

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 26, 2019
7:00 PM**

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

Also Present: Al Fusco – Fusco Engineering

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilman Finizia to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes through June 12, 2019.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

PDR TRANSFER TAX

Supervisor Valentine announced the passage of the bills in both houses of Congress and they are now awaiting the Governor's signature. At this time he said the Town will be forming a committee to move the preservation plan along.

RESOLUTION – SMART METERS

**A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ORDER
ORANGE AND ROCKLAND UTILITIES, INC.
TO ALLOW CUSTOMERS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO RETAIN
NON-AMI OR NON-AMR UTILITY METERS WITHOUT ANY FEES OR PENALTIES**

June 26, 2019

TITLE: A resolution petitioning the New York State Public Service Commission to order Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. to allow customers located in the Town of Chester to retain non- AMI or non-AMR Utility Meters without any fees or penalties.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on the 26th day of June, 2019, at 7:00 PM prevailing time:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Valentine and upon roll being called the following were:

PRESENT: Robert Valentine, Supervisor
Cindy Smith, Deputy Supervisor
Ryan Wensley, Councilman
Orlando Perez, Councilman
Vincent Finizia, Councilman

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Smith, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Wensley, to wit:

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2014, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. ("O&R") filed with the New York State Public Service Commission Tariff Leaves which revised previously filed tariff leaves which sets tariff fees

related to electricity and gas service for residential customers who choose to opt-out of using Automated Meter Infrastructure (“AMI”) and Automated Meter Reading (“AMR”) devices;

WHEREAS, the revised Tariff Leaves further state that the proposed tariffs would allow residential customers to opt-out of using AMI devices and instead elect to have O&R install and maintain non-AMI or non-AMR devices, such as Analog Meters, and manually read these meters through bi-monthly in-person meter readings; and

WHEREAS, the O&R AMI and AMR Opt-Out tariffs state that an existing customer receiving service through a non-AMI or non-AMR (e.g. analog utility meter) equipped meter may execute and submit an Application to request that service be continued through a non-AMI or non-AMR equipped meter, and that the customer will not be subject to a meter change fee, but will instead be subject to a monthly non-AMI or non-AMR service fee; and

WHEREAS, the O&R AMI and AMR Opt-Out tariffs state that an existing customer receiving service through an AMI or AMR equipped meter may execute and submit an Application to request that service be continued through a non-AMI equipped meter, but that the customer will be subject to the a meter change fee and a monthly non-AMI or non-AMR service fee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester has received voluminous complaints from residents who want to retain their Analog Utility Meters under the terms of the AMI and AMR Opt-Out Tariff, but are being told by O&R that their current Analog Utility Meters are going to be replaced by Digital Utility Meters; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester, as the result of recent information related to the potential effects of chronic exposure to wireless radiofrequencies radiation, has serious concerns related to the potential health impacts of AMI and AMR meters on residents of the Town of Chester; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Chester to allow residents in the Town of Chester to retain their existing Analog Utility Meters in the interest of public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this Resolution, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter defined:

“**Utility Consumer**” shall be defined as an O&R electric ratepayer, including, but not limited to renters, business owners and consumers.

“**Electro-Mechanical Analog Utility Meter**” shall be defined as a device that measures the amount of electrical energy consumed by a residence, business or an electrically powered device which operates by counting the revolutions of a non-magnetic, but electrically conductive, metal disc that rotates at a speed proportional to the power passing through the meter. This device is purely mechanical and uses no electronic components, no switch mode power supply, no transmitter, no antenna and no radio frequency emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester shall petition the New York State Public Service Commission to request the following relief:

1. O&R shall provide Utility Consumers in the Town of Chester with a 30-Day written notice in advance of installing any type of digital meter at no additional charges to said Utility Consumer, monthly or otherwise.
2. O&R shall fully inform Utility Consumers in the Town of Chester of their right to participate in the Opt-Out program, which will allow said Utility Consumers to retain their Electro-Mechanical Analog Meters.
3. O&R shall allow Utility Consumers in the Town of Chester who decide to participate in the Opt-Out program to retain their installed Electro-Mechanical Analog Meters and said Utility Consumers shall not be subject to the one-time meter change fee nor the monthly non-AMI or non-AMR service fee.

4. O&R shall offer to Utility Consumers in the Town of Chester Electro-Mechanical Analog Meters as a replacement for previously installed AMI and AMR meters and said Utility Consumers shall not be subject to the a meter change fee or a monthly non-AMI or non-AMR service fee.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Robert Valentine, Supervisor	Yes
Cindy Smith, Deputy Supervisor	Yes
Ryan Wensley, Councilman	Yes
Orlando Perez, Councilman	Yes
Vincent Finizia, Councilman	Yes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

MOBILE LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. PRESENTATION

Supervisor Valentine announced the Town Board had invited Mobile Life to speak in response to the recent bad press and social media posts appearing about their services within the Town. William Jeffries, Chief of Operations and Tim Scanone, Chief Financial Officer of Mobile Life Support Services, Inc. explained that although they do not have a service agreement with the Town, they hold a County-wide permit and have serviced the Town for the past seven years while located at the Chester Town Hall. Supervisor Valentine asked if there was truth to the rumor that they do not accept private insurance. Mr. Scanone replied that they accept most insurance, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement less co-pay or deductible with few exceptions. Councilman Finizia asked what happens to a patient who cannot afford the service. The answer was that all calls are accepted and patients are assessed, treated and taken to the hospital regardless of insurance. If uninsured, charges can be reduced to the Medicare rate and Mobile Life will work out a payment plan with the patient. Councilman Perez asked what the coverage was in Chester and if they always have an ambulance in Town. Mr. Jeffries replied that there may not always be an ambulance here but calls are answered as dispatched through 911. Councilman Perez asked how we might be able to maintain ambulances in Chester. Mr. Jeffries said since there is no contract in play, the Town doesn't currently pay for services. The cost to have a dedicated ambulance, and staff 24/7 would be prohibitive for a Town this size with only two to three calls per day. Currently, two units are shared regionally, across the three neighboring Towns. Supervisor Valentine asked about the social media reports that the response time is terrible. Mr. Jeffries said the statistics are that they handle 56% of calls emanating to Chester from Chester and 78% are under 10 minutes to the scene, and no calls are missed. When asked about average response time, the reply was that an average is not reported because the information would be scewed, but Mobile Life has both Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support where there is always a paramedic to assist. Supervisor Valentine added that while the volunteer ambulance was active, they only made 40% of calls and Mobile Life was shadowing them. He added that the service costs the Town nothing and Mobile Life makes 100% of the calls. Councilman Wensley said these are facts to answer the loud minority on social media voicing subjective criticism. Supervisor Valentine said that Mobile Life has been doing a great job while being staffed at Town Hall and someone is always here.

LIBRARY LEASE

Supervisor Valentine announced that after much back and forth between lawyers and word smiting, the lease with the Chester Public Library is now ready to be signed.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to approve the building lease of 1784 Kings Highway with the Chester Public Library and authorize the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

TIN BARN BREWERY

Supervisor Valentine stated that after the Tin Barn Brewery had come to agreement with the Town concerning their water hook-up at DeRose Lane, they were required to install a water sprinkler system to meet County fire suppression code.

Because of this the water service will be moved for connection to the main by the Sugar Loaf Fire House. As a result, the agreement needs amendment.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to amend the agreement with Tin Barn Brewery to make the appropriate changes to allow for fire suppression, subject to attorney approval.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to enter into an Executive Session at 7:35pm to discuss the matter of the Sugar Loaf Square Tax Certiorari.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:50pm.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Wensley to accept the settlement as per Consent Order and Judgment pertaining to the Sugar Loaf Square, Inc. Tax Certiorari in the amount of \$5,301.05.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read the Engineer's Development Report which appear below in its entirety.

CHESTERDALE:

Reviewed SWPPP's weekly reports.

RIDGEVIEW:

Owner re-requested bond reduction. We will review with Board and Highway Superintendent.

WOODRIDGE:

Review of SWPPP weekly reports. Paving completed; dedication soon.

ASHFORD:

NOT signed and submitted. Final punch list being prepared. Will review paperwork. Expect dedication in near future. Grass cut.

GREENS AT CHESTER:

They have returned to work. The silt fence is maintained. The grass is growing from the hydro seeding. We are inspecting daily. Met to discuss progress twice.

HIGHWAY GARAGE:

We have begun developing plans for select demolition and re-construction. Working with Highway Superintendent. We have made a top priority. Have demo plan, MEP draft plan, structural draft. Met with insurance engineer; changed design in accordance with his allowances.

Engineer Fusco expanded on the status of the highway garage reconstruction. He said the steel order has been put back one week due to the insurance agent's input on the design to include a CMU block wall to replace one sheet of steel on the end and steel the rest of the way. The walls will be kept intact while work is done, one wall at a time. This change will reduce the order by two pieces of steel. He added that we are required to get one quote for the steel and three quotes for the total job.

Councilman Finizia asked if he was secure with the insurance company's engineer. Mr. Fusco said he was. Supervisor Valentine updated the status of the vehicles. The first loader has been delivered and placed back in service while the second loader is expected to be delivered tomorrow.

With regard to the Greens, he said they are working on putting the services in and have had an expert working on the water, retesting for quantity and quality. He added that the stormwater ponds are down about three feet due to the lesser amount of rain, currently.

Supervisor Valentine read the Animal Control Report and Police Department Report for the month of May.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May 2019, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 14 animal complaints and investigated 4 motor vehicle accident involving deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 4 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 2 of the calls for service were for injured or deceased raccoons
- 1 of the calls for service was for a deceased deer
- 1 of the calls for service was for abandoned kittens
- 1 of the calls for service was for two dogs fighting
- 1 of the calls for service was for a snake in a bathroom
- 1 of the calls for service was for a loose horse
- 1 of the calls for service was for a bear sighting
- 1 of the calls for service was for an injured swan
- 1 of the calls for service was for an injured duck

WARWICK VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY
MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TOWN OF
CHESTER MONTH: MAY 2019

All totals include calls from the Town of Chester, Village of Chester, Village of Sugar Loaf, and Orange County 911 Center for calls located within the geographic area of the Town of Chester.

Number of calls received:	4 Police, 11 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls: 3	5/3- 4 yg. kittens on Conklintown Road * 5/6- 911, 2 stray dogs Lakes Road 5/20-injured swan
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	5/6- 2 stray dogs Lakes Rd. 5/211- stray dog Rt. 94, fmdr brought to shelter

Number of dogs impounded by police: 0

Number of dogs returned to owner: 3 #20043,20044,20065

Number of after hour call-outs: 5/3- 4 abandoned kittens Conkintown Rd.

Amount of impoundment fees collected: \$150.00 #20043,20044,20065

Amount of license fees collected: \$ 20.00

Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town: \$150.00 Ck#5972

Amount of license fees paid to Town: \$ 20.00

Number of hours of enumeration: 4.5hrs.

Number of bite reports received: 0

Number of appearance tickets issued: 0

Number of unlicensed dogs: 1 licensed upon redemption, 12 notices to comply

Status of unlicensed dogs: One dog licensed upon redemption, Prepared & Delivered 12 Notices to Comply

Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter: 7

Location of enumeration: Preparation of 12 and delivery of 12 various Notices to Comply

Other: On 5/31/19 Animal Control was contacted by Chester Officer to report that a dog was killed by a neighbor's dog on 5/25/19 in front of 10 Spectrum Drive. Advised Officer to check on rabies status of attacking dog ASAP to inform deceased dog's family in case of contact with blood and saliva and 10 day conferment from May 25.

SNR Certificates purchased in May: 0

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019

During the month of May, the Town of Chester Police Department remained highly active in the community. We continued to take a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws, while maintaining our overall objective of community commitment. In May, the police department responded to **267 calls for service**. Officers patrolled for **14,788 miles** during the month. A breakdown of the criminal and non-criminal activity for the month is included below:

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Town of Chester Police Department made **22 arrests** during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

- 15 arrests for Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors
- 1 arrest on a parole outstanding warrant
- 1 arrest for Driving While Intoxicated, Resisting Arrest and Escape in the third degree
- 1 arrest for Driving While Intoxicated
- 1 arrest for Criminal Mischief in the fourth degree
- 2 arrests for Unlawful Possession of Marihuana

2 arrests for Possession of an Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage

NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

In addition to the arrests listed above, officers also responded to other calls for service. A summary of those calls for service is as follows:

17 reports of suspicious conditions, people and/or vehicles
16 residential & commercial alarms
14 medical calls
14 animal complaints
6 domestic disputes, disturbances or family court matters
3 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
6 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
4 motor vehicle crash involving deer

Officers also issued **301 uniform traffic tickets** during the month.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

95 Vehicle & Traffic Stops
72 UTTs Issued
43 Calls for Service
9 Arrests

SEX OFFENDERS

There were no changes to the sex offender registrations for our residents in May.

LEVEL	BEGINNING OF MONTH	END OF MONTH
1	1	1
2	1	1
3	0	0
TOTAL	2	2

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

During the month, Town of Chester police officers assisted members of the community in many ways. Officers completed **15 house security checks** and **1090 business security checks**.

There was one child safety seat installations/inspections completed at the station in May. Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Dugan continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations. Officer Perez continued his assignment as the School Resource Officer in the Chester schools for one day a week.

Officer Stack assisted the Orange County Traffic Safety Division with presentations in the health classes at Chester Academy on May 7.

Officer Monsees coordinated with the leader of a Girl Scout troop holding a campout in the Chester Commons on June 1-2. Officers will be present along with some Chester FD members for camping, fire safety and knot-tying lessons.

TRAINING

Sgt. Slowik assisted with firearms instruction at the police academy in New Windsor on May 1, 2, and 3. Officer Perez attended the Initial Response to the Active Shooter training in Oriskany on May 6 and 7.

Officer Monsees attended Level 1 Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training in New Windsor on May 6 and 7.

Det. Slaughter attended training on Child Abduction Response and Investigations on May 21, 22, and 23.

Officer Dugan attended the Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician course from May 29-June 1. Officer Bird assisted with instruction in the course, which was held at our station.

Monthly training was held at the station on May 9th and was a review of a recent felony investigation, handcuffing and search techniques, animal cruelty investigations and responding to mental health emergencies. All officers were present except Santosky-Wright (military leave) and Stack (vacation).

Semi-annual firearms qualifications were held from May 28-31.

MISCELLANEOUS

Officers participated in the No Empty Chair campaign aimed at enforcing common traffic violations committed by young drivers from April 29-May 3.

A commercial vehicle enforcement detail was held in conjunction with the NYS DOT on May 13. Six unsafe commercial vehicles were taken out of service.

The annual Mock DWI Crash demonstration was held on May 16 at the Chester Academy ahead of their prom that evening. Multiple agencies participated in the event coordinated by Sgt. Vitale and Officer Perez.

Chief Doellinger and Officer Stack attended the annual Chester Academy partnership breakfast on May 22 recognizing and acknowledging our participation in their internship program.

Two letters of thanks were received in May. One from the QC Probation Department thanking Chief Doellinger for his participation in the annual Crime Victims' Vigil. The second was from Pat and Rich Rose thanking Del. Slaughter, Officer Bird and Officer Stack for their assistance with locating a runaway horse.

SCHEDULING

There were 236.5 hours of overtime paid in May.

Monthly Training/Firearms Qualification	73
Shift Coverage	49.5
Stop DWI Patrols	46
Police Traffic Services Grant	20
Investigations	12
School Assignments	10
Sugar Loaf Spring Festival Detail	8
Court/Hearings	6
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4.75
Late Calls/Arrests	4
Training	3.25

Part-time police officers were used to fill 208 hours of shift coverage (200 regular hours and 8 overtime hours).

CALLS FOR SERVICE - MAY 2019

911 HANGUP CALL	1	FRAUD	6
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	5	HARASSMENT	2
ALARM-RES! DENTIAL	11	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	3
AMBULANCE ASSIST	14	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	13
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	7	INFORMATION ONLY	18
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	5	LARCENY	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(OTHER DO	2	LOCKOUT	3
ARREST/DWI	2	LOST PROPERTY	2
ARREST/TRAFFIC	14	MN COMPLAINT	1
ARRESTNIOLATION	2	MISSING PERSON	1
ARREST/WARRANT		MV/TRAFFIC STOP	4
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	18	MVC/CAR/DEER	4
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	6	MVC/HIT AND RUN	1
ASSIST WATER DEPARTMENT	1	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	3
ATV COMPLAINT	2	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	5
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	1	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	4
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	16	NOTIFICATION	1
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	1	PARKING PROBLEM	1
CITIZEN SERVICE	8	PATROL REQUEST	2
CIVIL MATTER	2	RECKLESS DRIVER	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2	REPOSSESSION	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	SEXUAL ABUSE	1
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	3	SHOTS FIRED	2
DISABLED VEHICLE	6	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	17
DISTURBANCE	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	5
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	5	TRESPASS	4
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	2	VEHICLE OFF ROADWAY	1
EQUIPMENT CHECK	8	WELFARE CHECK	2
FIRE	3	WIRES DOWN	2
FOUND PROPERTY	3		267

Supervisor Valentine read from the following reports.

**TOWN OF CHESTER WATER DEPT.
MONTHLY REPORT- MAY 2019**

The water department processed and distributed 8,755,918 gallons of water for the month of May. The districts daily average ranged from 286 to 107,000 gallons. The breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 3,319,000 gal.
Sugar Loaf- 2,168,600 gal.
Surrey Meadows- 1,870,800 gal.
Walton Lake Estates- 1,180,100 gal.
Fieldcrest- 208,528 gal. (Distribution only)
Town Hall- 8,890 gal.

Distribution sampling by us as well as random sampling by Orange County DOH showed adequate disinfection levels, and tested negative for any type of bacteria.

Monthly DOH 360 forms and test results for 4/2019 on all districts were submitted to DOH on 5/10/19.

Laboratory testing dates were 5/1 & 5/15.

Other Business:

Annual water quality reports for consumers were prepared on 5/8 & 5/10.

Mowing equipment was serviced on 5/2.

The first mowing dates of the season at the plants were 3rd, 7th, 8th, & 9th.

Tanks and wells were mowed on the 21st.

Sugar Loaf was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Leak detection was performed on the old section of Wood road and Pewter circle on the 6th. There were leaks detected at 17 Mari and 4 Pewter. The leak on Pewter Circle was our responsibility and repaired on the 16th by town employees and Moodna Basin. It was another failed saddle. The leak at 17 Mari was the service line near the house foundation. It was the owner's responsibility and was repaired by contractors on the 23rd.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with routine operation and maintenance. We performed an emergency dig at the well site at Pulvirent field on the 22nd. We repaired a leak on the number 9 well line. Highway assisted with the backhoe.

Lake Hill Farms was mostly quiet with normal operations and maintenance.

Fieldcrest was mostly quiet with normal operations and maintenance. The generator was serviced by Kinsley Power on the 31st.

Walton Lake was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. There was a break at the intersection of Southside and Lake Region Blvd. on the 12th. Highway assisted with the backhoe and trucking. Moodna assisted with the Hydro-vac truck. The generator was serviced by Kinsley Power on the 31st.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Progress Report – May 27, 2019 – May 30, 2019

Building Permits – 14

Certificate of Compliances – 5

Certificate of Occupancies – 1 (existing STR.)

Municipal Searches – 4

Lawn Letters – 14 Hulse Lane

15 Jeffrey Drive

191 Leigh

I am meeting with the owner on Tuesday to discuss the fence location.

Supervisor Valentine read the Recreation and Parks Update:

- Carpenter Pavilion is up and being used.
- All-Stars have been playing at the fields and using the pavilion
- Little League Closing ceremonies were this past weekend and the pavilion was a great place for everyone to gather and eat and socialize.
- At SLPAC we are interviewing entertainment companies and when completed will present to the board. Meeting with some great people with amazing ideas. Obviously looking at what is best for the Town.
- Camp registration is still open. If anyone is still in need please contact the Recreation Dept.
- Camp will move into the Chester Academy on Friday, June 28th and will be up and ready to go on July 1st for first day of camp.
- Few spots left for NY Yankee games on July 17th evening game open to all cost is \$74 - August 14th game is open to anyone 60+ cost is \$51. For further information contact the Recreation Department.
- Sail/Rail New England is filled for the first bus taking names and numbers for a second bus. 19 people away.

CAMP PERSONNEL CELL PHONE AND PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

Supervisor Valentine read the following policy for the Board’s consideration.

Cell Phone Use and Photography Policy for Counselors and CIT’s

The cell phone policy for the Town of Chester Summer Camp program for Counselors and CIT’s (Counselor in Training).

Cell phone use is prohibited by counselors and CIT’s at all times while supervising campers. If a counselor is seen with a cell phone out while supervising campers the following will occur:

- 1st time: Verbal Warning
- 2nd time: Written Warning
- 3rd time: Immediate Termination

The photography of camper’s policy for the Town of Chester Summer Camp program for Counselors and CIT’s (Counselor in Training).

There is to be no photography of campers with a personal cell phone or camera. The only photography of campers should be with a Town of Chester issued camera. If this action is seen or reported it is grounds for immediate dismissal.

I agree to the above policies regarding cell phones and photography of campers while employed at The Town of Chester Summer Camp.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the foregoing Cell Phone Use and Photography Policy for Counselors and CIT’s of the Town of Chester Camp Program.

VOTE AYES 5: Valentine, Finizia, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine gave an update on the SLPAC. The sprinkler system leaks have been repaired and has been tested and certified to make it compliant. He thanked Richard Logothetis for his help in repairing the lights and sound system. “On the Law Concert Series” begins July 4 from 6:30-8:30pm with the NY Swing Exchange.

Supervisor Valentine read the notice from O&R warning against bill payment fraud, through the use of Green Dot or prepaid debit cards. These types of payments are not accepted by O&R. More information is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Valentine read the notice from O&R concerning Smart Meter installation in July on Bridle Lane.

Supervisor Valentine announced the passage of the Orange County Community Preservation Act by the State Assembly. He thanked Colin Schmitt for his support of both the Town's and County's resolutions.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith asked for the return of all keys that have been issued to the various groups and persons with access to the Senior Center for re-issue. She said a new chair yoga class will be added and that work on the adult exercise park with the aid of grant money will be underway.

Councilman Perez asked the status of the Broccoli Patch project. Councilman Finizia said the project was sent back to the Planning Board after being referred to the ZBA for clarification. He said the project underwent several changes with the cemetery being honored and the project amended to include one building and that it is his opinion that it will be a long haul for approval. Supervisor Valentine commented that we have an excellent Planning Board and they will be quite stringent with public hearings held on the matter.

Councilman Wensley asked if the notification of grant moneys received could still be utilized. Supervisor Valentine to look into the status.

Councilman Finizia congratulated the graduating seniors of Warwick and Chester High Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Becker, 11 Sanford, noted the omission of a motion and second with regard to the foregoing resolution which was corrected, accordingly.

Lydia Cuadros thanked the Board for adopting the Smart Meter Resolution but asked if the language could be changed to include a "90-day notification" of customers, to coincide with the bills up in Albany. She asked if a stop sign could be erected at the SLPAC.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2019-06-26