons are hereby authorized to accept credit cards as a means of payment of fines, taxes, rent, rates, fees, charges, revenue, financial obligations and other amounts, including penalties, special assessments or interest.

SECTION 4: Amend and Replace §87-13 of Chapter 87, Article VIII, entitled “Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption,” to read as follows:

§87-13. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

COLD WAR VETERAN

A person, male or female, who served on active duty for a period of more than 365 days in the United States Armed Forces during the time period from September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991, and was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions and has been awarded the Cold War Recognition Certificate as authorized under Public Law 105-85, the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act.

UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ACTIVE DUTY

Full-time duty in the United States Armed Forces, or other active duty for training.

SECTION 5: Create a new §87-14 to read as follows:

§87-14. Exemption amount.

A. The Town of Chester hereby adopts the Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans as authorized by Real Property Tax Law §458-b. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent provided for in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) of the Real Property Tax Law, 10% of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

B. In addition to the exemption provided by Subsection (2)(a) of Real Property Tax Law §458-b, where the Cold War Veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans' Affairs or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service-connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by 50% of the Cold War Veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

SECTION 6: Severability Clause

If any section or subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase or provision of this local law shall be adjudged invalid for any reason or shall be deleted or subsequently repealed, the same shall not affect the validity of this local law as a whole or any part or provision herein other than the part as adjudged to be invalid and/or deleted and/or subsequently repealed.

The determination by any court of competent jurisdiction that any provisions of the within local law as unenforceable, invalid, void, unconstitutional or in conflict with federal or state law shall not in any way affect the enforceability or validity of any other provision contained herein.

SECTION 7: Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon posting and filing with the New York State Department of State.

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ENTITLED “CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER AND AMENDING CHAPTER 87, ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED “COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION” OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to set a public Hearing on the matter of the Introductory Local Law Amending Chapter 6 Entitled “Credit Card Payments” Of The Code Of The Town Of Chester And Amending Chapter 87, Article Viii, Entitled “Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption” Of The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester on March 14, 2017 at 7:00pm.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND	93,838.89
GENERAL - PART TOWN	82,604.97
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	139,143.47
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	11,518.95
FIELDCREST WATER	415.43
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	3,603.88
LAKE REGION SEWER DISTRICT	16,743.20
BULL MILL SEWER 9	4,043.00
SEWER DISTRICT 1	477,491.22
SEWER DISTRICT V	14,262.73
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1,535.32
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	1,406.89
GARBAGE DISTRICT	45,549.19
SEWER DISTRICT IV	111,621.32
TRUST AND AGENCY	6,753.43
WALTON LAKE WATER	9,824.07
CAPITAL FUND	<u>114,330.57</u>
Grand Total	\$1,134,686.53

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilwoman Smith to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes through January 24, 2018.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

CAMP DIRECTOR

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to appoint Felicia Quinn as Summer Camp Director.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to appoint Cindy O'Connor as Library Board Trustee for the term ending December 31, 2020.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SECRETARY

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to appoint Alexa Burchianti as secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending December 31, 2018.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION - URBAN COUNTY

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the following resolution and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CHESTER ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING COOPERATION AGREEMENT DATED JULY 8, 1993, AS AMENDED, WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOME PROGRAMS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR COMMENCING FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2018, 2019, 2020 (AND FOR SUCCESSIVE THREE YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROVISION) PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED AND TITLE II OF THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") authorized, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended to make grants to states and other units of general local government to help finance Community Development and Affordable Housing Programs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Chester participate in aforesaid Community Development and HOME Programs for the program year commencing Federal Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020, (and successive three year qualification period); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester understands that by executing this Cooperation Agreement it becomes an included unit of general local government in the Urban County CDBG Entitlement Program, HOME Program and ESG Program and that it:

- a) May not apply for grants under the Small Cities for State CDBG Programs from appropriations for fiscal years during the period in which it is participating in the Urban County's CDBG Program; and

- b) May not participate in a HOME Program consortium except through the Urban County, regardless of whether the Urban County receives a HOME formula allocation; and
- c) May not receive a formula allocation under the ESG Program except through the Urban County.

WHEREAS, this Town Board deems it to be in the public interest for the Town of Chester to enter into an Amendment to the existing Cooperation Agreement dated July 8, 1993, as amended, with the County of Orange for the aforesaid purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to execute a Cooperation Agreement Amendment between the Town of Chester and the County of Orange for the purpose of undertaking Community Development and HOME Programs pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, for the program year commencing Federal Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020 (and successive three year qualification periods).

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT TO COOPERATION AGREEMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to enter into the following agreement with the County of Orange and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

It is hereby agreed effective February 14, 2018, by and between the County of Orange, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having its principal offices at 255-275 Main Street, Goshen, New York 10924 ("COUNTY"), and the Town of Chester, a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having principal offices at 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York 10918 ("TOWN") to amend the Cooperation Agreement dated July 8, 1993 ("Cooperation Agreement"), between the parties as follows:

Strike and replace Paragraph 13 as follows:

- 13. The TOWN understands that by executing this Cooperation Agreement it becomes an included unit of general local government in the Urban County CDBG Entitlement Program, HOME Program and ESG Program and that it:
 - a) May not apply for grants under the Small Cities or State CDBG Programs from appropriations for fiscal years during the period in which it is participating in the Urban County's CDBG Program; and
 - b) May not participate in a HOME Program consortium except through the Urban County, regardless of whether the Urban County receives a HOME formula allocation; and
 - c) May not receive a formula allocation under the ESG Program except through the Urban County.
- 2. In all other respects, the provisions of the Cooperation, as previously amended shall remain in full force and effect and be binding upon the parties referred to above.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

WALTON LAKE ESTATES WATER DISTRICT WELL REHAB

Bill Keller of the Water Department addressed the Board with regard to well F4 at the Walton Lake Estates Water District. He said there has been a significant drop on production and he recommended that the Town use another vendor using carbon dioxide as an alternative treatment.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilwoman Smith to authorize Subsurface Technology to conduct a well rehab at the Walton Lake Water District at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

TEAM REDEEM

Chris Beck of Teem Redeem addressed the Town Board concerning the project headed by a group of Chester Academy students who collect redeemable cans and bottles and donate the proceeds to various animal charities in the area. She reported that they had collected 70,000 cans for a total of \$3,500. Teem Redeem has two bins located at the Chester Academy and would like to partner with the Girl Scouts who have recently approached the Town Board to get recycle containers at the Town parks for their "Get Moving Journey" project. They would like to co-ordinate their pick-ups with the IWS schedule. Councilwoman Smith said she would follow up on this. The Town Clerk said she would post their information at Town Hall, the Town's website and our TV station.

HOMELAND TOWERS PRESENTATION

Vincent Xavier addressed the Town Board with regard to establishing a cell tower in the general location of Poplar Drive in Chester. He had addressed the Board in 2014 but they had not secured a carrier at that time. Mr. Xavier said Sprint is now ready to fund the project and he was looking for the level of the Town's interest. He said that the agreement would allow the top of the tower to be dedicated to the Town for their own use. The proposal would be for a franchise fee of \$2,000 per month or 30% of gross revenue, whichever was higher with a 2% annual increase. Over 40 years, the revenue could amount to \$2.5million. The Town Board gave their consensus to move the project forward. Attorney Bonacic reminded all that site plan approve would be required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson announced that the Town Hall will be purchasing a new computer server as a required upgrade.

Supervisor Jamieson said the fireworks are being scheduled for July 14th this year and will be located in the black dirt area. He said he will be meeting with Mayor Bell to determine the exact location of the site.

Supervisor Jamieson said the Town Clerk had received notification from Frontier Communications that they are interested in bringing cable competition to the Town of Chester. They intend to file a cable franchise application and agreement. Then a public hearing would be scheduled so that they could explain their plans and answer questions.

Supervisor Jamieson said that he had inquired of Assembly Skoufis the requirement for lowering the speed limit on sections of Route 94 within the Town. He said a resolution needs to be drafted to the Department of Transportation. Attorney Bonacic said the process is more involved than just a resolution requirement. He believes that a traffic study by our Police Department would be required.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the receipt of surplus tax revenue from the County in the amount of \$66,201.02.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith attended a recent meeting of the Little League. She said they are a well-organized group of 12 members. They have plans to do redo the concession stand and dugouts with the parks department. Supervisor Jamieson said the Town will be clearing an area in Pulvirent for buses and the Eagle Scout project will add a flagpole to the field. He said the dugouts and bleachers will be painted blue and orange and there will be a 100ft banner added that says, "Home of the Hambletonians". He said this banner would then move to the Commons. He added that the concession stand at Carpenter field is being worked on with new clay. Supervisor Jamieson added that Clay Boone is to create a sign for Carpenter Park, which will read, "Welcome to Carpenter Park Home of Chester Little League". He said a consideration of installing new lights on the softball field will help with scheduling games into the evening. An informational hearing will be held to get public input. Supervisor Jamieson said the Parks Department will maintain the fields in the summer with lining and raking of the grounds.

Councilwoman Smith asked for a buildings' update. Supervisor Jamieson said the Police Department will be ready by the end of February awaiting computers. The Senior Center is five weeks away from completion, with the kitchen and surround systems still needing installation, having yet to be completed. Mr. Fusco said computers and wires have to be installed in the Police Building and the garage has to be built. He said we are awaiting better weather for the concrete and asphalt work to be completed at the Senior Center. He anticipates an end of April completion date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Shuh addressed the Town Board concerning the superfund site at Glenmere Lake. Al Fusco replied that the County is overseeing the DEC contractors. Ms. Shuh suggested that the public hearings conducted by the lower boards of the Town be announced at Town Board meetings by the liaisons. She also encouraged the Town Board members to attend the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals public hearings. She noted the upcoming public hearing on March 7th of the Planning Board concerning the Baroda subdivision on Black Meadow Road of 29 lots. She said of concern is the flooding and visual impact and drainage issues. Another project on the agenda is the Verizon tower at the entrance of Kings Estates. Also, she said there is a 3 lot subdivision on Pine Hill Road and Creamery Pond Road submitting a conceptual plan. Supervisor Jamieson commented that he thought the Planning Board meetings should be videotaped.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, there being no further action to be taken. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2018-02-14