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TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2023

7:00 PM

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Ardisana, Councilman Courtenay, Councilman Holdridge, Councilwoman Smith

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Becker, 163 Lehigh Ave., addressed the Board on the matter of Surrey Meadows sewer infiltration. He noted the sewer main scope work performed by Rural Water in 2021 which found several areas of concern. He asked if the Board would be looking to do repairs to mains and pump station replacement. He was aware that the Town Board applied for a grant and knows Moodna's concern in the event of a catastrophic failure to get a bypass installed for emergency back-up with an above-ground pump to allow them to stay in service. Walton Lake Estates also has no bypass installed. He hopes the Board will work toward infrastructure improvements. Supervisor Valentine replied that the Town is working with the grant writer. Mr. Becker said that grant funding may take years and asked if the Town would put money away to avoid the issue had at Lake Hill Farms.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENTS

The Town Board presented Zoe Arnett and Allison Bono with Certificates of Achievements for accomplishments in their respective sports. Zoe made history by winning the Section IX Indoor Track 1000 meter for the first time for Chester Academy. Allison scored her 1,362 point which is an all-time record for boys and girls in Chester Academy Basketball. Supervisor Valentine invited both girls up to the dais to receive their certificates. Family and friends were in attendance to celebrate their achievements.

CHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY PRESENTATION

Sue Bahren, along with Okey Barrett thanked the Town of Chester for their assistance as a cooperative agency in the collection of food and other items that cannot be purchased from the food bank. Through Michele Deshler's post at the Senior Center each month, the Town helps assist with the approximate 65 families currently served by the food bank. Sue thanked the Town for their continued support and generosity in partnering with the Chester Community Food Pantry and presented the Board with a certificate of appreciation.

CHESTER CLEAN UP

Tom Flynn, on behalf of the Kiwanis Clean Up event, addressed the Town Board regarding this year's plan. He said the zones have been expanded to 7 or 8 due to the extensive areas that have been impacted by litter. The date has been scheduled for May 13, 2023 from 9am-12noon with rain dates of May 20th or May 21st. The meet up location will be at the Wendy's parking lot. Chester Academy students will be participating along with other volunteers from the community. Tom asked the Town Board to assist with trucks and employee help. He asked the Town Clerk to arrange for dumpsters at the 4 locations, including Village and Town Highway garages. She will also prepare an event letter which he will disseminate among businesses in the community requesting assistance.

DAVIDSON DRIVE PRESENTATION

Planning Board Chairman Serotta addressed the Board concerning the Davidson Drive warehouse projects. He provided historical information regarding the properties located off Lake Station Road and Kings Highway. In 2004, two maps were filed under two separate owners containing six large and ten smaller lots, including the roadway running through both properties and given separate sbl's. The Pomegranate Solutions project received conditional approval in 2021 containing the part of the roadway that goes in and out of Davidson at the end of the property, which is substantially completed and needs topcoat and drainage system work. The Davidson Drive, LLC project has been in review of the Planning Board since 2021, having had two public hearings and engaging review by planner, traffic engineer and landscape architect. Highway Superintendent Reilly has been involved with core drilling to see if Lake Station Road can handle trucks, which will need widening at Bellvale Road. The process has not gotten too far along, but has received all DEC approvals. There has been responsible opposition by members of the neighborhood. It is the consensus of the Planning Board and professionals to have the project exit onto Davidson Drive and is now asking for help from the Town Board. He said an example would be to do negotiations or force by eminent domain to take the road after improvements are made. The Town would then have to plow and provide a fire access road to be required out onto Bellvale Road. As this project needs to be pushed along, he is looking for support of the Town Board. Supervisor Valentine asked if there was ever an offer of dedication previously. Chairman Serotta said he understood it never got that far along due to financial issues at that time. To Councilman Holdridge's question if the matter has been discussed with the owner, Chair Serotta replied that they have been told to bring the road up to standards.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of February 16, 2023 and February 22, 2023, as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith **ADOPTED**

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Valentine said the bills are to be approved as per the report from the bookkeeper.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve payment of the bills from the following accounts:

	<u>PREPAIDS</u>	
GENERAL FUND	\$70,369.91	\$87,330.91
GENERAL - PART TOWN	53,093.23	29,755.85
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	29,810.16	64,113.18
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE		3,784.84
FIELDCREST WATER	900.30	1,021.18
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	2,522.84	3,069.88
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	2,099.60	2,631.93
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	3,019.36	242.50
WALTON LAKE WATER	3,715.67	3,807.05
TRUST AND AGENCY	3,341.68	2,219.52
GARBAGE		<u>46,198.18</u>
SEWER 1	734,895.00	
SEWER 4	153,497.37	
SEWER 5	20,308.00	
SEWER 9	4,912.00	
LAKE REGION SEWER	<u>29,280.97</u>	
Grand Total	\$1,111,766.09	\$244,175.02

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith **ADOPTED**

BUDGET MODIFICATION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the budget modification from A-fund reserve balance in the amount of \$124,950 to A7230.4 for payment of parking lot improvements to be reimbursed from CDBG funds.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

BUDGET MODIFICATION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the budget modification from B-fund reserve balance in the amount of \$21,773.43 to B1620.4 for the payment to Paul Davis for insurance repairs at the Police Department.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

WATER DISTRICT TANK INSPECTIONS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the contract submitted by Underwater Solutions for the following water tank related work.

Lake Hill Farms Water District: \$13,567.50
Sugar Loaf Hills Water District: 19,672.50
Walton Lake Estates Water District: 3,990.00

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

CDBG 2024 AUTHORIZATION

Engineer Fusco advised the Board that an employee needs to attend the webinar being held on March 22, 2023 related to the 2024 CDBG grant application process. Although he will be in attendance, he cannot represent the Town in this regard.

BOND RELEASE AND REFUND FOR ICAN STORAGE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the release of the \$10,000 bond held on behalf of ICAN Storage.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

466-A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE WORKERS EXEMPTION

As the 10% exemption was not considered too impactful to the budget, a consensus was to move forward with the local law.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to direct Town Attorney to draft a local law regarding the 466-A Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Workers Exemption to assessment for volunteer firefighter and ambulance workers.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

AGED SENIOR EXEMPTION

A discussion ensued as to the increase to the aged senior exemption and whether a sliding scale be used. Councilman Holdridge said we should give the maximum allowed. Councilman Courtenay said he would like to see the impact of the exemption. Supervisor Valentine said he would ask Assessor Schuler to provide a report as to the impact of the exemption. Attorney Bonacic added that any increase to the exemption would take affect next March and an amendment to the Local Law would be required.

COUNTY IMA GML ARTICLE 12-6

The matter was tabled.

ROADWAY RESOLUTION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adopt the following resolution;

WHEREAS, certain parcels of land known and designated as being West Meadow Way and Sky View Lane had been offered for dedication to the Town of Chester for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Chester had indicated that road construction has been completed to his satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester, on October 27, 2021 had approved said dedications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chester, accepts legal responsibility of

West Meadow Way beginning off Ridge Road continuing .23 miles to the T end, which is also the town line; and

Sky View Lane beginning off Ridge Road continuing for .21 miles to West Meadow Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chester accepts responsibility for the maintenance and repair of

West Meadow Way beginning off Ridge Road continuing .23 miles to the T end, which is also the town line; and

Sky View Lane beginning off Ridge Road continuing for .21 miles to West Meadow Way.

VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

RFP WALTON LAKE WATER DISTRICT WELLHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine said the Water Department had pulled the gun and had to pull back the agreement signed in connection to the new well at Walton Lake Estates Water District. It will require an RFP go out on the project.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to direct Engineer Fusco to prepare a Request for Proposals in connection with the Walton Lake Estates Water District Wellhouse Improvements.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

IMA FOR 2023 STOP DWI REGULAR ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Holdridge and seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Valentine, Supervisor of the Town of Chester, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Orange County IMA for 2023 STOP DWI Regular Enforcement Overtime Program for the period from March 11, 2023 through January 11, 2024, with an assignment of up to \$4,604 to be used by the Town Police Department during the preset enforcement periods listed on Schedule A-1, reimbursable by the County of Orange.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FIREARMS TRAINING RANGE FACILITY

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Holdridge and passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Valentine, Supervisor of the Town of Chester, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement Firearms Training Range Facility between the City of Port Jervis and Town of Chester Police Department through the period ending March 31, 2025.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

WARD MAILER DISCUSSION

The Board discussed ways to reach out to members of the community regarding the upcoming Public Hearing on March 22, 2023 concerning the Ward System. Besides publication to the Official Newspaper, Times Herald Record and website posting, and based on the estimate obtained by Town Clerk Zappala for additional advertising in the Strauss papers and a mailer, it was decided to add these additional notifications.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilwoman Smith to direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish in the Strauss newspapers and send out a mailer of the Public Hearing on March 22, 2023 on the Ward System of up to the approved expense of \$2,500.00

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the education request by Clifton Patrick to attend the Orange County Genealogical Society Virtual Seminar on May 6th in the amount of \$20 and the Annual Meeting of the New York State Archaeological Association on April 21-23, 2023 in Suffern, NY at a cost of \$143.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the education request to send Sgt. Dugan, Officer Bird, Officer Weinstein and Officer Narain to the 2023 New York State Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference in Lake Placid, NY from May 2-4, 2023 at \$200 per registrant, reimbursable under

the Child Passenger Safety Grant.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

SUGAR LOAF HISTORICAL DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Valentine acknowledged receipt of Lydia Cuadros, Chairperson of the Historic District Registry Committee of the Sugar Loaf Community Foundation to both the Town and County Officials. It appears below. Councilman Holdridge added he was happy to see the response from Justin Rodriguez, Assistant to the Orange County Executive Neuhaus.

Dear Mr. Neuhaus and Mr. Denega:

The Sugar Loaf Community Foundation started the process to have Sugar Loaf established as a Historic Preservation District to be registered on the New York State and National Register of Historic Places. Foundation members and historians, Richard Hull and Clif Patrick, met with an Architectural Historian on February 16, 2023, to begin the nomination process. We hope you will support us in our efforts to obtain this designation.

We ask the County and the town of Chester not to remove or change any of the existing buildings on the Scott's Meadow property because they have historic value. If we are successful in getting designated as a Historic District on the NY State and Federal Registry, property owners of historic buildings will be eligible for historic rehabilitation tax credits from the State and Federal government. If the hamlet is designated as a Historic District, tourism should increase and property buyers will be attracted to live and work in a Historic District.

Sugar Loaf Community members would like to be a part of the decision making process in regards to how the existing Scott's Meadow buildings and property will be used in the future. Can we set up a meeting to discuss this in detail?

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lydia Cuadros,
Chairperson
Historic District Registry Committee
Sugar Loaf Community Foundation

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read from the following reports, which appear below in their entirety.

Engineer's Report

- Greens at Chester: SWPPP working well. Transportation Corporation awaiting detailed mapping.
- Cappelli Sports (Primo Sports): SWPPP systems working, Awaiting proposed sewer line relocation.
- Dog Park: Working with DEC. Park to be completed 3/31/23.
- Prepared an Engineering Report for Surrey Meadows Sewer System Improvements for possible grants.
- Work on water system improvements also.
- Working on MS4 Annual Report. Would like to discuss with public for 5 minutes.

Engineer Fusco explain the MS4 Annual Reporting for the Town. He provided historical information concerning the start of erosion and sediment control (SWPP) in 2008 by the EPA with the Clean Water Act, which includes the major requirement of outfall investigations for new projects and existing systems. To that end, 25% of outfalls from private systems are reviewed each year for flow during dry times of elicit discharge to streams. A new requirement by the DEC next year will be for mapping of catch basins which will be an added expense to the Town. Where the public participation is requested, if you see something oil or soapy into streams, you should notify the Town Highway Department, Supervisor or Town Clerk. He thanked the Chester Kiwanis Club for the road clean up event that shows the concern of the Town through community involvement. Ms. Bahren asked about the associated costs. Mr. Fusco replied that grants are available for MS4 as in the Consortium in Rockland County that has been secured for all their towns. He added municipalities can apply under the C.F.A. in July to defray some of the additional expense of mapping. Councilwoman Smith asked what the cylinder was by 191 Lehigh. Mr. Becker replied it is a meter pit with a steel lid.

Police Department – February 2023

The Town of Chester Police Department remained active in the community in many ways last month. We took a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws, while maintaining our overall objective of community commitment.

In February, the police department responded to 252 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 13,280 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 14 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

- 11 charged with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended License and/or a Suspended Registration
- 1 charged with Driving While Intoxicated
- 1 charged with Criminal Mischief in the fourth degree and Harassment in the second degree
- 1 charged with Possession of a Forged Vehicle Inspection Certificate

Please refer to Attachment A for complete details.

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:

- 26 medical calls
- 20 residential, commercial or automatic fire alarms
- 17 reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
- 12 animal complaints
- 9 disputes, disturbances or disorderly persons

- 3 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
- 8 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 3 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued 156 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

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

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

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 14 house security checks and 1126 business security checks.

There were five child passenger safety seat checks completed in February. Sergeant Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Narain continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations. An all-inclusive (special needs) Child Passenger Safety Seat Check is being planned in Sugar Loaf on March 24th.

Officer Bird continued to work with other town employees to roll out the American Red Cross Smoke Detector program.

Officer Bird met with the Senior/Rec Center director to discuss upcoming events and trips.

Officer Santosky-Wright remained in contact with the Sugar Loaf community groups and businesses.

TRAINING

Monthly training for January was our annual Taser use and policy refresher and a review of First Amendment Audits. It was conducted on February 7th in our training room. All officers attended.

Officer Dunlop and K-9 Lou attended their required in-service K9 training on February 23rd and 24th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on February 3rd and 17th with the NYS Department of Transportation. Five vehicles were inspected and one unsafe vehicle was taken out of service with major violations.

We continued to assign police officers to the Chester Academy and Chester Elementary School during the school day in February.

An email was received from Chester Academy teacher Jen Daly thanking Officer Bird for his assistance teaching the Stop the Bleed course to 23 students in the Intro to Health Careers class at the Chester Academy. A copy is attached.

In February, we began assigning an officer to provide security during the monthly town Planning Board meetings. The first detail took place on February 1st.

Chief Doellinger represented the police department at the annual Chester Fire Department Installation

Dinner on February 4th.

Officers were present to assist with a lockdown drill at the Chester Elementary School on February 7th.

Chief Doellinger attended the final walkouts for Chief Rob Doss in New Windsor on February 16th and Chief Todd Hazard in Cornwall on February 24th.

Part-time Police Officer Nicholas Contino continued his field training in February.

SCHEDULING

There were 173 hours of overtime paid in February.

Part-time police officers were used for 185 hours of patrol coverage (184 regular hours and 1 overtime hour).

Shift Coverage	105.5
Monthly Training	29
Investigations	16.5
Late Calls/Arrests	6
School Resource Officer	5
Quarterly Supervisors' Meeting	4
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4
Tactical Response Unit PT Test	3

ARRESTS - FEBRUARY 2023

TC-00022-23	2/3/2023	21M Highland Mills, NY	YTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00023-23	2/5/2023	39M Monroe, NY	YTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00026-23	2/6/2023	48M Mahopac, NY	YTL05112AA AGG UNLIC OPERATION-ALCOHOL YTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00024-23	2/6/2023	35M Chester, NY	PL 145.00 04A CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-4 PL 240.26 01 HARASSMENT-2ND:PHYSICAL CONTACT
TC-00027-23	2/9/2023	26F Bronx, NY	YTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00028-23	2/10/2023	29M Nyack, NY	YTL051102A2 AGG UNLICENSED OPERATION-2ND YTL051101A AGGRAVATED UNLICOPER VEH-3RD YTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00029-23	2/12/2023	23M Warwick, NY	YTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED

TC-00030-23	2/16/2023	34M Warwick, NY	YTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00032-23	2/20/2023	56F Newton, NJ	YTL 051101AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00031-23	2/20/2023	26M Unionville, NY	YTL051102A4AGG UNLIC OPER-2ND:3>SUSPENSNS YTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLICOPER MV-3RD
TC-00033-23	2/22/2023	29F Warwick, NY	YTL 0306 E FALSE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE
TC-00034-23	2/25/2023	33F New Windsor, NY	YTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00035-23	2/27/2023	35M Chester, NY	YTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE
TC-00037-23	2/28/2023	53M Chester, NY	YTL 0511 2AA AGG UNLIC OPERATION-ALCOHOL YTL 051101AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD

Attachment A

CALLS FOR SERVICE - FEBRUARY 2023

ALARM-COMMERCIAL	9	FRAUD	1
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	4	HARASSMENT	1
AMBULANCE ASSIST	26	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	4
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	3	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	13
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	9	IDENTITY THEFT	1
ARREST/TRAFFIC	12	INFORMATION ONLY	34
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	15	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	3
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	2	LARCENY	3
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	7	LOCKOUT	2
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	14	LOST PROPERTY	1
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	2	MVC/CAR/DEER	3
CITIZEN SERVICE	3	MVC/NO REPORT	2
CIVIL MATTER	1	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	3
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	2	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	6
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	1	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	2

DISABLED VEHICLE	4	NOISE COMPLAINT	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	NOTIFICATION	1
DISPATCH ANIMAL	1	REPOSSESSION	1
DISTURBANCE	1	SCHOOL SAFETY	4
DOG BITE	1	SUICIDE	1
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	3	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	17
EMOT DJSTURBED PERSON	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	3
EQUIPMENT CHECK	3	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMNT DETAIL	1
FAMILY COURT MATTER	1	TREE DOWN	1
FINGERPRINTING	1	WELFARE CHECK	7
FIRE	4	WIRES DOWN	3
FIREARM INVOLVED	1		
		TOTAL	252

Attachment B

[Daniel Doellinger](#)

From: Jennifer Daly <jennifer.daly@chesterufsd.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 8:36 AM
To: Daniel Doellinger
Cc: Robert Bird; John Flanagan
Subject: Thank You

Good morning Chief Doellinger.

I wanted to thank you for having Officer Bird teach the Stop the Bleed course to the Intro to Health Careers class at Chester Academy. We now have 23 juniors and seniors certified in this important, life-saving technique.

Officer Bird did an excellent job teaching the material to the students. His expertise was shared in a professional, calm, and age-appropriate manner.

Enriching experiences like the Stop the Bleed course serve to strengthen our community. I look forward to continuing our work together.

Thank you again,

Jen Daly

Councilwoman Smith asked Chief Doellinger if the K9 was out for service. He replied the explosives training is done and the patrol training starts next Monday. Councilman Holdridge asked what the reference was to business security checks. Chief Doellinger explained that the checks are conducted during the Officers' patrols, especially on the midnight shift.

Animal Control Report – February 2023

During the month of February 2023, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 12 animal complaints and investigated 3 motor vehicle crashes involving a 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 barking dogs
1 of the calls for service was for an injured deer
1 of the calls for service was for a sick raccoon
1 of the calls for service was for a dog hit by a car
1 of the calls for service was for a person bitten by a dog
1 of the calls for service was for a welfare check on a dog
1 of the calls for service was for an injured owl

Warwick Valley Humane Society

The monthly report for February from the Warwick Valley Humane Society is attached.

Warwick Valley Humane Society Monthly Report to the Town of Chester: February 2023

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 are of the Town of Chester.

Number of calls received:	8	4 Police, 4 others
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	4	2/12 – stray dog Creamery Pond, no dog upon ACO arrival 2/18 - injured hawk Meadow Ave. – sent wildlife rehabber 2/19 – welfare check on dog on Main St.
Number of dogs impounded by Police:	0	
Number of dogs returned to owner:	2	#21201, 21202
Number of after hour call-outs:	0	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$100.00	#21201, 21202
Amount of license fees collected	\$10.00	#21201
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$100.00	#21201,21202 pd. 2/22/23 ck#17266
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$10.00	#21202 pd 2/22/23 ck#17267
Number of hours of enumeration:	6 hrs.	
Number of bite reports received:	1	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	12	
Status of unlicensed dogs:	12 various Notices to Comply prepared and delivered	
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	0	

12 Notices plus one Summonses prepared and delivered to various locations per Town Clerk.
SNR certificates sold in February: 1

Note: SNR certificates are available by appointment only.

Note: Shelter is open by appointment only Monday through Sunday, 12-4pm for pre-approved adoptions, return to owners and SNR certificates, visitors and volunteers.

Water Department Monthly Report- February 2023

The water department processed and distributed 5,991,394 gallons of water for the month of February. The districts daily average ranged from 498 to 83,000 gallons. The breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 2,413,000 gal.

Sugar Loaf- 1,259,600 gal.

Surrey Meadows- 1,295,400 gal.

Walton Lake Estates- 936,700 gal.

Fieldcrest- 151,637 gal. (Distribution only)

Town Hall-13,960 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 1/2023 on all districts were submitted to DOH on 2/6/2023.

Laboratory testing dates were 2/1 & 2/15.

The mandated PFOS testing for the first quarter was done on 2/17

The annual water reporting permits for 2022 were processed and mailed to the NYSDEC on the week of the 27.

Snow cleanup dates at the plants were 2/28.

Meter reading equipment was charged and tested for early March reading.

Truck had emergency spot light installed 2/6

Chemical deliveries 2/13

Did interviews for ne laborer, Sean Mcgready and Connor McPhee. Hired Connor with board approval,

Other Business:

Sugar Loaf was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Replace pressure gauge line in the plant. 2/24.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Darrel came to replace leaking check valve at the well pit. 2/1. 89 Surrey Jones plumbing installed new water service line due to leaking under the foundation on 2/8. Inspected repaired service line at 17 Surrey for another leak under foundation 2/14.

Lake Hill Farms was mostly quiet with normal operations and maintenance. Fixed shut off cap and solved water pressure issue at 7 Grant drive 2/15. Replace section of 3" line in the plant with saddles for Chlorination 2/16.

Walton Lake Estates was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Agreement forms for new well site from MHE.

Fieldcrest was quiet with routine operations and maintenance

Building Department

Permits Issued – 28

CO & COC's Issued – 30

Municipal Searches – 14

Deposits – \$22,828.10

We have had multiple complaints regarding the excavation work on Route 94. I'd like to make yet another announcement that the project is an AGRICULTURAL EXEMPT PARCEL FILLING AND GRADING FOR CROPS the GC of the job has an onsite street sweeper and sweeps the street every 30-40 minutes or so, the driveway is manned and logging trucks in and out, there is a water truck on site for dust control in the field when needed, and the driveway is chained off so no trucks are coming in and out before or after hours. There is no contamination, the soil is NOT C&D but in fact virgin fill. The DEC stop work order (which was a mistake) was LIFTED 2/24/23. If there are questions or complaints, PLEASE call the BUILDING DEPT I will be more than happy to speak to anyone that has questions or concerns.

I had hopes of re-organizing and file merging/purging however, there just isn't enough help or time so that is on the back burner.

There are 3 active court cases.

Census Report was done and issued to Department of Commerce. Unbeknownst to me they were sending the emails to the previous building inspector. That has been corrected and changed. The monthly reports will now be done by me.

I've been prepping for the yearly 1203 report that's due by April 1st to Department of State.

Another announcement: Please check with the Building department if you want to do work to your home or property to find out if you need permits or not.

Senior Center and Recreation

Cape Cod in June completely full. Going with 2 buses

Some seats available for Lancaster PA in May and November

Magic and Munchies for Chester families April 1st 1-3pm @ SLPAC Pavilion

Arranging trips, activities, and programs at the Senior Center

Parks

Town of Chester Fireworks show & Block Party

SAVE THE DATE :

Saturday July 8, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday July 9, 2023 has been set for the Town of Chester fireworks show/block party. Details are being mapped out and information will be available as it is confirmed and the contract is signed. The location and format will be the same as past years. Fireworks will be set off from Carpenter Community Park. Viewing of the event with live bands and food trucks will be at the Maple Avenue field complex.

There will be a meeting in March with all first responders and will include all departments that lend support to the event. Security, flow, emergency plans, and support will all be discussed and put in place.

If there are any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or any of the numbers below.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warwick Valley High School Drama Club proudly present Xanadu on Friday March 17, 2023 at 7pm and Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1pm and 7pm. Tickets \$12 General admission, \$10 Seniors and children under 10. Tickets available February 27, 2023 at 8am.

Sugar Loaf Engine Company sit-down family-style Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 11, 2023. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner served at 7:30pm. Tickets \$25 for unlimited corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, rye, and Irish soda bread, soda and beer, coffee, tea and dessert. Take out for \$20, pick-up starts 6pm. Call 469-4400 or FB for tickets.

Preservation Collective announces:

"Each Wednesday in March starting next week -- Orange County Planning & the Climate Smart Community Task Force, will be offering free online sessions ... discussing strategies on how to best to protect trees, wetlands, streams and drinking water. This is followed by the Hudson Valley Climate Action Conference in Newburgh on March 31. Open to all. For more information, contact Kate Schmidt at Orange County Planning 845-615-3840.

See the Town's website for complete listing of free online sessions.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Ardisana commented on the Chester Academy scare and gave kudos to the Chester Police Department for their response.

Councilman Courtenay said he has a call out to Assemblyman Maher over the condition of 17M to see if he can get DOT to clean the road.

Councilwoman Smith said the dog park is moving along and will be done by the 31st. She said the Supervisor is busy grading the land so the Town is can bring in topsoil and get the fence installed by next week. She added there are no environmental problems.

Councilman Holdridge said that TLC Grooming will be providing signage with rules and requested the public to submit comments about same to him. He reminded the public about the upcoming Public Hearing on the Ward System on March 22, 2023 and all should be there if interested. He asked the status of the proposed local law on LLC entity disclosure. Supervisor Valentine said that it was not necessary since the State had passed a law. He commented about the Greycourt Decommissioning and the concerns raised by a community member that the Board should consider before action is taken.

Supervisor Valentine addressed comments that parking at the dog park may be too close to the main road. Parking will be on Pond Road over 100 feet away from intersection. He thanked Richard Logothetis for providing benches and seed.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2023-03-08