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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**October 11, 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 Holdridge, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Courtenay

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

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSESSMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to open the Public Hearing at 7:02pm on the matter of the Special Districts of the Town of Chester.

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

ADOPTED

Supervisor Valentine read the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on September 18st, and October 1, 2023 and mailed to all taxpayers in the Special Districts.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY, CHESTER, N Y 10918**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL DISTRICTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing at the Town of Chester Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for the purpose of reviewing, pursuant to Section 202-a of the Town Law, the assessment rolls prepared for the following special districts within the Town: Walton Lake Estates Water, Surrey Meadows Water, Lake Hill Farms Water, Sugar Loaf Hills Water, Fieldcrest Water, Refuse District, Benefit Area 1, Benefit Area 2, Benefit Area 1A, Consolidated Sewer District 1, Consolidated Sewer including Operation & Maintenance, Consolidated Sewer Benefit, Sewer District 4A, Sewer District 4A Benefit Area, Sewer District 4A Operation & Maintenance, Sewer District 5, Sewer District 5 Benefit Area, Sewer District 5 Operation and Maintenance, Lake Region Sewer District 7, Lake Region Sewer District Operation and Maintenance, Sewer District 8, Ashford Estates Drainage District, Fox Hill Drainage District, Eagle Crest Drainage District, Warwick Ridge Drainage District, Woodridge Drainage District, Chesterdale Drainage District and any other special districts within the Town of Chester.

Copies of the special district assessment rolls are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY and may be inspected there during normal business hours by any interested party.

The Town Board will hear all persons who desire to comment either in favor of, or in opposition to, the adoption of said rolls at the time and place set forth herein. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Written comments should be addressed to the Town Board, Town of Chester, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY 10918 or may be delivered to the Town Clerk at, or prior to, the hearing.

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

Linda A. Zappala, Town Clerk

1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY 10918

Dated: September 15, 2023

The Supervisor asked if there were any public comments.

Tom Becker, 163 Lehigh Avenue, Chester advised the Board that discussions were had at the Moodna Sewer Commission meeting concerning the expense of electric and maintenance for Sugar Loaf and Surrey Meadows which may be a charge back to the Town. He asked what impact that may have on the special districts. Supervisor Valentine replied that until the expense is determined we would not be able to know the impact.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to close the Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

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

ADOPTED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Dysinger, addressed the Board concerning the Noise Pollution ordinance and asked if they provided comments on the amendment. He reminded the Board the Comprehensive Plan's reference to regulating noise to protect residential areas and of continued complaints from residents near Tin Barn. Supervisor Valentine asked about the Planning Board's visit to the site. Mr Dysinger replied that the tests were inconclusive. He added the current code level of 85 decibels is the start of hearing damage and the amended limit suggested was 65 decibels, but considered it a starting point. He asked if the process to review could start again. Councilman Courtenay said, in his opinion, he didn't think changing the levels would make a difference, as complaints have gone down since the law was passed.

Susanna Devine, 3 Rocky Road, said as a 40-year resident she is now involved with the Climate Change Committee, consisting of subject-matter specialists. She thanked the Board for establishing the committee and asked for consideration of a start-up budget of \$4,000 to follow the NYS Climate Start Community Program rubrics to allow for grants and free assistance.

Jane Dysinger, 46 Odyssey Drive, thanked the Board for their time at the budget meeting where the proposal for short-term and long-term initiatives was presented. She offered any questions or comments be forwarded to secretary, Elizabeth Barrett-Zahn.

Councilwoman Smith commented that at the last meeting a proposal was approved by three members for the hiring of an investigator concerning the Building Inspector for a frivolous and personal matter, and although serious issues had been raised by Larry Dysinger, Nicole Griffin and Tracy Shuh, resulting in the disruption of jobs and getting work done, and attorney fees in the thousands, no reprimand was had to the elected and appointed officials over legitimate harassment and ethics violations. Councilman Holdridge asked and was counseled by the Town Attorney that the discussion was allowable. Councilwoman Smith said she wants to hear from the residents about the tax dollars frivolously spent on this investigation. Councilman Holdridge responded, as had been explained to the Board by the Town Attorney, the matter involving two employees is under the Town Board purview and has the duty to investigate possible violations to the code, as it is in the best interest of the Town to make sure there is no liability. Councilwoman Smith commented litigation is possible with any employee during work hours and the matter with the Building Inspector was personal and frivolous, and there should not be an investigation, to which Councilman Holdridge disagreed. Attorney Bonacic then advised that a debate over the matter was not appropriate at this time.

SENIOR CENTER BUILDING GENERATOR

Supervisor Valentine mentioned the request by Chief Doellinger to budget for a generator for the senior center to make it an emergency center. As the most suitable building and with receipt of ARPA funds being used for water and certain areas, this expense would be one that would benefit all taxpayers. As we do not have the cost, the amount should be determined by the engineer.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the engineer to quantify the expense associated with the purchase of a generator for the Senior Center.

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

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings of September 13, 2023 and September 27, 2023 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

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

ADOPTED

SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT ROLL

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Ardisana to adopt the assessment rolls for the Special Districts of the Town for 2024.

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

ADOPTED

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to appoint Nick Muller as HEO for the Town of Chester Highway Department, effective October 16, 2023.

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

ADOPTED

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS AND AUDIT OF CLAIMS

Supervisor Valentine explained the budget modifications were not 100% prepared so budget modifications and audit of claims will be presented at tomorrow night budget meeting.

BOOKKEEPER POSITION

Supervisor Valentine reported that we have received replies from several bookkeepers so he will be setting up interviews.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of John Mardula to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works seminar on November 9, 2023 in the Town of Wallkill.t

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

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Sgt. D'Agnese and Officer Calderone to a one-day Glock Armorer's Course on January 11, 2024 in Poughkeepsie, NY at a cost of \$250 per person.

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

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Engineer's Bi-weekly Report

1. Greens at Chester: Discussing water tanks and water system now that the Transportation Corporation has been established. Requesting additional information on system. SWPPP systems are working well.

2. Cappelli Sports: The SWPPP system is working properly. The landscape has been improved.
3. The Senior Park will be installed in November.
4. Walton Lake Water system WIIA grant should be considered in November.
5. Sugar Loaf Water system well improvements to go before OCDOH and NYSDEC to move forward with wells.

PLANNING BOARD

Bell Station – flex space office for plumbers, electricians, etc. under review.

Baroda – Cluster subdivision under review; beginning on yield study. Fusco team out to witness representative soils.

1125 Kings Highway – lot line change, mostly agriculture.

O'Reilly Subdivision – conditional, final extension.

Sparkle City Comics – proposed 20,000 square foot warehouse. No specific – only work season.

WATER DISTRICTS' CONSUMPTION REPORT

	TOWN OF CHESTER				
	WATER DISTRICTS' BILLABLE REVENUE & CONSUMPTION REPORT				
	APRIL 1, 2023-SEPTEMBER 30, 2023				
	WALTON LAKE	SURREY MEADOWS	LAKE HILL FARMS	SUGAR LOAF HILLS	FIELDCREST
04/01/2023-9/30/2023	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>
REVENUE	\$52,577.00	\$44,408.00	\$79,666.25	\$33,654.50	\$12,290.00
CONSUMPTION	5,684,000	6,832,000	13,855,000	6,119,000	1,229,000

Water Department - September

The water department processed and distributed 6,426,410 gallons of water for the month of September. The districts daily average ranged from 329 to 81,000 gallons. The breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 2,426,000 gal.

Sugar Loaf- 1,319,600 gal.

Surrey Meadows- 1,473,900 gal.

Walton Lake Estates- 1,035,400 gal.

Fieldcrest- 161,613 gal. (Distribution only)

Town Hall-9,897 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 8/2023 on all districts were submitted to DOH on 9/6/23.

Laboratory testing dates were 9/6 & 9/20.

Mowing dates 9/12 & 9/28.

Chemical Delivery of Bulk supplies was on 9/28.
Sexual Harassment class for the town was held on 9/28.
Meter Reading was started on 9/11 and ended on 9/21.

Other Business:

Sugar Loaf was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Had a radio issue on 9/12 had to be reset from tower to plant. 9/15 TAM came and we had to put the antenna higher for a better signal.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Started hydrant maintenance, 9/1 found a broken out of service hydrant at 61 Surrey Road needed to be replaced. Finished maintenance on hydrants on 9/12. Replaced hydrant at 61 Surrey with help from Hwy and Modna Vac truck put new hydrant assembly in with a 12 & 18" riser. PN Alarm came in and fixed keypad to log in on 9/27.

Lake Hill Farms was mostly quiet with normal operations and maintenance. Finished hydrant maintenance in Windridge.

Walton Lake Estates was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 143 Lake Region we fixed shut off in yard with help from Moodna Vac truck on 9/27.

Fieldcrest was quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Fixed riser at the bathrooms in the parks.

Police Department – September 2023

The Town of Chester Police Department continued to remain active in the community in September. We maintained our objective of community commitment and took a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws. In September, the police department responded to 284 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 17,602 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 13 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

10	charged with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended License or Registration misdemeanors
1	charged with Criminal Contempt in the second degree
1	charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content >.08%
1	arrest on an outstanding bench warrant

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 September. A summary of those calls for service is as follows:

27	residential, commercial or automatic fire alarms
26	medical calls
15	reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
14	hazardous conditions, trees or wires down
9	welfare checks
2	motor vehicle crashes with injuries
10	motor vehicle crashes without injuries
2	motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued 214 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

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

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 2 house security checks and 1205 business security checks.

Sergeant Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Narain continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

Sgt. Vitale worked with the Sugar Loaf Chamber of Commerce to plan for the upcoming Fall Festival in October.

We continued to assign School Resource Officers to the Chester Academy and Chester Elementary School during each school day. School opened from summer break on September 5th. Officers Perez, Deluca and Donato are fulfilling this assignment.

Officers were assigned to foot and UTV patrol at Chester Academy Varsity Football games in the Chester Commons Park on September 8th and 30th.

Officer Perez attended the annual Homecoming Dance at Chester Academy on September 30th.

TRAINING

Chief Doellinger, Administrative Sergeant Vitale and Officer Perez attended Crisis Communication Training hosted by the OC Department of Emergency Services at the Sugar Loaf PAC on September 18th.

Officer Dunlop and K9 Lou completed state recertification as a Police Explosives Detection Canine Team in September.

Officer Gundermann attended a Commercial Vehicle Scales Operator course on September 21st and 22nd held at the Town of Chester Senior Center. Officer Dunlop assisted with instruction during the course.

Officer Calderone assisted with firearms instruction at the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Orange County Police Academy on September 27th and 29th.

Officers Narain and Gundermann attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement training in Pine Bush on September 28th and 29th.

Our monthly training session for September was the annual refreshers required by PESH conducted in conjunction with the rest of the town employees on September 28th at the senior center. Several officers missed the training due to other assignments or scheduled days off. Those employees will attend a makeup session in October.

Semi-annual firearms qualifications began at the Port Jervis range in September and will conclude in October.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on September 6th and 20th with the NYS Department of Transportation. Sixteen vehicles were inspected and seven unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

Part-time police clerk Gabby Guastamacchia started working on September 4th.

SCHEDULING

There were 329.25 hours of overtime paid in September.

Part-time police officers were used for 225 hours of patrol coverage (224 regular hours and 1 overtime hour).

Shift Coverage	174.25
Police Traffic Services Grant Patrols	48
Firearms Qualifications	32
Stop DWI Grant Patrols	17
Monthly Training	13
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	11.75
HS Football Game Details	9
Court Officer Details	6
School Resource Officer Overtime	5.5
Late Calls/Arrests	5.25
Traffic Speed Enforcement Detail	3.25
Investigations	2.5
K9 Overtime	1.75

ARRESTS- SEPTEMBER 2023

TC-00106-23	9/1/2023	30M Danbury, CT	VTL 0511 01A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00107-23	9/4/2023	24M New Windsor, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00109-23	9/6/2023	45M Monticello, NY	VTL 0511 01 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00108-23	9/6/2023	28M Middletown, NY	VTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00111-23	9/14/2023	47F Florida, NY	VTL 1192 02 OPER MV BAC .08 OF 1% -PRIOR VTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE
TC-00110-23	9/14/2023	24F Middletown, NY	VTL 0511 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER/MV-1ST
TC-00112-23	9/14/2023	42F Chester, NY	VTL 0511 01 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00113-23	9/17/2023	32M Floral City, FL	VTL051102A4AGG UNLIC OPER- 2ND:3>SUSPENSNS VTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
TC-00114-23	9/22/2023	32F Chester, NY	PL 215.50 CRIMINAL CONTEMP- 2ND
TC-00115-23	9/24/2023	29M New Hampton, NY	CPL 530.70 03 EXECUTE BENCH WARRANT
TC-00116-23	9/27/2023	31F Staten Island, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00118-23	9/28/2023	37M Chester, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00117-23	9/28/2023	54M New Hyde Park, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED

Attachment A

CALLS FOR SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 2023

911 HANGUP CALL	3	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	5
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	8	ILLEGAL DUMPING	1
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	5	INFORMATION ONLY	23
AMBULANCE ASSIST	26	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	1
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	7	K-9 DEPLOYMENT	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	2	K9 DETAIL	2
ARREST/DWI	1	LARCENY	2
ARREST/TRAFFIC	10	LOST PROPERTY	4
ARREST/WARRANT	1	MV/TRAFFIC STOP	1
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	29	MVC/CAR/DEER	1
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	5	MVC/NO REPORT	2
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	14	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	2
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	13	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	9
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	1	NARCOTICS ACTIVITY	1
CITIZEN SERVICE	3	NOISE COMPLAINT	2
CIVIL MATTER	5	PARKING PROBLEM	1
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	2	PROPERTY RETURN	4
CRIMINAL CONTEMPT	1	RECKLESS DRIVER	2
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	2	REPOSSESSION	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	3	SCHOOL SAFETY	5
DISTURBANCE	1	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	15
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	3	TAC TEAM ACTIVITY	1
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	2	TOWED VEHICLE	1
EQUIPMENT CHECK	5	TOWN CODE VIOLATION	1
ESCORT	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	7
FINGERPRINTING	1	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMNT DETAIL	2
FIRE	2	TREE DOWN	9
FOUND PROPERTY	1	TRESPASS	3
FRAUD	1	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
HARASSMENT	2	WELFARE CHECK	9
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	3	WIRES DOWN	2

TOTAL 284

Animal Control – September 2023

During the month of September 2023, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 9 animal complaints and investigated 2 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

3 of the calls for service were for deceased or injured deer

2 of the calls for service were for found dogs

1 of the calls for service was for an injured groundhog

1 of the calls for service was for a sick raccoon

1 of the calls for service was for abandoned kittens

1 of the calls for service was for a bear crossing the road

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:	12	2 Police, 10 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	2	9/17 – meet Officer at shelter* 9/21 – pick up stray at station*
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	2	9/21 – stray at station 9/26 – stray from Craigville Rd. brought to shelter by finder
Number of dogs impounded by police:	2	9/17 – stray husky mix from Sugar Loaf Mtn. Rd.
Number of dogs returned to owner:	0	
Number of after hour call-outs:	2	9/17, 9/21
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$0	
Amount of license fees collected:	\$0	
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$0	
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$0	
Number of hours of enumeration:	10 hrs.	
Number of bite reports received:	0	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	10	

Status of unlicensed dogs: Received Notices to Comply

Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter: 4 adult cats and 5 kittens

Notes: Admitted 4 stray dogs, all remain unclaimed. Also admitted one owner surrender.
12 Delinquent License Notices to Comply prepared and delivered to various addresses per the Delinquent Dog Report from the Town Clerk; preparation and delivery of one Court Summons for failure to license dog, enumeration of 1419, 1410, 1476, 2109, 2112, 2121, 2122 Whispering Hills.

SNR certificates sold in August: 5

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!

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mortgage Tax – September, 2023: \$17,875.92

Chester Historical Society Penny Social – October 15, 2023 – Chester Senior Center – doors open at 1pm.

Wreaths Across America – December 16, 2023 at Noon – O.C.V.C., 111 Craigville Road, Goshen.

Bellvale Fall Open House – cancelled.

NY Transco Project Update – Completed – Modern transmission monopole structures and lines and rebuilt substation in Chester, strengthening electric grid. Recently completed removing project access road and project restoration. Temporary erosion control measures may remain in place until revegetation occurs.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Ardisana had no comment.

Councilman Courtenay had no comment.

Councilwoman Smith said the pickle ball courts were complete with fencing and holder. She is still looking for a brush-hogger for Knapp's view and has one person interested.

Councilman Holdridge asked if an RFP could be prepared for the search of a Planner for the Comprehensive Plan. He added someone from Nelson Poke is available to come in on October 26th to see what is needed.

RFP FOR PLANNER FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the drafting of an RFP for Planner for the Comprehensive Plan.

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

ADOPTED

Councilman Holdridge asked if the Chester Republican Committee paid for the use of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center. Supervisor Valentine replied that political parties can use the Town Hall or the Senior Center without a fee and there was a conflict between the Village of Chester Planning Board and the Committee for the use of the Senior Center. He added, he took it upon himself to direct the meeting held at the PAC. He said it was a reasonable move and did not implicate the Town as there was no staffing needed. Councilman Holdridge asked if it is available to all political parties. The Supervisor said it should be made available to all political parties and asked the Town Attorney if an amendment would be needed to the code.

Councilman Holdridge asked about the Golden Age Club being indemnified by the Town for liability insurance. He said he thought there was a policy made about two years ago for organizations using facilities to indemnify the Town. Supervisor Valentine replied when we changed insurance companies they informed us they would indemnify the Golden Age Club under the Town's policy at no additional cost to the Town, just as is done with other users such as the yoga classes as long as they

are Town-sponsored events. Councilman Holdridge asked if someone was hurt, would the Town be liable. Supervisor Valentine replied that the insurance company would cover the claim just as if someone got hurt on Town property.

Councilman Holdridge asked about the situation at the Senior Center regarding the proposal sent by Harry Rotolo and when the Town was made aware of the issue. Supervisor Valentine said it occurred when the fiber optics was installed and the dialer was disconnected. Councilman Holdridge asked how long the fire alarm was not dialing to central station when the phone line was disconnected. Supervisor Valentine said he was not sure of the timeline, but had received proposals from Rotolo and P.N. Alarm and chose to renew with the latter for half the cost and the work would be done soon. Councilman Holdridge said he thought it was a problem since the proposal was sent in July and was concerned about safety at the Senior Center. He added he thought it was a serious issue and thought the Board and Town should have been made aware prior to last week. Supervisor Valentine said it was over-looked as a lot of proposals go through and thought Councilman Holdridge might want to come into the office to ask questions.

Councilman Holdridge said he was told the repaving of 17M is to restart mid-October, but could be pushed back at any time.

Councilman Holdridge thanked Jay Westerfeld and the Sugar Loaf Historical Society for refurbishing the historical marker.

Mr. Becker asked about the NYS DEC application for the 2 wells in Phase 1 of the Greens and asked for the Engineer to look at the special conditions to protect the residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter into Executive Session at 7:48pm.

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

ADOPTED

Supervisor Valentine and Councilwoman Smith left the Executive Session at 8:00pm.
Councilwoman Smith re-entered the Executive Session at 8:02pm.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:04pm.

VOTE AYES (4): Ardisana, Holdridge, Smith, Courtenay, RECUSED (1): Valentine

ADOPTED

MARIE DENARDO VS. THE TOWN OF CHESTER

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the payment of the deductible in the matter of Marie Denardo vs. the Town of Chester.

VOTE: AYES(3): Ardisana, Courtenay, Smith, NAY(1): Holdridge, RECUSED (1): Valentine

ADOPTED

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

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

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2023-10-11