

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
April 12, 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 the engineering RFP being prepared for the Walton Lake Estates well project. He asked if the Board would be utilizing the 60gpm well which would yield 86,400 gallons p/day along with the other low yielding wells that would bring the total to 54,100gallons over a 12-hour period, closer to the peak demand need of 67,000 gallons. He suggested keeping the sodium well on line. Engineer Fusco said we are concentrating on the 60gpm well, and that the well is high in magnesium and iron and will need treatment. Mr. Becker said that the grant can cover the associated expenses.

Joe Delaney, 22 Walnut Street addressed the Board on the matter of the pickle ball courts. He works from home, and said his property faces the courts and wanted to follow up on a letter he sent to the Town asking about the project scope and approvals. He asked if they considered noise reduction and location. He said other municipalities approach location selection considering the distance of 150ft.-350ft. with some type of noise mitigation. He asked if the bid included the leaning fences. Supervisor Valentine said he is looking into his concerns.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

	<u>PREPAIDS</u>	
GENERAL FUND	197,028.62	123,776.38
GENERAL - PART TOWN	74,663.43	41,500.87
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	29,810.16	116,441.01
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	0	4,777.59
FIELDCREST WATER	826.27	5,338.64
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	2,522.84	7,321.99
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	2,255.37	8,734.21
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	2,698.86	23,957.37
WALTON LAKE WATER	3,441.74	2,598.61
TRUST AND AGENCY	3,341.68	25,623.83
GARBAGE	<u>0</u>	<u>92,446.58</u>
Grand Total	\$316,588.97	\$452,517.08

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

**ADOPTED**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of March 22, 2023, as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

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

**ADOPTED**

**GML 239 INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

Supervisor Valentine explained the Agreement would reduce the number of referrals to the County Planning Department which would exclude the submissions of actions as outlined below.

Type of Referral	Actions listed below are exempt from the referral process
Site Plans and Special Permits	1. Site Plan and/or Special Permit application for construction of a single-family or duplex home on an approved building lot in compliance with applicable zoning laws; 2. Change in use of existing structures provided the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable access to State or County Road exists or is proposed;</li> <li>• The intensity of the use change does not significantly increase the traffic demands on nearby State or County roadways, nor significantly increase the water or sewer demands, from such demands of the prior use.</li> <li>• New site lighting, if proposed, utilizes full cut off luminaires and does exceed IEA recommended lighting levels; and</li> </ul> 3. Sign applications that comply with local zoning requirements.
Subdivisions	Residential Subdivisions that meet all the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer than 5 lots, and</li> <li>• Access roads and structures are not located within the 100-year floodplain.</li> </ul>
Area Variances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential side and rear yard; and</li> <li>• Residential side and rear yard fence height.</li> </ul>
Use Variances	Uses where no physical expansion of structures, utilities, or facilities is necessary and no significant increase in traffic or water/sewer use is planned.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the GML 239 Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Orange.

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

**ADOPTED**

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023 - A LOCAL LAW TO UPDATE AND AMEND CHAPTER 33 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CANNABIS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to introduce the following local law.

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

**Section 1. Purpose and Intent**

It is the intent and purpose of this Local Law to update and amend Chapter 33 of the Town Code of the Town of Chester, entitled “Alcoholic Beverages”, to add provisions which prohibit the use and consumption of cannabis on public property located in the Town of Chester. It is the finding of the Town Board of the Town of Chester that the use of cannabis by persons on public lands is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Chester in that such public use contributes to the creation of nuisances and otherwise impedes upon the welfare of Town residents. The Town of Chester enacts this local law an exercise of its police power to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Chester.

**Section 2. Amend and Replace Chapter 33, Entitled, “Alcoholic Beverages”, to Read:**

Chapter 33. Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

**Section 3. Amend and Replace §33-4, Entitled, “Exemptions”, to Read:**

§33-4. Penalties for Use.

A violation of this Article shall constitute an offense punishable by a fine not exceeding \$50 for each violation.

**Section 4. Remove §33-5, Entitled, “Penalties for Use”, in Entirety.**

**Section 5. Add Article II, to Read:**

Article II. Use of Cannabis on Public Property.

**§33-5. Legislative Findings.**

The Town Board of the Town of Chester finds that the use of cannabis on public property owned by the Town of Chester is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Chester, causes unsightly and unsanitary conditions and creates a public nuisance.

**§33-6. Definitions.**

**CANNABIS**

As used in this Article, the definitions of “Cannabis,” “Cannabis Products,” and “Cannabis-Infused Products,” shall have the meanings as defined in the New York State Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

As used in this Article, Public Property shall mean any highway, street, sidewalk, park, playground, municipal-owned building or public parking lot.

**§33-7. Prohibited Acts.**

- A. No person shall use, smoke, ingest or consume any Cannabis, Cannabis Products or Cannabis-Infused Products on any Public Property within the Town of Chester.
- B. No person shall sell, transfer, purchase or obtain any Cannabis, Cannabis Products or Cannabis-Infused Products on any Public Property within the Town of Chester.

**§33-8. Presumption of Use.**

It shall be presumed that any person who openly possesses any unpackaged Cannabis, Cannabis Products or Cannabis-Infused Products while on Public Property is using said products.

**§33-9. Penalties for Offenses.**

Each violation of this Article shall constitute an offense punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$200, at the discretion of the Town of Chester Justice Court.

**Section 6. 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 7. Effective date.**

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

**SET PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023 - A LOCAL LAW TO UPDATE AND AMEND CHAPTER 33 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CANNABIS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

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**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to set a Public Hearing on the matter of the Introductory Local Law No. 2 Of 2023 - A Local Law to Update And Amend Chapter 33 of the Town Code of the Town of Chester to Prohibit the Use of Cannabis on Public Property on May 10, 2023 at 7pm at the Town of Chester, Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

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

**ADOPTED**

**LEAD AGENCY - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023 - A LOCAL LAW TO UPDATE AND AMEND CHAPTER 33 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CANNABIS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

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**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to declare the Town of Chester Town Board as Lead Agency on the matter of the Introductory Local Law No. 2 Of 2023 - A Local Law to Update And Amend Chapter 33 Of the Town Code of The Town of Chester to Prohibit the Use of Cannabis on Public Property.

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

**ADOPTED**

**BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

Supervisor Valentine read the request from Historian Patrick concerning the damage to the historic marker on 17M at the Chester-Goshen town line.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the budget modification of \$1,550 from the A-fund reserve account to A7510.4 and to approve the purchase of the “Welcome to Chester” marker from Catskill Castings and allow the Supervisor to sign related documents.

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

**ADOPTED**

Supervisor Valentine read the request from Chief Doellinger concerning the cost of vehicles from Whitmoyer Buick-Chevrolet in Mount Joy, PA being slightly over the budgeted expense.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the budget modification of \$3,800 from the reserve fund to Police Department fund to cover the additional expense of vehicles.

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

**ADOPTED**

#### **VEHICLE PURCHASE APPROVAL**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the purchase of (2) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD police vehicles from, at a cost of \$86,200, as per budget.

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

**ADOPTED**

#### **REPAIR REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to reimburse Mr. Ross Hunziker in the amount of \$600 for repairs by Nebrasky Plumbing caused by damage to waste pipe during water main repair.

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

**ADOPTED**

#### **PROPERTY TRANSFER DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Valentine discussed the possibility of transferring approximately 5 acres from the 26-acre Town owned parcel that fronts the Heritage Trail and abuts the Chester Academy for possible field improvements. There is a concern regarding the well that is situated on the property. Councilman Holdridge said he had discussed this with the Superintendent and School Board President and the consensus was to move forward. Engineer Fusco is to do a work-up for the next meeting.

#### **CHESTER COMMUNITY PARK USE**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the use of the Chester Community Park for a clothing drive to benefit the Chester Senior class on April 15, 2022 from 10am-3pm. .

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

**ADOPTED**

#### **SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS' WAGES**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the increase of wages offered to Camp personnel to \$15-\$18 per hour depending on the position.

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

**ADOPTED**

#### **CAMP HEALTH DIRECTOR**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to direct Town Clerk Zappala to post for the position of Camp Health Director.

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

**ADOPTED**

### **HIGHWAY APPOINTMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the hire of Douglas Gale as MEO for the Highway Department, effective April 24, 2023.

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

**ADOPTED**

### **MUSIC FOR HUMANITY**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center theatre by Music for Humanity on August 26, 2023 at no cost.

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

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center Pavilion for a free classical concert by Music for Humanity on September 17, 2023 or October 15, 2023 at no cost.

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

**ADOPTED**

### **SUGAR LOAF FILM FESTIVAL**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center Pavilion by Orange-Ulster BOCES on May 6-7, 2023 for “Gears & Glam” all-day student-based event at no cost.

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

**ADOPTED**

### **EDUCATION REQUESTS**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Alexa Burchianti at the Tri-County NYSBOC class on May 17, 2023 in Kingston, NY at a cost of \$80.00

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

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Chris Cocks to the Water and Wastewater Ops on April 13, 2023 from 8am-2pm in Middletown, NY at a cost of \$50.00

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

**ADOPTED**

### **DOG PARK**

Councilwoman Smith proposed the naming of the dog park after long-time farmer and dog warden Joe Durma who recently passed away at the age of 90.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to name the dog park, the “Joe Durma, Sr. Dog Park”.

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

**ADOPTED**

## REPORTS

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

### Water Department – March 2023

The water department processed and distributed 7,055,482 gallons of water for the month of March. The districts daily average ranged from 349 gallons to 89,000 gallons. The monthly breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 2,748,000 gal.  
Sugar Loaf- 1,647,600 gal.  
Surrey Meadows-1,394,400 gal.  
Walton Lake Estates- 1,090,000 gal.  
Fieldcrest- 164,554 gal. (Distribution only)  
Town Hall- 10,828 gal.

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

Monthly DOH 360 forms and test results for February were submitted on 3/10/23.

Laboratory testing dates were the 1st and the 15th.

Bi-Annual meter reading conducted at all districts from the 9<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meter repairs, re-reads, and replacements ran through the 28<sup>st</sup>.

Connor McPhee was hired as a laborer on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chemicals delivered at Walton Lake on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Brakes were replaced on the Blue Chevy truck on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Water quality reports were sent to Clerks office on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Other Business:

Walton Lake Estates was quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Met with Al Fusco Engineering to go over new well pump house location down by the new cell tower on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sugar Loaf was quiet with normal operation and maintenance. 3/4 hydrant on Pine Hill Rd was struck by a box truck and was broken right off, ordered new one for it. 3/12 Water Main break at Creamery Pond Rd, broken bolts on a valve, help from Hwy dept for repair. 3/13 Handed out boil water notices for district per county request. Did two consecutive BAC samples to lift boil water notice. Handed out lift boil water notices on 3/16. 3/13 TAM came and repair radio at plant for malfunction. 2/22 Broken hydrant on Pine Hill Rd was replaced with new Mueller with help from Hwy dept, road was closed for the day.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with normal operation and maintenance. 3/23 New control panel was delivered and stored until install.

Lake Hill Farms was quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Replace two main well valves inside the plant for County inspection 3/30.

Fieldcrest was mostly quiet with normal operation and maintenance. 3/14 Backflow preventer was certified at Police station and senior center by the Village Water Dept. 3/30 turned on water for the Parks Dept at the Rec Center.

- SLPAC
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- No Parking / Fire Lane Lines have been added to the PAC to prevent parking on the perimeter of the front parking lot.
- April 3 the PAC hosted a packed house in the pavilion to hear Dr. Hull talk about Sugar Loaf Mountain
- March 31 OME presented singer Ryan Adams to a completely sold-out house.
- Theater shows upcoming - Melvin Seals (Tonight), Almost Queen (Friday-Sold Out), Joan Osbourne (Sat), Judy Collins (Apr 21 ), Suzanne Vega (Apr 22) & Soultown to Motown (Apr 29-Almost Sold Out)
- CVS/Aetna is renting the theater for their open enrollment this coming Tuesday.
- Keller Williams realty in Chester is having their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at the theater on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Parks Department

Routine monthly operations including maintenance requests

- bathrooms opened at both parks
- water fountain refitted for spigot for a closer water source to 911 memorial
- fields prepared for the season Little League opening day this Saturday 4/16/23

\*\* LOOKING FOR SEASONAL PARKS EMPLOYEES (35 hrs. a week ) ... job includes but not limited to mowing, weed whacking, routine cleaning of park restrooms & garbage removal, prepping fields

### Clerk for Parks & SLPAC

- Routine monthly operations.... ordering, invoicing, answering phones
- Processed permit applications for fields and pavilions in the parks
- Met with councilman Holdridge and basketball coaches to collect supplies and map out a plan for next year's season
- Processed permit renewals for snack stands with OC Dept of health
- Created a field use schedule for parks staff (working with CUFSD, LL and outside organizations)
- Met with girl scouts about a project
- Several correspondence and meetings regarding the Chester Commons project
- Finalizing music (The Fast Five) & food trucks (several new ones this year as suggested by the community) for the Town of Chester Block Party & Fireworks show July 8, 2023
- Set up meeting with all first responders for the fireworks event at the end of the month
- Worked various shows at the SLPAC
- Meetings with Rec department about calendar of programs,
- Participated with the PD annual Easter Egg hunt and Rec dept Magic and munchies show
- Corresponded w/ CUFSD class of 2023 to coordinate clothing drive

Little League Opening Day This Saturday 10:00 Am at Carpenter Community Park  
 Used Clothing Drive Drop Off 10-3 In the Parking Lot at Carpenter Community Park  
 Accepting Clothing/Shoes, Household Items, & Accessories Proceeds Go to the Chester Academy Class of 2023 All Night Party see flyers on Facebook for details

### Police Department – March 2023

The Town of Chester Police Department maintained our objective of community commitment and remained active in the community last month\_ We continued to take a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws\_ In March, the police department responded to 238 calls for service\_ Officers patrolled for 15,218 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 17 arrests during the month, A summary of the arrests is as follows:



- 12 charged with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended License and/or a Suspended Registration
- 1 charged with Criminal Contempt, Criminal Mischief, Child Endangerment and Harassment
- 1 charged with Criminal Contempt, Criminal Trespass and Child Endangerment
- 2 arrested on outstanding bench warrants
- 1 taken into custody for Emergency Admission of the Mentally Ill

*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 in March, A summary of those calls for service is as follows:

- 25 medical calls
- 16 residential, commercial or automatic fire alarms
- 13 reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
- 9 animal complaints
- 8 disputes, disturbances or disorderly persons
  
- 2 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
- 6 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 4 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

*Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.*

Officers also issued 143 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

**SEX OFFENDERS**

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

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 5 house security checks and 1256 business security checks.

There were three child passenger safety seat checks completed in March. 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 May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Officer Dunlop remained in contact with the Bruderhof Community.

SRO Perez and SSOs Deluca and Donato attended a Parent Advisory Panel meeting at the Chester Elementary School on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### TRAINING

Officer Dunlop and K-9 Lou began the sixteen-week K-9 Patrol School on March 13<sup>th</sup> with instructors from the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Monthly training for March was Response to the Active Shooter training at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center. It was scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> and canceled due to a winter storm.

### MISCELLANEOUS

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we were notified of a post made on the social media platform Snapchat indicating that there may be a bomb in the Chester Academy. Multiple other agencies responded to the school to assist us with the investigation. We assisted the school district with a hold-in-place followed by a controlled early dismissal. Multiple Explosives Detection K9 units were then deployed in the school with no explosives detected. The investigation is ongoing.

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> with the NYS Department of Transportation. Ten vehicles were inspected and five unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

TRU team members assisted the Village of Goshen PD during the annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Doellinger and Administrative Sergeant Vitale attended a presentation by the FBI on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Goshen. Multiple presenters discussed the resources that they have available to assist us in many different ways.

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

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

### SCHEDULING

There were 226.5 hours of overtime paid in March.

Part-time police officers were used for 194.25 hours of patrol coverage (187 regular hours and 7.25 overtime hours).

Shift Coverage	176.25
School Resource Officer/School Safety Officer	19.25
Tactical Response Unit Detail/Callout	10
K9Callout	5
Applicant Interview Panel	4.5
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4
Late Calls/Arrests	3.75
Investigations	3.25
School Bus Traffic Safety Detail	0.5

## ARRESTS - MARCH 2023

TC-00036-23	3/2/2023	38 M	CHESTER, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00038-23	3/5/2023	21 M	CHESTER, NY	VTL05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD VTL0512MVVIOL:REGISTRATIONSUSPENDED
TC-00040-23	3/6/2023	45 M	WARWICK, NY	VTL05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00039-23	3/6/2023	37 M	CHESTER, NY	PL 215.51 BV CRIM CONTEMPT-IST:PHY CONTACT PL145.0502CRIMMISCHIEF3:PROPERTY> \$250 PL 260.1001 ACTINMANNER INJURCHILD<17 PL 240.26 01 HARASSMENT-2ND:PHYSICAL CNTACT
TC-00042-23	3/11/2023	42 M	NEWBURGH, NY	CPL 530.70 03 EXECUTE BENCH WARRANT
TC-00041-23	3/11/2023	39 F	WARWICK, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00043-23	3/13/2023	34 M	WARWICK, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00044-23	3/15/2023	47 M	MONROE, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00047-23	3/16/2023	24 M	CHESTER, NY	MHY 9.41 CUSTODY OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON
TC-00045-23	3/16/2023	19 F	ROCK HILL, NY	VTL05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00046-23	3/18/2023	40 M	MONROE, NY	VTL051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00048-23	3/19/2023	24 M	PORT JERVIS, NY	VTL051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00050-23	3/23/2023	39 M	WARWICK, NY	VTL 05110IAAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00049-23	3/23/2023	34 F	WARWICK, NY	VTL 05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00053-23	3/24/2023	42 M	NEW YORK, NY	PL 215.50 03 CRIM CONTEMPT-2ND:DISOBEY CRT PL 140.15 01 CRIMINAL TRESPASS 2ND PL 260.10 01 ACT IN MANNER INJUR CHILD< 17
TC-00052-23	3/24/2023	33 F	WARWICK, NY	VTL05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00051-23	3/24/2023	31 M	PORT JERVIS, NY	CPL 530.70 03 EXECUTE BENCH WARRANT

CALLS FOR SERVICE - MARCH 2023

911 HANGUP CALL	1	FIRE	2
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	7	FOUND PROPERTY	2
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	7	FRAUD	2
AMBULANCE ASSIST	25	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	5
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	1	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	8
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	7	INFORMATION ONLY	33
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(OTHER DO	1	K-9 DEPLOYMENT	2
ARREST/CRIMINAL	1	K9 DETAIL	1
ARREST/TRAFFIC	12	LARCENY	1
ARREST/WARRANT	2	LOCKOUT	1
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	19	LOST PROPERTY	1
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	4	MISSING PERSON	1
ASSIST WATER DEPARTMENT	1	MV/TRAFFIC STOP	1
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	2	MVC/CAR/DEER	3
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	12	MVC/NO REPORT	1
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	2	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	2
CITIZEN SERVICE	2	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	6
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	2	PROPERTY RETURN	3
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	1	SCHOOL SAFETY	9
DISABLED VEHICLE	2	SHOTS FIRED	1
DISTURBANCE	2	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	13
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	1	TAC TEAM ACTIVITY	2
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	3	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	8
EQUIPMENT CHECK	6	TREE DOWN	1
FAMILY COURT MATTER	1	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
FIGHT	1	WELFARE CHECK	2
FINGERPRINTING	1		

TOTAL 238

Animal Control Report – March 2023

During the month of March 2023, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 10 animal complaints and investigated 4 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer, A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

6 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs

1 of the calls for service was for a welfare check on dogs

1 of the calls for service was for a deceased bear

1 of the calls for service was for a cat in a tree

Warwick Valley Humane Society

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:	8	4 Police, 4 others
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:		3/9 - stray dog Tetz Road 3/18 - stray dog Rt.17M/Goosepond Mtn. Rd.
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	2	3/9 - stray dog Tetz Road 3/18 - stray dog Rt.17M/Goosepond Mtn. Rd.
Number of dogs impounded by police:	0	
Number of dogs returned to owner:	1	#21213
Number of after hour call-outs:	0	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$50.00	#21213
Amount of license fees collected:	\$ 0.00	
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$ 50.00	#21213 CK.#17297
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$ 0.00	
Number of hours of enumeration:	0	
Number of bite reports received:	0	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	0	
Status of unlicensed dogs: -	0	
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	0	

No Notice to Comply or Summonses per Town Clerk

Other: 3/18 - Received call from Chester PD re: cat stuck in a tree for 2 days on Maple Lane, found tree service to respond and rescue.

3/31 - injured hawk at Cumberland Farms, on Brookside, referred to local NYS Wildlife rehabilitator.

SNR certificates sold in March: 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!

Engineer’s Report

1. Greens at Chester: SWPPP inspections complete. Met with owner, Engineer, and contractor regarding water underground across West Street. Contractor is working with me and Highway Department to correct issue.
2. Cappelli Sports (Primo Sports): SWPPP reports and inspection satisfactory.
3. Work on water system improvements with Chris Cox.
4. MS4 in progress.
5. Dog Park is moving forward. No DEC issues as of this time.

Water Revenue and Consumption

**TOWN OF CHESTER**  
**WATER DISTRICTS' BILLABLE REVENUE & CONSUMPTION REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2022- MARCH 31, 2023**

<b>10/01/22-03/31/23</b>	<b>WALTON LAKE</b>	<b>SURREY MEADOWS</b>	<b>LAKE HILL FARMS</b>	<b>SUGAR LOAF HILLS</b>	<b>FIELDCREST</b>
	<b>CONSUMPTION</b>	<b>CONSUMPTION</b>	<b>CONSUMPTION</b>	<b>CONSUMPTION</b>	<b>CONSUMPTION</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$43,900.50	\$37,414.00	\$76,768.25	\$28,897.00	\$7,770.00
<b>CONSUMPTION</b>	4,746,000	5,756,000	13,351,000	5,254,000	1,036,000

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Valentine read the correspondence from Lydia Cuadros announcing the eligibility for Sugar Loaf for listing on the State and National Registers. This will allow us to proceed with the Preserve NY Grant application and potential designation as a historic district.

## **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman Ardisana said he is glad to see the eligibility of Sugar Loaf as a historic district and hopes to see it be designated as such this year.

Councilman Courtenay reported that Assemblyman Maher has informed him that Route 17M will be cleaned up by DOT on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the State Police have issued fines to violating haulers. He announced the Chester Little League ribbon cutting on Saturday. He will confirm the start time.

Councilwoman Smith said seed has been planted at the dog park and the parking lot has been completed. She will be looking at the layout for tree plantings and no parking signs along Pond Road. She added that the work is in progress on the pickle ball court. The layout will be complete in two weeks, then the permanent nets can be installed. She congratulated the Chester Mock Trial for advancing to the final 4. She announced the closure of Johnson Farm and the Kiwanis Clean Up on May 13, with rain date of May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councilman Holdridge said the Community Day at the Chester Commons Park has been postponed, due to discussions needed as to how to best proceed following this event. He sent the dog park rules to the Town Board. It was agreed that up to 2 dogs be allowed for each person and children under 16 years old be accompanied by a guardian.

## **SPEED STUDY RESOLUTION**

Councilman Holdridge asked the Board to consider requesting a speed study request for the stretch of 94 from the Village line to the Blooming Grove line.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Supervisor Valentine to request the Department of Transportation conduct a speed study along State Route 94 from the Village of Chester/Town of Chester line to the Town of Chester/Blooming Grove line.

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

**ADOPTED**

Councilman Holdridge advised the Board that since they bills presented to the Governor were not signed into law, there are now bills in the Assembly and Senate regarding the creation of a study to eliminate the double tax issue for the residents that are affected within the Town of Chester and Warwick School District. He will help write the language for a resolution in support. Councilman Holdridge asked the status of the Senior Tax Exemption. Supervisor Valentine said that the Assessor couldn't provide a town-wide comparison, but a single tax parcel could be looked at. He said there will be a lot of ratables coming on line such as the Greens of Chester which should make a huge offset so that the exemptions won't be harmful to the budget.

Supervisor Valentine provided an update on the sprinkler system for the Commons. The Mayor has informed him that the Board consensus was that they were not interested in providing water for various reasons, however the conversation will continue with the Town providing flows and estimates. The well at the Highway Garage may be used for the sprinkler system at 10gpm but is high in salt so it is not a promising solution. The proposition to the school district may alleviate the pressure on the Town and he said would be a win-win. The Supervisor thanked Highway Superintendent Reilly and the Highway and Parks Department for their help with the dog park. He thanked Richard Logothetis for his design and benches. He commented that the Sugar Loaf Mountain project that will be in front of the Planning Board next Wednesday for approvals will be a great thing for Chester. He thanked Al Fusco for donating his services.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2023-04-12