

**TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2018
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Valentine, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Wensley, *Councilman Medican arrived at 7:36pm

2019 TOWN OF CHESTER BUDGET ADOPTION

Supervisor Jamieson explained that the budget for 2019 will be under the tax cap. He said that the Village of Chester will see a significant decrease in taxes. The part-town fund (outside Village) will see a slight increase in the tax rate due to the renovation of the now police department building, the replacement of the 21 year old sweeper, the hire of an additional sergeant approved in the Police Department, along with significant increases for new programs and hires in the Recreation Department, and added personnel for maintenance for the SLPAC. He explained that a house with a market value of \$350,000 and assessed value of \$206,500 would see a Town tax of \$2,021 as compared to \$1,948 in 2018. He said the budget was tight this year due to the two propositions that passed on the library budget and the SLPAC purchase. He said the library will now be able to increase their budget by going to the voters and will no longer have Town Board oversight. He explained that \$601,000 of the unfunded balance was used to offset the budget increase, leaving a \$500,000 balance. He added the parkland fund is strong with a \$100,000 balance. The budget includes debt service for the Glenmere Dam that he anticipates will eventually be coming due, and the Knapp's View debt service should come off in 2022, along with the ambulance building debt of \$60,000 coming off in 2020. He said the Town has a debt limit of \$70,000,000, but will have \$596,000 in debt for 2019, giving the Town a strong credit rating. He added that revenues are underestimated against the actual receipts of mortgage and sales tax.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to adopt the 2019 Town of Chester Budget.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilman Wensley to enter into an Executive Session at 7:35 to discuss a matter of the hiring of personnel.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

**Councilman Medican arrived.*

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the executive Session at 7:40pm.

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

ADOPTED

HIRING OF PERSONNEL

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Valentine to hire Bruce Chambers as a full-time Police Officer, effective December 10, 2018.

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

ADOPTED

RESIGNATION OF TOWN SUPERVISOR

Alexander Jamieson submitted his resignation, effective this day to Town Clerk Zappala, resulting in his removal as an authorized signer on all bank accounts of the Town of Chester.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to appoint Robert Valentine as Supervisor for the Town of Chester and allow him to be an authorized signer on all bank accounts held by the Town of Chester.

VOTE AYES 4: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

RESIGNATION OF TOWN COUNCILMEMBER

Robert Valentine tendered his resignation to Town Clerk Zappala, effective this day, thus creating a vacancy in the office.

ADVERTISE FOR TOWN BOARD VACANCY

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to direct the Town Clerk to cause to publish an advertisement for Town Board Councilperson to fill a vacancy.

VOTE AYES 4: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

CANCELLATION OF TOWN BOARD MEETING

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to cancel the meeting of November 28, 2018. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Board will be December 12, 2018.

VOTE AYES 4: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT AND RE-OPEN

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

VOTE AYES 4: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilwoman Smith to re-open the meeting at 7:46pm.

VOTE AYES 4: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican, seconded by Councilman Wensley to appoint Cynthia Smith as Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Chester and allow her to be an authorized signer on all bank accounts held by the Town of Chester.

VOTE (4) AYES: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Medican and second by Councilman Wensley to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, there being no further business brought before the Board.

VOTE (4) AYES: Medican, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2018-11-19