

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 27, 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., Todd of Fusco Engineering

Supervisor Valentine requested all to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the late beloved community member, Jack Deshler.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Dysinger, 46 Odyssey Drive, thanked the Town Board for the scheduling of the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting set for tomorrow night. He said there is a lot to do and hopes it can be done quickly.

Tracy Shuh, FB, asked if the Planning Board agenda could be read which includes a proposed warehouse, and 28-lot subdivision on Black Meadow Road.

Lydia Cuadros, FB, addressed the agenda item of the RFP for a digital sign at the SLPAC. She reminded the Board that digital signs are prohibited, by Town Code, in the LBSL District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to accept the Minutes of the September 7, 2023 Town Board Meeting, as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the following budget modifications:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FROM	TO
09/27/23	Mower from Fire District Auction needs to be put on the equipment line	\$7,000.00	A-5132-400	A-5132-200
09/27/23	Engineering bill for new Well #3A in Walton Lake Water District	\$23,000.00	ARPA	WL-8320-400
09/27/23	Copier in Building Dept needs to be put on the equipment line	\$10,076.93	B-3620-400	B-3620-200

VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

BUDGET 2024

Supervisor Valentine filed the 2024 Tentative Budget and Impact Report with Town Clerk Zappala who distributed copies to the Town Board. He explained that it is not too bad at currently \$1.3mm over the tax cap, but will be adjusted through the budget hearings.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to schedule budget meeting workshops on October 10, 2023 and October 12, 2023 at 6:00pm, and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same.

VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

Note: Due to scheduling conflicts, the meetings will be held at the Chester Senior Center, 81 Laroe Road, Chester, New York.

ARX WIRELESS SECOND AMENDMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve, and authorize the Supervisor to sign, the Second Amendment of Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease with ARX.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Valentine explained the agreements had to be amended to show the three parcels involved with the project. Previously, the agreement reflected two parcels.

VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

SLPAC DIGITAL SIGN RFP

The Board discussed researching the Town code for prohibitions and will look at some sign designs to keep it in line with the aesthetics. Councilman Holdridge suggested the design be run by the SL Visions Committee and Chamber of Commerce.

The matter was then tabled.

WATER DISTRICTS RELEVY

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana approve the Water Districts Relevy in the following amounts:

- 1) Walton Lake Water District: \$ 20,500.25
- 2) Surrey Meadows Water District: \$ 16,591.00
- 3) Lake Hill Farms Water District: \$ 22,678.00
- 4) Sugar Loaf Hills Water District: \$ 6,713.50
- 5) Fieldcrest Water District \$ 1,970.00

Total: \$ 68,452.75

VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION – KINGS HIGHWAY TURNING LANE

A RESOLUTION TO INQUIRE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF ORANGE COUNTY TO INSTALL A RIGHT-TURN-ONLY LANE ALONG KING’S HIGHWAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF 17M

SEPTEMBER 27th, 2023

TITLE: A resolution to inquire of the Orange County Department of Public Works to install a right-turn-only lane along King’s Highway at the intersection of 17M.

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on the 27th day of September, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time:

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

PRESENT: Robert Valentine, Supervisor
Cynthia Smith, Deputy Supervisor Robert
Courtenay, Councilman
Antonio Ardisana, Councilman
Brandon Holdridge, Councilman

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Holdridge, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Courtenay, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester has received complaints and traffic concerns with respect to King’s Highway at the intersection of 17M; and

WHEREAS, based upon knowledge of traffic history in this area, the Town Board believes a right-turn-only lane would be in the best interest of vehicles and residents traveling along on King’s Highway towards Chester and Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Board of the Town of Chester, submit a request to the Orange County Department of Public Works to install a right-turn-only lane in this area of King’s Highway in the Town of Chester for the safety of the residents of Chester and anyone traveling on this road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk cause a copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Orange County Commissioner of Public Works for his review.

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

Robert Valentine, Supervisor	Aye
Cynthia Smith, Deputy Supervisor	Aye
Robert Courtenay, Councilman	Aye
Antonio Ardisana, Councilman	Aye
Brandon Holdridge, Councilman	Aye

Dated: September 27, 2023

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Alexa Burchianti at the Kingston Conference being held by Tri-County NYSBOC from November 14th through the 17th. The fee for the conference is \$400.

VOTE: AYES (5): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Valentine read the correspondence from NYSDOT regarding the request for the installation of a guard rail near 3560 and 3566 Route 94. Their conclusion was that it is not a warranted or a viable solution, but the 55mph sign was relocated a quarter mile east.

Supervisor Valentine read the correspondence from NYSDOT regarding the request for the installation of a speed tracker on Route 94. Their reply was they do not install trackers, but provided contact information for the purpose of submitting a highway work permit. Councilman Holdridge thanked the Police Department for conducting patrols and setting up their speed tracker at this location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine made the following announcements.

September 30th – Danny Mulvey Foundation at the SLPAC.

October 1, 2023 – Bellvale Fall Festival

Wednesday nights – SLPAC free indoor concerts.

Highway Leaf pick-up – October 23 through December 1, 2023. Leaves only along road curbs, not roadway, for pick-up.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Courtenay had no comments.

Councilman Ardisana announced the trip to Atlantic City scheduled on October 5th and the upcoming Casino Night.

Councilman Holdridge announced the Sugar Loaf Fall Festival on October 7 and 8, 2023. He congratulated Troutbrook on their 50th Anniversary. He thanked the Highway Department for their work on the storm cleanup. Councilman Holdridge announced the Comprehensive Plan Meeting tomorrow and the Climate Advisory Committee meeting on Friday, both at 7pm at the Senior Center. He added the OC Planning Department are conducting Climate Solutions classes, available online. For more information, contact Councilman Holdridge.

Councilwoman Smith announced the installation of the fence at the pickle ball courts has been completed and she is working on rules to consider. She reported the refrigerator in the Senior Center not working. Supervisor Valentine said it is not needed. Councilwoman Smith said the handicap access on the library' door is not operating. Supervisor Valentine said it is the library's responsibility to repair. She announced that we need someone to mow Knapp's View and brush hog for next year. She asked about the Senior Center equipment install. Supervisor Valentine said we are waiting on the company's scheduling. Councilwoman Smith asked about the roadwork on 17M. Councilman Holdridge said he was informed the project was to be completed by year-end.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter in Executive Session at 7:45pm on the matter of personnel.

VOTE: AYES (5): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

Supervisor Valentine left the Executive Session at 7:50pm.
Councilwoman Smith left the Executive Session at 8:05pm.
Councilman Ardisana and Councilman Holdridge left the Executive Session at 8:10pm.
Councilman Courtenay left the Executive Session at 8:11pm.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:120pm.

VOTE: AYES (5): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

HIRE CONSULTANT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to hire Bryan Tormey. to conduct an employee investigation.

VOTE: AYES (3): ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, NOES (1):SMITH, RECUSED (1): VALENTINE

ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, there being no further business brought before the Board.

VOTE: AYES (5):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2023-9-27