

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2018
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7:07pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Valentine, Councilwoman Smith, Absent: Councilman Wensley, Councilman Medican.

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq., Town Attorney, Al Fusco, Fusco Engineering, Town Engineer

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilman Wensley to approve payment of the bills from the following accounts.

GENERAL FUND	264,165.23
GENERAL - PART TOWN	131,600.99
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	64,790.66
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	31,598.04
FIELDCREST WATER	839.00
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	10,676.57
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1,361.55
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	1,684.13
TRUST AND AGENCY	16,265.81
WALTON LAKE WATER	3,694.91
CAPITAL FUND	<u>375.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 527,051.89

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes through October 24, 2018 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to enter into Executive Session at 7:09pm to discuss a matter concerning the hiring of personnel.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:27pm.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

RELEVY OF UNPAID WATER AND ALARM FINES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to relevy the following unpaid amounts to the property owners' 2019 property tax bill:

WATER RELEVY

Walton Lake Estates Water	\$16,050.50
Surrey Meadows Water	7,744.00
Lake Hill Farms Water	24,230.50
Sugar Loaf Hill Water	10,090.00
Fieldcrest Water	2,082.00

FALSE ALARM FINE RELEVY

12-1-8.11	150.00
6-1-74	400.00
13-3-32	150.00

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

2019 BUDGET

Supervisor Jamieson explained that a last minute call from the State Comptroller’s office concerning the library budget proposition and its impact on the Town’s overall budget and tax cap has caused the delay in the adoption of the final budget for 2019. He suggested that a special meeting be called to allow enough time to resolve the issue.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to set a Special Meeting on the matter of the adoption of the 2019 budget for Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7pm, to be held tentatively at the new Senior Center at 81 Laroe Road, Chester, NY and to direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish notice of same, once location is confirmed.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

2017 FINANCIAL AUDIT

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to accept the 2017 Independent Auditors’ Report as prepared by Philip G. Mynio, CPA.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW – WARD SYSTEM BOUNDARIES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine to Introduce:

A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 94, ENTITLED “WARD SYSTEM,” AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WARD DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, TO 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 Adding Chapter 94, Entitled ‘Ward System,’ and Providing for the Establishment of Ward District Boundaries”, to the Town Code of the Town of Chester.

Section 2. Legislative Intent

The Town of Chester has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to create a new chapter of the Town Code of the Town of Chester to provide for the establishment of the ward system, the creation and fixing of ward district boundaries, and the election thereafter of one councilman from each ward.

Section 3. Authority

It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Chester to exercise its authority pursuant to Town Law §85 and the Municipal Home Rule Law §10(1)(ii)(d)(3), which grant local governments the authority to adopt or amend local laws relating to the property, affairs or government of the Town which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the New York State Constitution or not inconsistent with any general law.

Section 4. Ward System

Chapter 94 entitled “Ward System” is hereby added to the Town Code of the Town of Chester, to read as follows:

§94-1. Creation of Wards.

A. Whenever a proposition shall have been adopted in the Town for the establishment of the ward system and the election thereafter of one Councilman from each ward, the Town Board shall divide the Town into four wards and fix the boundaries thereof, unless a proposition shall have been adopted to increase the number of councilmen from four to six, in which instance, the Town Board shall divide the Town into six wards and fix the boundaries thereof.

B. The division of the ward districts shall be made so that the number of inhabitants of each ward, based upon the last regular federal census, shall be substantially equal, with the wards composed of convenient and contiguous territory in as compact form as practicable. No election district heretofore or hereinafter created under the Election law shall contain parts of two or more wards.

C. The Town Board shall make appropriate revisions of the boundaries of the wards so that they shall contain a substantially equal number of inhabitants not later than six months after the publication of the results of a regular federal census which indicated that the districts do not contain a substantially equal number of inhabitants.

D. When the Town Board shall have finally determined the boundaries of the wards, it shall cause a map of the Town to be prepared, which shows, in detail, the location of each ward and the boundaries thereof. The original map so made shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and copies thereof shall be filed in the offices of the County Clerk and the Board of Elections of Orange County. The ward system shall be deemed established after such filing is complete.

E. After the initial establishment of the ward district boundaries, the Town Board shall have the authority to modify those boundaries in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.

Section 5. 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 6. Effective date.

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 94, ENTITLED “WARD SYSTEM,” AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WARD DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to set a Public Hearing on December 12, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Chester Town Hall regarding the Introductory Local Law Adding Chapter 94, Entitled “Ward System,” And Providing For The Establishment Of Ward District Boundaries, To The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester and direct the Town Clerk to cause to publish same.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Jamieson read the memo received from Kathy Scalia requesting to be re-hired upon her retirement on February 1, 2019 for the Board's consideration.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to re-hire Kathy Scalia upon her retirement on February 1, 2019.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUEST

Supervisor Jamieson read the request from Town Clerk Zappala to approve the attendance of clerk, Nicole Griffin to the LGRMIF Grant Application Information Session.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Nicole Griffin to the Local Government Records Management Information Fund information session to be held on December 4, 2018 from 10am-1pm at Lagrangeville Town Hall at no cost.

VOTE AYES 3: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

ENGINEER'S BI-WEEKLY REPORT

Supervisor Jamieson read the Engineer's Bi-weekly report which appears below in its entirety.

CHESTERDALE:

Reviewed weekly Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and inspected same. All in order

RIDGEVIEW:

Proof rolled road to get ready for asphalt base. Phase II before Planning Board for signature. No changes.

WOODRIDGE:

Building homes, stormwater pollution prevention plan reviewed; weekly inspections. Hit rock in retention pond but they have almost completed the stormwater pond. No change.

ASHFORD:

Inspected roadway. Binder needs repair; some cracked curbs; expect they would like to dedicate. We sent new punch list for repairs. Need SWPPP reports, as-builts. Still working on.

GREENS AT CHESTER:

We are continuing to inspect the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan requirements. Also, we have been observing the infrastructure improvements. We are also in the process of developing construction costs for the completion of the Town Road with the Project Engineer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson read the card received from the Chester Golden Age Club in appreciation to the Board for the building of the new Senior Center.

Supervisor Jamieson read the notice from AARP Tax-Aide for volunteer tax preparers. For more information, call Linda Eddy at 475-7500.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Preventive Medical Services to host free screenings at the new Senior Center, 81 Laroe Road, Chester, NY on November 16, 17, and 18, 2018.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery on December 15 at noon. Wreaths are available at the cemetery office or online at wreathscrossamerica.com.

Supervisor Jamieson explained that upon his resignation, Deputy Supervisor Valentine would be appointed Supervisor and Councilwoman Smith would be appointed Deputy Supervisor. He added that Councilman Medican is expected to also tender a resignation since he will be moving out of Chester. Supervisor Jamieson said he enjoyed every moment of his service with the Town from the time he spent on the Zoning Board of Appeals, as Councilman, Deputy Supervisor as well as Supervisor. He said he will miss all the people of the Town and that he had always kept the Town's best interest first. He added that he is proud of keeping the budget under the tax cap and the good financial condition of the Town. He said in the years he has served there had been many improvement made including the new Senior Center and Recreation building, and the Police Department building. He said we have preserved more open space and acquired the SLPAC for the betterment of the community. He said he is proud of the better relationship developed with the Village of Chester Mayor and Board through the increase in the concert budget. He said he is glad to be in walking distance to the SLPAC, Taphouse and new brewery. Supervisor Jamieson offered a special thank you to John Burselson and the Bellvale Community for welcoming him, and for their great friendship and being a good neighbor in Chester.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith asked about the handicapped accessible door for the Senior Center. Engineer Fusco said it was ordered and was four weeks away for delivery. Councilwoman Smith asked about the condition of the culverts by Annemarie's Deli. Supervisor Jamieson said the culverts are blocked and they are in the railroads jurisdiction. She asked about the use policy for the senior center and railings for the side of the building.

Councilman Valentine explained that money has been put into the budget for the additional part-time building inspectors but the position will not be filled at this time because there have been no permits pulled for the Greens. He added that the Town will consider the adoption of a local law to disclose the identity of LLC's in the near future. Councilman Valentine announced that funds will be allocated for fees associated with inspections at the SLPAC, including between \$1,600-\$2,000 for inspections on the sprinkler and water systems. Councilman Valentine said he has served with Supervisor Jamieson for 6 years and he has always put the Town's best interest first. He said they did not always agree, but appreciated his work on balancing the budget, keeping taxes down and getting the police department and senior center building projects completed and all his previous service to the Town. He said Alex deserves a big thank you from the residents.

Town Clerk Zappala said she enjoyed working with the Supervisor over the years and thanked him for all he has done in service to the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Burselson of the Bruderhof Community thanked the Supervisor for all the great work he has done for the Town. He added that he hopes their friendship doesn't stop.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2018-11-14