

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 23, 2019
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:03 pm. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Wensley, Councilwoman Smith followed by a salute to the flag.

Also in attendance: Al Fusco, Fusco Engineering, Scott Bonacic, Bonacic & McMahon (arrived 7:08 pm)

Supervisor Valentine read the Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing Notice as published on January 18, 2019:

**TOWN OF CHESTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
"TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW YORK
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN"**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester held on January 9, 2019 a motion was offered, seconded and passed to schedule a public hearing regarding the adoption of the Town of Chester, New York Community Preservation Plan, (dated November 14, 2018). Said public hearing will take place on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 to be held at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

A copy of the Community Preservation Plan, (dated November 14, 2018) is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY and can be obtained Monday – Thursday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and online at Chester-ny.gov.

All persons interested in the Community Preservation Plan, dated (November 14, 2018) 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 comprehensive plan update must be received by the Board at, or prior to the public hearing.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF CHESTER**

**Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk**

Dated: January 11, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN (CPP)

A MOTION by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to open the Public Hearing on the matter of the Community Preservation Plan at 7:05pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clifton Patrick spoke about Lenny Germain's farm (CH Green Farm being a large open space as well as historic space) being left off of page 36 of the Farm Preservation Map, In addition, the Chester Agricultural Center which is all black dirt and likely to be open green space and used for agriculture has also been left off the Map.

Tracy Schuh spoke next regarding the target areas. On behalf of herself and the Preservation Collective Organization, they wish to express support for the Board's efforts to come up with a plan protecting resources that are vital to the quality of life in our community it's a good step in the right direction taking a lot of cooperation and support to realize these goals. Thank you for recognizing the value of open space protection and that land preservation makes our community a better place to live.

Bill Green spoke next wanting to congratulate the Town for being so thoughtful in putting together a plan that might save Chester for years to come and he applauds the effort.

Matt Decker of the Orange County Land Trust spoke next reiterating and applauding the efforts of the Community Preservation Plan. He went over the priorities of the Orange County Land Trust and the Community Preservation Plan for the most part they overlap for protection. Just having a plan like this is a signal to their organization and those like them that there are the stated goals of the Town and there are many public grants available to help protect properties and just by stating that these are the goals of the Town, it helps them to make the case for those grants. It is important to highlight that land conservation, if the Town is going out and proactively protecting some of these properties, that it is all about working with landowners and identifying the priorities that give a landowner an option to protect their property if that is what they choose to do. There are a couple of places where he could recommend a parcel or two for the reasons you stated in the Plan that you identified certain parcels as important, there may be a couple of additions that could be submitted to the committee that created the Plan and would love to do that in writing. Councilwoman Smith advised that he should do that in a timely fashion so that it can be looked at.

Sonja Mason from the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference introduced herself and stated that she thinks this a wonderful idea. The Trail Conference works to connect land and state parks. Right now, they are working on connecting Goosepond with Sterling Forest. She thanked the Board for working to preserve open space in perpetuity.

A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley to close the Public Hearing seconded by Councilwoman Smith at 7:10pm.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

Supervisor Valentine advised that the public hearing has closed, but that the Town will be taking more information and doing more work on this plan because it is not complete. There may be a point in time where the Board reopens the Public Hearing when they make changes and whatnot, so no action will be taken on this matter tonight because of the work in progress.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2019 – "SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY"

A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to introduce the Local Law, Social Media Policy.

The Introductory Local Law was read by Councilman Wensley.

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO.1 OF 2019
A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 23 ENTITLED
“SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY” 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 23, Entitled "Social Media Policy", 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 have social media policies in place which will allow designated employees of the Town of Chester to post relevant information on social media sites and allow commentary from the community. It is the intent of this local law to provide the social media policies of the Town of Chester in an effort to better serve the community.

Section 3. Social Media Policy

Chapter 23 entitled “Social Media Policy” is hereby added to the Town Code of the Town of Chester, to read as follows:

§23-1. Goal, endorsement and removal of content.

- A. The Town of Chester will have only approved official social media sites for each social media service or application that it shall maintain.
- B. The overall goal of the Town of Chester’s social media channels is to serve as an online information outsource focused on Town issues, projects, news and events. The Town’s social media channels are not intended to be used as public fora.
- C. The social media sites are to be administered by persons appointed by the Town Board. In the event that the Town Board fails to appoint administrators, the default administrators shall be the Town of Chester webmaster and the Parks and Recreation department head or his/her designee. In addition, the Town Supervisor shall be an administrator solely for the purpose of posting information related to any Emergency Preparedness information concerning the Town.
- D. The Town of Chester does not endorse any website, link, public comment, or advertisement on its social media sites placed by the public or vendors and/or partners. The Town of Chester reserves the right to remove any content from its social media sites at any time.

§23-2. Content policy.

The Town of Chester social media channels will serve to outsource news of the Town of Chester only. Any comments and/or questions or additional information on content posted to social media sites can be directed to the Town’s administrators located on the Town’s website at <https://chester-ny.gov/>.

§23-3. Definitions.

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

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Content created by individuals using accessible, expandable and upgradable publishing technologies, through and on the internet. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Twitter RSS, YouTube, LinkedIn, Google and Instagram.

TOWN SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Social media sites that the Town Board of the Town of Chester establishes, for which the Town of Chester administrators assist in maintenance of the site, and over which the Town has control of all postings, except for advertisements or hyperlinks by the social media site's owners, vendors or partners.

§23-4. General Policy.

A. The Town of Chester's official website of <https://chester-ny.gov/> (or any domain owned by the Town of Chester) shall remain the Town's primary means of communication.

B. The establishment of the Town of Chester social media sites is subject to approval by the Town of Chester Town Board. Upon approval, Town social media sites shall bear the name and/or official logo of the Town of Chester.

C. Town of Chester social media sites shall clearly state that the Town of Chester complies with its Social Media Policy.

D. All content on the Town of Chester social media sites shall be reviewed and approved by the respective department head placing the content thereon and administered by the administrators. The administrators may act singly. In the event of a dispute between the administrators, resolution shall be determined by the Town Board of the Town of Chester.

E. The Town of Chester social media sites shall link back to the Town of Chester's official website for forms, documents, online services and other information relevant to the business of the Town of Chester.

F. The Town of Chester shall use social media sites as consistently as possible and in conjunction with other established Town of Chester communication tools.

G. The Town of Chester reserves the right to terminate any Town of Chester social media site at any time without notice.

H. The Town of Chester social media sites shall comply with the use rules and regulations as required by the site provider, including privacy policies.

I. The Town of Chester's Social Media Policy shall be displayed to users or made available by hyperlink.

J. Any content maintained on a Town of Chester social media site that is related to Town of Chester business, including a list of subscribers, posted communication and communication submitted for posting, may be considered a public record and subject to public disclosure.

K. All persons representing the Town of Chester on Town of Chester social media sites shall conduct themselves at all times as professional representatives of the Town of Chester and in a manner consistent with all Town of Chester policies.

L. All Town of Chester social media sites shall use authorized Town of Chester contact information for account set up, monitoring and access.

M. Town of Chester social media sites may contain content including, but not limited to, advertisements or hyperlinks over which the Town of Chester has no control. The Town of Chester does not endorse any hyperlink or advertisement placed on Town of Chester social media sites by the social media site's owners, vendors or partners.

N. The Town of Chester reserves the right to change, modify or amend all or part of this policy at any time.

§23-4. General Policy.

A. The content of the Town of Chester social media sites shall only pertain to Town of Chester-sponsored or Town of Chester-endorsed programs, services and events. Content includes, but is not limited to, information, photographs, videos and hyperlinks.

B. The Town of Chester owns any content posted by the Town of Chester, including photographs and videos.

C. The department designee will be authorized to post content for approval to the administrators.

D. Any employee authorized to submit items to the administrators for posting any of the Town of Chester social media sites shall review, be familiar with and comply with the respective social media site's use policies and terms and conditions.

Section 3. 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 4. Effective date.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY LOCAL LAW

A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to schedule a Public Hearing for the Social Media Policy Local Law during the next Town Board Meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Town of Chester Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester NY 10918.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

215 BLACK MEADOW ROAD

Supervisor Valentine advised that this item was an FYI for the Board and that the Planning Board had referred Jim Dillon from BDA Properties to make an application to the Town Board for a parcel on Black Meadow Road. The Board will read the information and will await his presentation to the Board at a later date.

APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Valentine read the following appointments:

- Alan Sorensen of PlanIt Main Street as Town Planner
- James Farr of Farr Engineering as Town Building Inspector
- Frank Sodano as member of the Board of Assessment Review

A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and seconded by Councilwoman Smith approval of the appointments of Alan Sorensen of Planit Main Street as Town Planner, James Farr of Farr Engineering as Town Building Inspector, and Frank Sodano as member of the Board of Assessment Review.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

Councilwoman Smith read a letter request from Lori Streichert regarding the appointment of Felicia Quinn as Director for the Town's Summer Camp program.

A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to approve the appointment of Felicia Quinn as Director of the Town Summer Camp program.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

SENIOR / REC CENTER FEE CHANGES

Councilwoman Smith read a request by Lori Streichert regarding the suggested implementation of fees for the use of the Senior Center for any programs that the Town has going on, which has been free of charge up to now on a trial basis. Councilwoman Smith read the suggested fee schedule as follows:

Senior Residents:	\$10.00/month
Senior Non-Resident:	\$40.00/month
Residents:	\$5.00/class
Non-Residents:	\$10.00/class

These are mostly for the Yoga, Osteo, Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Aerobics and whatever else the staff puts together. Also, to help offset the increase in the minimum wage, the Board is increasing the fees for the Summer

Camp program by \$30.00 per child / per session to \$225 for Residents and \$255 for Non-Residents. This is the first fee increase since 2015. This will take effect for the 2019 summer camp program. The Board will be discussing if there will be any fees for the use of the building in itself and set a policy as to what the stipulations will be. Supervisor Valentine advised that this evening the Board will be taking action on the fee increases only and discussing the building use and fees for same at a later date. Councilman Wensley asked if the fees for summer camp are they in line with or equal to the residents vs non-residents? Supervisor Valentine replied that the increase will take it from \$195 to \$225 for residents and from \$225 to \$255 for non-residents and stated that the summer camp fees are still reasonably priced and has a lot of good programs for the kids.

A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to approve setting new fees for the Senior Center programs as follows: Senior Residents at \$10.00/month, Senior Non-Resident at \$40.00/month, Residents at \$5.00/class and Non-Residents at \$10.00/class. The fees for the summer camp program will be increased to \$225 for Residents and \$255 for Non-Residents.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

WATER DEPARTMENT - PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

A request by the Water Department for the purchase of equipment needed for emergency water line breaks. Supervisor Valentine advised that the Town has had some water line breaks recently in a couple of districts, not only because of the weather we've had all year with the excessive amounts of rain, but some of these digs were very deep in the ground and safety is one of the most important things in the Department of Public Works and the Water Departments. The request is for the purchase of additional components to a piece of trench shoring equipment that is already owned by the Town. The purpose is to allow it to fit in smaller locations where the current larger piece does not fit. The total price is \$2,970.00 and will come from the Water Department 2019 budget. Because this equipment is utilized by all districts, the cost will be divided between the districts so the cost to each district will be nominal.

A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to approve the purchase of up to \$2,970.00 for additional components needed for a piece of trench shoring equipment for the Water Department.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read the January 14th -17th report from the Building Department. The Building Department is scheduling fire inspections for 2019 on commercial buildings. A schedule of work to be completed for 191 Lehigh to comply with the site plan. The work description is: Relocate 3 sheds, new site lighting – mid-end of January, Install safety fence, new dumpster enclosure beginning mid-February. Widen driveway, entry paving and parking mid-March. Plant evergreen trees mid-June.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Supervisor Valentine read the Development Report SWPP submitted by Al Fusco of Fusco Engineering:

CHESTERDALE:

Review of SWPP reports and field inspections.

RIDGEVIEW:

Review of SWPP reports and field inspection. Review of deeds of dedication and easement documents. Also, developer requested reduction of bond: currently under review.

WOODRIDGE:

Review of SWPP reports and field inspections.

ASHFORD:

Punchlist items for road completions and review of SWPP reports and field inspections. Remaining open item – easement for drainage from stormwater pond.

GREENS AT CHESTER:

The stormwater officers sent a Notice of Violation to the Greens at Chester for stormwater improvements, silt fence restoration, stabilization of disturbed areas, slope stabilization with jute or fabric. They were prohibited from opening new disturbance areas. Fusco Engineering re-inspected the Greens at Chester last week for compliance, stabilization was almost complete with thick straw/hay mulch, still need steep slope fabric and silt fence restoration. This week snow cover. Fusco Engineering will be re-inspecting.

MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – FUSCO ENGINEERING

NYDEC requires MS4 Towns to develop a “Stormwater Management Plan”. Fusco Engineering has been searching Town records and have not found one on file. Therefore Fusco Engineering has developed one in preparation of the NYSDEC MS4 audit coming up. It would be appropriate to have for future reference and to present as moving toward compliance with that parameter. Please consider passing as a document in the future. It can be reviewed and amended as required. Supervisor Valentine advised that he discussed with Al Fusco today that to be in compliance with the MS4 requirements, the Town is preparing a five year stormwater management implementation plan. This plan was just drawn up and wants to give the public a little overview to be explained by Al Fusco.

Al Fusco explained MS4 is something that is required since 2008 by the United States EPA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and MS4 stands for is municipal storm sewer system. Basically this is to regulate the stormwater flows in the Town of Chester and also all the other towns that have storm sewer systems in the county, the state and in the country. Towards that end, the efforts are to clean up the stormwater and the efforts have been very successful throughout the country. You can see it mainly locally in the Hudson River with the changes that have been made there within the last 20 years or so. One of the things required is that there’s six measuring points and what they are is, points that go through and there are minimum stormwater control methods.

The six methods are:

Public Education and Outreach Speaking - To the public once or twice a year to get a perspective on what stormwater is, just for everyone’s purposes, stormwater means the portion of precipitation that the ground is in excess of the evaporative or infiltrative capacities in the soil or the retentive capacity of features which flows or will flow on the land by surface runoff to the waters of the state, so it’s actually excess flows, some of it sucks into the ground, some of it evaporates and what’s left is excess and that’s stormwater. We try to retain that in the ponds or stormwater facilities and things of that nature. Toward education and public outreach, public involvement and participation, there’s some literature at the back of the room you can help yourselves to that talks about stormwater and the various techniques and items that we are looking at. Al Fusco talked about education and public outreach, public involvement and participation, they’re trying to get programs in the school through

the Water Authority, the Soil and Water Conservation used to do it but their budget was cut so hopefully the Water Authority can help us out. Al Fusco is going to speak with them tomorrow.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination - What an illicit discharge is, is when you have an oil slick coming down one of the streams or culvert or something of that nature, or soapy water or bubbly water or muddy water and towards that end, we have a lot of eyes out there, the police, the Department of Public Works, the Water Department, ourselves, the Councilmen and also the public and we urge you to let the Town Hall, myself or the Highway Department know if you see any of this because what we do is, we look at it, we follow it up to see where it emanates from.

Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control - Weekly reports from the project engineers on each and every project that is over an acre in the Town of Chester. We review these, they're generally e-mailed to Al Fusco weekly, we create books – there's a book on every single one of those, that is something that is done religiously.

Post-Construction Stormwater Management – There are a lot of ponds and other things that need maintenance. There's a number of districts that the Town Board has set up on some of the newer projects and towards that end, let's say you have a development on a cul-de-sac and there's a pond and ten houses there they all pay 10% of what that costs to maintain those through the drainage districts through their taxes. That continues to be done and the Town monitors the private ones as well.

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations – Fortunately the Town has a wonderful highway department, they keep the streets clean, sweep the catch basins; that type of program. They do have to add material (sand and salt) occasionally for the inclement weather and they pick it up off the road, out of the catch basins and those are all part of the issues. So with that, the Town engineer annually reports this and will again probably be reported in March or April and there will be a public hearing on that as well. That's basically it Mr. Supervisor.

Supervisor Valentine stated that as this is a draft, the Board will be doing some more homework on this and make sure it's all in order before it's formally presented for adoption. Some copies are out there so people can take a look at it.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A training request by Dan Doellinger for Officer Monsees to attend the ALERRT Active Shooter Level 1 Train-the-Trainer course in Westchester County on February 11th-15th. There is no fee for this course.

A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the ALERRT Active Shooter Level 1 Train-the-Trainer course in Westchester County from February 11th-15th for Officer Monsees at no cost.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EZ-PASS

Supervisor Valentine read the announcement from the Town Clerk regarding the sale of EZ-Pass beginning February 1, 2019. Tags may be purchased for any passenger vehicle at a cost of \$25, payable by cash, check or credit (credit will have a small convenience fee of \$1 added to the sale).

SECTION 2019-a UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT

Supervisor Valentine read a letter dated January 7, 2019 from the State of New York Unified Court System as follows:

“Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act which requires that town and village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective town and village auditing boards and that such records then be examined, and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings. The Unified Court System’s *Action Plan for the Justice Courts* includes initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records. Among the initiatives is increased monitoring of town and village board compliance with Section 2019-a.

Accordingly, The State of New York of requesting that we provide a copy of the audit of our local court’s records for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and a copy of your board resolution acknowledging that the required examination was conducted. Please email the report and the resolution to jcasazza@nycourts.gov or mail to Joan Casazza, Internal Control Liaison, NYS Office of the Court Administration, 2500 Pond View, Suite LL01, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Casazza at (518) 238-4303 or at the email listed above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence K. Marks
Chief Administrative Judge”

Supervisor Valentine stated that we do not have these reports and as soon as we get them we will audit them and pass a resolution to that effect.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Luciana of Chester Heights asked about the fees and for clarification on at what senior and residential means and what age bracket are we talking about? Supervisor Valentine stated that there’s a definition in the proposed policy and said that he would have to get back to her on that matter. Mary reiterated that it’s her belief that anyone who lives in the Town who is of that age will only have to pay \$10.00 per month and everybody else has to pay \$5.00 per class. Supervisor Valentine stated that basically what the Town is doing with the fees is trying

to cover some of the costs for the instructors. Mary asked that somewhere along the way can it be clarified about people who still have to work and can't belong to the Senior Center and wanted to go to classes, whether they would pay a monthly fee. Councilwoman Smith stated the proposed policy defines a Senior as being 60 years of age. Supervisor Valentine advised that there are certain special classes that would be a per-class fee. Lori Streichert clarified that, for example, if there was going to be an art class, and she could work out an arrangement with the art teacher, maybe that class would be a \$10.00 class instead of a \$50.00 class, so she is trying to do something where if it's the yoga classes, classic yoga, chair yoga, and possibly an aerobics class, any kind of physical activity like that, would be included in the \$10.00 per month fee for a senior citizen that's a resident of Chester. If somebody say is 40 years old and they want to drop in and take classic yoga, then it would be \$5.00 for the class, but if we're going to have something like an art class, and that's something separate, then they would pay whatever fee I can arrange for that instructor. Bus trips are completely separate. Lori stated that everything is going to be available very soon, people should go through the Chester Recreation website, create an account and with the certain parameters, profiles would automatically populate the individual's information when signing up for a class.

Mary Luciana asked about her taxes, specifically the Surrey Meadows water bill as it went up a lot, 4% she believes. Supervisor Valentine stated that he didn't have the budget in front of him on her water district but the majority of the tax increases because of water districts is because we didn't have the unexpended balances left in those accounts to offset increases in the rate for the year. Mary asked if there was any special project per se, Supervisor Valentine stated that no, but there were repairs, breaks, etc. that all add up if the money is not there to cover it up to a certain point, then the Town has to draw from the unexpended balances to balance the budget for the year, otherwise increase the rates. So, it may not be a big increase next year depending upon what happened in that district, and Supervisor Valentine asked Mary to contact him tomorrow to discuss her district further. Supervisor Valentine also mentioned that a couple of the districts took a good shot. Mary Luciana asked why her taxes went up by \$500.00 this year since when they were discussing the budget everyone was talking about how their taxes had not gone up. Supervisor Valentine advised that the tax increases were not general across the town, and there are a lot of variables that went into the tax increases. Supervisor Valentine also mentioned that he received many calls about the taxes and was able to go down the budget line items to explain the increases to most people, the town part of the Village taxes did go down. Supervisor Valentine advised that he would go over Mary's specific area and will get back to her with a complete explanation.

Tracy Schuh commented on the tax increases and she looked at her tax bill a little closer. Tracy stated that she was happy to hear that the Town is putting together a stormwater management plan, Tracy thinks that it is important that all those six points, particularly the public education as you see some people in the earlier developments that have their drainages that go into streams and don't realize that they're not going somewhere, they're going right into the stream so the new people that come from a city environment don't understand about water and stormwater. Supervisor Valentine added that the new basins now have 'drains to waterway' with a fish on them stamped into the casting. Tracy mentioned that she talked about that in the past to the Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council, there's 14 municipalities including the Town of Chester that are working cooperatively on issues in the watershed, whether it be flooding, stormwater management or the quality of water issues. This is a great example of what she'd like to share with them what the Town is working on at the next meeting. Maybe we could encourage others to look at their plan and maybe update it or maybe there's something from others that we could learn from. She was not aware of the fish being cast on the drain covers.

Someone in the audience asked if the Social Media applied to all the Town employees. Supervisor Valentine commented that the public can read through it and ask questions at the public hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to go into Executive Session to discuss attorney-client privilege matters was made at 7:50 pm.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

Supervisor Valentine advised that there will not be any further action taken by the Board after the Executive Session.

A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 pm.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Motion carried (Ayes 3) Supervisor Valentine, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Wensley

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sodano
Deputy Town Clerk
2019-01-23