

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
November 13, 2019
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Perez, Councilwoman Smith, Absent: Councilman Finizia, Councilman Wensley

PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2019 – A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 66 ENTITLED, “NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL” TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Supervisor Valentine explained that the draft was taken from other surrounding Towns and it is a work in progress.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to open the Public Hearing at 7:05pm on the matter of the Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2019 – A Local Law Adding Chapter 66 Entitled, “Noise Pollution Control” to the Town Code of the Town of Chester.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

The following is the Public Notice as it appeared in the times Herald Record on October 30 and November 10, 2019.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY
CHESTER, NY 10918
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

The Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled:

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2019
A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 66 ENTITLED
“NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL” 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 66, Entitled "Noise Pollution Control", to the Town Code of the Town of Chester.

Section 2. Legislative Intent

The Town Board of the Town of Chester has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to establish and impose restrictions upon the creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise within the limits of the Town of Chester. It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Chester that these restrictions shall further secure and promote the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, prosperity and peace and quiet of the Town of Chester and its residents.

Section 3. Noise Pollution Control

Chapter 66, entitled “Noise Pollution Control” is hereby added to the Town Code of the Town of Chester, to read as follows:

§66-1. Title.

This Chapter shall be cited and may be referred to hereinafter as the, “Noise Pollution Control Law of the Town of Chester.”

§66-2. Legislative Intent.

It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Chester by the adoption of this Chapter to establish and impose restrictions upon the creation of excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise within the Town of Chester. These restrictions shall further secure and promote the public health, comfort, safety, welfare, and peace and quiet of the Town of Chester and its residents.

A complete copy of the proposed local law is on file and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

Said public hearing will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

All persons interested in the subject matter may appear in person or by agent. All written communications should be addressed to the Board at the above address.

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

**LINDA A. ZAPPALA,
TOWN CLERK**

Dated: October 10, 2019

Supervisor Valentine invited public comments.

Bill Flook, 23 Fini Terrace was in favor of the proposed law as it addresses a number of issues that concern him including barking dogs, and guns going off between 5-9pm. He said there should be a compromise in this growing community.

Melody Palacino, Whispering Hills, whose husband is the Monroe/Chester Gun Club Youth President, was opposed to the proposed law. She said the kids stop their activities at 10pm to be courteous to the neighbors and since they are also hunters, there should be consideration given to them.

Bruce Dunn, Newburgh. Mr. Dunn represented the Monroe Chester Sportsman's Club and said the organization is a Town Planning and Zoning Board recognized indoor and outdoor club and their rights cannot be taken away by noise ordinance or any other regulation without the potential of litigation. He stated the club pays premier attention to safety of members, offers law enforcement firearms training and is considerate of sound control.

Roy Zucker, Stacey Lane, Monroe Chester Sportsmen's Club President since 2012 said he has been fielding calls against the proposed law. He said that the club hired sound engineers who found them to be well within state and federal guidelines. He said both the Youth club and the Police Department utilize the club and safety is number 1 along with concerns for neighbors by starting after 10am and stopping at sundown.

Tom Becker, Sanford Ave., took issue with 65.5: Prohibited Acts, (d) snow blowers should be removed, (e) firearm guidelines are set by DEC and should be followed, (g) noise sensitive zones not mentioned in definitions, (i) should identify decibel levels or time of day in determinations.

Patrick Donnely, E. Tetz & Sons representative, submitted a letter which will be posted in the "other associated documents" section of this Town Board Meeting Minutes on the Town's website. He said the law would have a negative impact on Tetz' operations and should be exempted for their work and asked that the Public Hearing be kept open for more comments.

Nilsa Cordero Meyer, Fini Terrace, said she was looking for a compromise to the noise factor without a legal remedy because the area is growing.

George Meyer, Fini Terrace, a lifelong resident said he thinks there is a lot of room for compromise. Now that more people live in the area of the gun club, they should have a say. He said the gun club interrupts everyday life and he doesn't think it's right.

Kelly Nywening, C.F. Johnson & Sons, asked why the town decided to write an ordinance now. Councilwoman Smith said every so often it comes up, whether loud summer music, the gun club, Camp Monroe, fireworks, but has always been difficult to write one. Ms. Nywening said it is difficult for a dairy farm, which has been integral to the economy and character of the community, to operate under this proposed law. She added that the gun club does great work in the area of conservation and has preserved a large tract of land that is beneficial to the community as well.

Laura Nywening, C.F. Johnson & Sons, said farmland is disappearing and suburban sprawl is taking over the county. She said this law has no stated exemptions for farming businesses which is their livelihood and hunting is necessary to control the deer population.

George Jacob, Banker Drive said there is ambiguity in the proposed law and some language needs to be changed for snow blowers, generators and hunting exemptions.

Matthew Paul, Florida, said the proposed law is vague and open to interpretation with regard to usual and unusual noises. He said hunting is regulated by the DEC. He suggested the use of special zones.

Derek Lopez, Creamery Pond, a member of the Monroe Chester Gun Club, involved in the Police Pistol Combat shooting training that is conducted in this, one of three ranges in New York State, is opposed to the proposed law.

Liz Batiato, Kerner Drive, opposed to the law as written, said she was happy to hear that the Board is open to suggestions. She said the Town should be careful not to let a few people who are intolerant micromanage the community and be careful to consider the way of life of the entire community, which includes businesses such as farms and Tetz. She said the gun club has been in the community many years and the people coming into the community need to do their due diligence.

Tracy Shuh, Pickerel mentioned the 2012 proposed law that dealt with reoccurring issues such as the quarry, gun club, tree clearing and ATV's which was tabled. She said the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update addressed late night noise. She said there are many towns with some sort of ordinance that includes special zones and districts, exemptions, and deals with excessive, unnecessary and unreasonable noise.

Eloise Ham, Rock Ridge Road, said she lives near the gun club and said it is a wonderful facility and should not be shut down but thought it was time to show consideration to those impacted by the noise like using the indoor facility more or constructing a sound barrier. She added the noise disturbs her peace and quiet and impacts property value. She said she would like to work on a committee to create solutions.

Robert Marina, Mountain View Drive, said he owns 10 acres where he hunts and is a member of the gun club and this is his way of life, and if taken away he will move.

Chris Mauer, Creamery Pond said she is disappointed about the debate. She thanked the Board and said we need something and this is a work in progress. She said the gun thing is not on her radar but she can't concentrate on her freelance writing with the cars, trucks and dogs. She added that continuous noise from the light business area that borders the residential area is of concern.

Alice Daches said her purpose is not to attack Tetz, the gun club, farmers or hunters but to give the community members a voice in the situation. She said neighbors should remember to ask for consideration concerning barking dogs.

Supervisor Valentine read the comments received prior to the meeting and are printed below in their entirety.

kristine andersen <godzillatobey@yahoo.com>

Hello,

I'm writing to comment on the noise problem that was coming from Camp Monroe all summer. I just wanted to share our experience, it was most day (not just weekends) and all hours of the night till the early hours of the morning for months. We went to the police to complain and were told there was nothing they could do. This is very unfortunate and not fair to the people that have lived in that are for years. It was very disruptive all summer and hope it can be stopped in the future . I would like this email to be entered into record for the public hearing.

Thank you, Kristine Andersen & Priscilla Andesen

From: Justin Brigandi <justinbrigandi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 1:42 PM
To: Robert Valentine <rvalentine@thetownofchester.org>
Subject: sound law

Hey Rob

I cannot make the meeting tonight, so I figured I would send you an email. While I assume the law is more aimed at blasting music all night long, I think that we should be very careful as to what is written into that law. Once it is on the books it is "illegal" and game over. While most of the people I have met in Chester are super cool, it only takes a few. I leave for work around 730AM and do not get home until about 8PM. Any time it snows according to that law I would have to wait until the weekend to take care of my driveway. (I know in practicality this probably wouldn't be an issue) Myself and most of the people on my street mow lawns and run equipment "late" in the evening.

While I am unfortunately not a member, I also think that it is nonsense that this could be aimed towards the gun club in town as well. There are less and less ranges these days and the range predates many if not all residents that live near it, myself included. (I knew what I was getting into when I purchased my home) What happens if the range ceases to exist and all of that land goes for sale and becomes developed? Why should somebody be able to move next to a _____ and force them out of business? (racetracks, motocross arenas, skate parks, ranges, etc.)

None of these complaints are particularly aimed at you, but I figure you are the best person to reach out to. I came from North Jersey where everybody calls the cops on everybody over anything. (my town tried to sue CSX for freight trains running through town-seriously) I left there for a reason and it is not anything I wish upon the residents of Chester. Once its on the books it is game over....

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to leave the Public hearing open until December 11, 2019. Motion carried 3-0.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

Any additional written comments submitted concerning this public hearing will be posted in the "other associated documents" section of this Town Board Meeting Minutes on the Town's website.

PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2019 A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 46 ENTITLED "ENTITY DISCLOSURE" TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to open the Public Hearing at 8:05pm on the matter of Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2019, A Local Law Adding Chapter 46 Entitled "Entity Disclosure" To The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

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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 46, Entitled "Entity Disclosure", to the Town Code of the Town of Chester.

Section 2. Legislative Intent

The Town Board of the Town of Chester has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of the Chester and the public to provide for full and fair disclosure of all entities making land use applications within the limits of the Town of Chester. It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, with respect to entity disclosure, to ensure that any and all potential conflicts of interest or ethical concerns are properly disclosed and addressed, which shall further secure and promote the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, prosperity and peace and quiet of the Town of Chester and its residents.

Section 3. Entity Disclosure

Chapter 46, entitled "Entity Disclosure" is hereby added to the Town Code of the Town of Chester, to read as follows:

§46-1. Title.

This Chapter shall be cited and may be referred to hereinafter as the, "Entity Disclosure Law of the Town of Chester."

§46-2. Legislative Intent.

- A. The Town Board finds that, in connection with the development or potential development of portions of the Town of Chester, land use applications may have a significant impact upon the health, safety and general welfare of the Town, its inhabitants and visitors, and upon existing uses, public services, traffic and the environment, in general.

A complete copy of the proposed local law is on file and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

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

**LINDA A. ZAPPALA,
TOWN CLERK**

Dated: October 10, 2019

Supervisor Valentine asked if there were any public comments on the proposed local law.

Tracy Shuh, Pickerel Road, suggested a 10% penalty of the stated property value instead of \$3,000 to allow for better enforcement.

Gabriel Posner, representing the Greens of Chester read his objection to the proposed law which he said was based on illegal discrimination. He said the aim of the law does not justify forcing private parties to reveal details about themselves when seeking a permit. Mr. Posner added the proposed law would not apply to the Greens of Chester which settlement agreement exempts the property from the effect of regulations. The entire comment will be posted in the "other associated documents" section of this Town Board Meeting Minutes on the Town's website.

Sue Bahren, Whispering Hills - said she is glad for the law as many homes go abandoned under LLC names and the owners can't be notified so this allows a way to get in touch with the owner. She added that this is about all neighbors, not just one.

Ms. Shuh added to her comment by noting that a statewide law was passed and the Town, through previous discussions, had been waiting on the State's legislation before moving forward with this enactment.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to close the Public Hearing at 8:20pm, there being no further comments heard.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Perez to approve payment of the bills from the following accounts.

GENERAL FUND	225,482.25
GENERAL - PART TOWN	160,002.18
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	32,493.05
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	11,964.21
FIELDCREST WATER	117.68
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	4,343.82
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	830.82
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	1,057.92
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,178.14
WALTON LAKE WATER	2,453.02
TRUST & AGENCY	<u>55,985.69</u>
Grand Total	541,908.78

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2019, Budget Workshop of October 3, 2019, Budget Workshop of October 9, 2019, Town Board Meeting of October 9, 2019, Budget Workshop of October 10, 2019, ad Town Board Meeting of October 23, 2019 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

RELEVY OF FALSE ALARMS FINES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the relevy of the following false alarm fines to the 2020 Town and County Tax bills.

SBL	AMOUNT
12-1-811	\$150.00
6-1-74	\$400.00
13-3-32	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$700.00

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

ADOPT TAX OVERRIDE - LOCAL LAW NO 2OF 2019 ENTITLED, A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C .

Supervisor Valentine advised that the Town will go over the tax cap this year. He intends to use some more fund balances to offset the overage.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adopt Local Law No 2 of 2019 Entitled, A Local Law To Override The Tax Levy Limit Established In General Municipal Law Section 3-C.

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Chester, County of Orange, State of New York (hereinafter "Chester") pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow Chester to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Town Board of the Town of Chester is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

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.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to set a special Town Board Meeting on November 20, 2019 at 7:30 pm on the matter of the 2020 Town of Chester Budget and directs Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

CANCEL TOWN BOARD MEETING

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to cancel the Town Board Meeting on November 27, 2019 and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same. The next general Town Board Meeting will be held on December 11, 2019.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to submit the MS4 Annual Report and authorize the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe at \$37,628.50 and 2020 Ford Police Interceptor at \$38,414.75 at State bid using residual funds.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the purchase of a License Plate Reader on State bid in the amount of \$14,712.25.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

HILLS OF CHESTER PERFORMANCE BOND

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the performance bond in the amount of \$2,119,879.58 for the Hills of Chester, subject to approval of bond form by the Town Attorney.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION LOT STRIPING

Mr. Fusco presented the three proposals obtained for the striping of the senior center lot expansion and said the prices will hold until the spring.

Duffy's Pavement	\$3,274.00
Hudson Valley Pavement	\$2,650.00
Advanced Pavement	\$2,280.00

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to accept the proposal from Advanced Pavement in the amount of \$2,280.00 for the paving of the Senior Center parking lot expansion.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

'SOCIAL SENIORS' PRESENTATION

Robin Corneby addressed the Board about forming a new senior club to address the need of the 30-45 people on the waiting list for the Chester Golden Age Club. She said they will have socializing with crafts, dominos, therapy animals and pizza bingo open to anyone over 60 who lives in Town. She said there would be a small membership fee and asked if they could be under the Town's Insurance. Ms. Corneby asked if they could do fundraising. Attorney Bonacic stated that a private club could do their own fundraising as they are not affiliated with the Town. Councilwoman Smith asked is they will have their own tax id. Supervisor Valentine added that the Town Board has some work to do on this matter at they are putting together a format and equal treatment of all clubs. He said we are in the process of re-bidding our insurance renewals and awaiting feedback. He added that all clubs will be private.

HIGHWAY GARAGE

Mr. Fusco explained to the Board that the proposals, plans and specs have been approved by the insurance company and exclude the electrical and mechanical work along with overhead doors and sprinkler system. He anticipates the steel being delivered in December.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the proposal submitted by ABM as low bidder on the highway garage reconstruction project.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Officer Santosky-Wright to the NY Law Enforcement Officers and the Law Updates, Practices and Procedures course on December 3 in Dutchess County at no cost.

VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith

ADOPTED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read the following reports into the minutes.

Report Of Police Department For October 2019

During the month of October, 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 October, the police department responded to 307 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 15,046 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 19 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

- 11 arrests for Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors
- 1 arrest for felony Assault in the second degree
- 1 arrest for three counts of Grand Larceny in the fourth degree and Identity Theft in the third degree
- 1 arrest for four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the seventh degree
- 1 arrest for eight counts of Criminal Mischief in the fourth degree
- 1 arrest on a warrant
- 3 arrests for Unlawful Possession of Marihuana
- 2 arrests for Emergency Admission of the Mentally Ill

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:

- 28 reports of suspicious conditions, people and/or vehicles
- 22 medical calls
- 22 animal complaints
- 7 residential & commercial alarms
- 6 domestic disputes, neighbor disputes or disturbances
- 1 motor vehicle crash with injuries
- 13 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 9 motor vehicle crash involving deer

Officers also issued 182 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

41 Vehicle & Traffic Stops
25 UTTs Issued
44 Calls for Service
6 Arrests

SEX OFFENDERS

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

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

COMMUNITY POLICING

During the month, Town of Chester police officers assisted members of the community in many ways. Some of the community policing activity is listed below.

Officers completed 16 house security checks and 1137 business security checks.

Officer Perez continued his assignment as a school resource officer in the Chester Academy and Chester Elementary School.

There was one child safety seat installation conducted at the station in October. Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Dugan continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

Officers attended the Chester Recreation Department's annual Halloween event. This year's event was held on October 27th at the Chester Senior/Rec building. Two officers attended in costume and two attended in uniform to interact with the children during the event.

TRAINING

Officer Bird assisted with instruction at the Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician course in Kingston on October 2nd and 3rd.

Officer Monsees and Officer Deluca attended the annual TRU training from October 7th to 11th.

Officer Dunlop attended Part B of the Commercial Vehicle Inspection School in Albany from October 7th to 11th.

Officer Pavese continued in the department field-training program in October.

All officers attended monthly training on October 8th in our training room on the topics of OC spray refresher, Narcan refresher and Law Enforcement Survival Kit refresher.

MISCELLANEOUS

Officers attended the line-of-duty funeral detail for NYPD Officer Mulkeen in Monroe on October 4th.

Officers were present on foot and by UTV for Chester Academy varsity football games at the Chester Commons Park on October 4th and 25th.

Barricades were provided and an officer was assigned to foot patrol for each day of the annual Sugar Loaf Fall Festival on October 12th, 13th and 14th.

Officers participated in a lockdown drill both Chester UFSD schools on October 16th. Officers from four other neighboring agencies were also invited and attended.

Officers assisted with a fire drill at the Chester Senior Center on October 16th.

A commercial vehicle enforcement detail was held in conjunction with the NYS DOT on October 18th and 21st. Fourteen commercial vehicles were inspected and two unsafe trucks were taken out of service.

Officer John Calderone began working as a full-time police officer on October 24th.

Chief Doellinger, School Resource Officer Perez and Officer Weinstein attended the Officer Phil safety program at the Chester Elementary School on October 25th.

Officers were present to assist with traffic control at the Chester Elementary School's annual Halloween parade on October 31st.

Additional patrols were added for the evening shift on Halloween. Officers on patrol spoke with multiple children who were trick-or-treating and handed out glow necklaces after dark.

Three letters of commendation were received from the public in October. One complimented Officers Weinstein and Santosky-Wright for their assistance with a deceased deer. One letter thanked Officer Bird for his participation in a Child Passenger Safety Focus Group. The third note thanked Officers Santosky-Wright and Grahn, and Detective Slaughter, for their assistance with a coyote trapped under a deck.

SCHEDULING

There were 288.75 hours of overtime paid in October.

Shift Coverage	185.5
Monthly Training	26
Sugar Loaf Fall Festival Details	25.5
HS Football Game Details	16.5
Radars to Albany for semi-annual calibration	8.75
Admin Meetings	6.25
Late Calls/Arrests	6
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4.5
Investigations	3.75
Annual TRU Training	3
AM Traffic Enforcement Details	3

Part-time police officers were used to fill 248 hours of patrol shift coverage (246 regular hours and 2 overtime hours).

Monthly Report For Animal Control For October 2019

During the month of October 2019, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 23 animal complaints and investigated 10 motor vehicle crashes involving deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 7 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 7 of the calls for service were for injured or deceased deer
- 3 of the calls for service were for sick or injured raccoons
- 2 of the calls for service were for barking dogs
- 1 of the calls for service was for a sick or injured cat
- 1 of the calls for service was for a coyote trapped under a deck
- 1 of the calls for service was for a sick or injured fox
- 1 of the calls for service was for a bear sighting

Warwick Valley Humane Society October 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:	11	3 Police, 8 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	2	10/14 stray dog Winkler Place* 10/31 stray Mountain Laurel (cancelled)
Number of dogs impounded by ACO	2	10/10 stray from Bull Mill Rod by local resident 10/14 stray from Winkler Place*
Number of dogs impounded by police:	1	10/31 stray from Mountain Laurel
Number of dogs returned to owners:	2	#20236, 20239
Number of after hour call-outs:	1	10/14 stray Winkler Place
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$100.00	#20236, 20239
Amount of license fees collected:	\$20.00	#20239, #0300-adoption
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$100.00	ck #6433
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$20.00	ck #6434
Number of hours of enumeration:	6.5 hrs	(4.5 hrs. owed Aug. +4.5 hrs. owed Sept. + 1.5 owed Oct.)
Number of bites reports received:	0	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	18	17 per Town Clerk notices to comply + 1 unlicensed return
Status of Unlicensed dogs:	1	licensed upon redemption, 15 notices and 2 summonses delivered
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	1	infant kitten from Whispering Hills
Location of enumeration:	Preparation of 15 notices to comply and 2 appearance tickets and delivery	
SNR certificates sold in September:	8	

Other: Animal Control Officers and staff received certification and re-certification in Pet CPR & First Aid.

Engineer's Report

CHESTERDALE:

Review SWPPP. Paving completed.

HILLS OF CHESTER:

They have requested bond.

RIDGEVIEW:

Pending bond reduction. No current action.

WOODRIDGE:

Small drainage problem, punch list pending. Getting ready for dedication.

ASHFORD:

Dedicated – preparing final bonds and paperwork.

GREENS AT CHESTER:

Curbs, installation continuing, lateral installation, SWPPP continuing to be reviewed weekly. Reviewed tree activity; no additional cutting. They were removing trees previously cut with root removal and installing silt fence between disturbance and wetland. There are wetlands between the end of Whispering Hills property and the Greens.

HIGHWAY GARAGE:

Redevelopment to begin with ordering steel after insurance company approved. Spoke with insurance; we have viable direction from them. Quotes to include add alternatives for code work. Plans sent out for quotes. Met with the insurance company, sent deposit to fabricator. Need appropriation to move job along.

SENIOR PARK:

Being designed and grant for \$150,000 in contract with DASNY. Meet on site and are finalizing design.

MS4 OUTFALL:

Studies and mapping continuing, public participation ongoing.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith announced the upcoming events:

Snowball – December 5th – Sugar Loaf PAC

Children's Christmas Party – December 6th – Sugar Loaf PAC

Tin Barn Brewery – November 14 – SLCF having annual awards dinner honoring Richard Hull, Bob Fury, Walter Kannon and Richard Logothetis

Councilwoman Smith thanked all who have supported her, both past and present. Supervisor Valentine congratulated Cindy and Orlando along with Council members elect Robert Courtenay and Tom Becker. He added that he and Sue Bahren are still counting results of their race and he is sure they will graciously accept the outcome.

PDR UPDATE

Supervisor Valentine suggested the local organizations to write petitions to the Governor in support of the PDR to preserve land and vistas and Chester's way of life. Change. Org is posted on Facebook and a link will be placed on the Town's website for anyone wishing to sign the petition started by Christi Greco of Preserve Chester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine made the following announcements:

Knights of Columbus "Paint and Sip" - November 16, 6pm - St. Columba.
The the Band Band – November 30 – SLPAC
The Nutcracker – December 8 – SLPAC

Supervisor Valentine announced that the Orange County Long Range Transportation survey is seeking public input.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Bahren, Whispering Hills, announced the Chester Kiwanis Toyland Drive for unwrapped, new toys until December 12. More information can be found on the town's website. Also, the Kiwanis will be selling roses at \$15 per dozen.

Anthony, Speranza Court, asked how many yards of top soil can be brought in before a permit is required. Supervisor Valentine said he would have the Building Inspector reply to the inquiry.

Marian Holdridge, Sunfish Lane, asked about an eruv erected by Camp Monroe. Supervisor Valentine said he is unaware of any code addressing that matter. He referred her to the Building Department for code enforcement.

Tracy Shuh, Preservation Collective, took issue with a FOIL request that had been denied. She expressed concern that a reference had been made by the Planning Board to a report provided by the Engineer that was not provided. She asked the Town Board to speak with the Engineer to obtain the information. Planning Board Chairman Serotta explained that the determination of final decision as to the intermittent stream was provided by the engineer who relied on DEC mappers to form his opinion. H added, there was no formal report requested or provided.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
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