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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**November 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 Holdridge, ABSENT: Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Courtenay

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to open the Public Hearing at 7:02pm on the matter of the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

Supervisor Valentine read the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on November 3, 2023 and posted to chester-ny.gov and the Town Clerk's signboard.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY, CHESTER, NY 10918
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, is available in the Town Clerk's Office, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY for inspection by any interested person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Town Board of Chester will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY, on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The Town Board will hear all persons who desire to comment in favor of, or against, any items therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Supervisor | \$ 66,279.73 |
| Deputy Supervisor | \$ 22,090.57 |
| Councilpersons | \$ 16,463.03 |
| Town Clerk | \$ 90,841.67 |
| Highway Superintendent | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Justice | \$ 34,649.28 |
| Justice | \$ 33,494.27 |
| Receiver of Taxes | \$ 19,187.19 |

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF CHESTER

Linda A. Zappala

Town Clerk

Dated: October 30, 2023

The Supervisor asked if there were any public comments.

Larry Dysinger, 46 Odyssey Drive, asked why the 2023 y-t-d totals did not appear on the Preliminary Budget and without listing major changes from 2023 to 2024 how can it be put into proper perspective. He asked where the summary of funds was listed for the Police Department. Supervisor Valentine replied they are part of the B Fund. He commented about the 10.8% increase in personal services for the Police Department, and although they do a great job, it would be nice to understand what the increase represents. The Supervisor said he can provide a copy of the Police Department budget. With regard to the Garbage District, Mr. Dysinger said the preliminary budget reflects the original bid and needs to be updated. He noted that mortgage tax should decrease along with home values affecting refi's and new mortgages, so he asked if it is good to raise the revenues from the past year. He asked why the Building Department shows a decrease of 10% when it may be needed to rebuild department personnel. He questioned the \$20,000 increase in Buildings .4. Supervisor Valentine replied it is to encompass overages from 2023. Mr. Dysinger questioned the Planning Board decrease of 41% in .4 and 17% increase in .1 Supervisor Valentine said documents were handed out during the budget hearing. He would like to see reserve funds for special districts achieved by raising rates. The Supervisor responded that all funds have balances that roll over during every two years. Mr. Dysinger commented that using ARPA money for special districts is wrong, as they should be used for entire Town.

Gordon Shehab, 68 High Street, addressed the Board on his concern to hire their own garbage hauler that would be very expensive. Supervisor Valentine said the original contract was \$1.4mm and the re-negotiated contract would reduce the expense by \$300,000 the first year and go up yearly for 5 years to the original rate. He said he feels confident that he can remove the garbage tax from the cap by considering it a "user fee".

Amber Lomolino, submitted in writing:

We would like to request that the comments below be read at the public hearing as part of/in advance of the November 8th meeting.

We read online that the town board was considering not having a garbage contract beginning next year because of price increases. We want to voice our opinion that the town can obviously negotiate a better rate than individual residents can, and that we strongly support the town having a contract for trash/recycling removal going forward, as it has in the past. Doing otherwise would put an unnecessary hardship on Town of Chester Taxpayers/Residents.

Thank you,
Amber Lomolino and William Ballerine, Town of Chester Residents

Chris McKenna, 15 Jordan, asked if there were any other options, since the garbage company was the only bidder, such as in-sourcing. Supervisor Valentine replied that is part of the bidding process and in-sourcing would have to be a Board consideration, and he is not certain if it would be a benefit to the taxpayers.

Councilman Holdridge said he was happy to hear about the "user fee" exclusion and asked when we would know. Supervisor Valentine said he was deeming it a legitimate action as it was left up to legal counsel. He added that sewer charges may be handled this way, but are more complex. Councilman Holdridge asked why the .4 was removed in the Tax receiver's fund. Supervisor Valentine said he would have to check all the math to see why the number was missing. Councilman Holdridge asked about the reduction of .4 in Town Board. The Supervisor replied it was for special projects not needed. And with regard to the \$7,000 reduction in summer camp, which total of \$103,000 takes into account expenses and revenue, Councilman Holdridge asked why the decrease. Supervisor Valentine said historically we lost money on camp and the bus trips are set up the same way, which should be offset by revenue. Councilman Holdridge asked reconsideration of adding more money for camp. He asked about the water district budgets. Supervisor Valentine said the numbers went up a little. Councilman Holdridge asked about the grounds increase as compared to the PAC. Supervisor Valentine said parks added a full-time employee, and includes benefits. The PAC personnel services includes a part-timer, over-time, and janitorial.

Supervisor Valentine said the following are the anticipated fund balances.

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| A fund | \$732,000 |
| B fund | \$435,000 |
| DA fund | \$186,000 |
| DB fund | \$167,000 |

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| WL | \$230,000 |
| SM | \$ 35,000 |
| LH | \$ 69,000 |
| SL | \$ 41,000 |
| Fieldcrest | \$ 44,000 |
| Parkland | \$ 83,000 |

Sales and mortgage tax are underestimated this year over budget.

Councilman Holdridge asked about the statement of revenue and expenses with regard to safety inspections anticipated for building permits from \$228,000 to \$375,000. Supervisor Valentine said that was based on warehouse project revenue projection. With regard to court fines being reduced, the Supervisor said fines are way down since Covid.

Steven Diffley, via FB, asked the ramifications of exceeding the tax cap. Supervisor Valentine said it is unachievable to stay under the 2% cap with mandated benefits, pensions and fuel expense putting us over 1.3%. He said revenue streams are maxed out. The Town is built-out with maybe 49 lots left to develop. He said you have to go over the cap every few years or it never resets the bar. He added it goes hand-in-hand with bonding. If taxes aren't raised the agencies may downgrade our AAA rating. Mr. Diffley asked although necessary at times, are there any negative ramifications. The Supervisor said no, except for the small rebate check.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to close the Public Hearing at 7:45pm on the matter of the 2024 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #7 OF 2023 ENTITLED: A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

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TOWN OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY
CHESTER, NY 10918

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #7 ENTITLED:
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT
ESTABLISHED IN THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY. Said public hearing is to hear comments on the above captioned proposed local law.

A copy of the proposed local law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and is available for inspection during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm).

Any person interested in the proposed local law may appear in person or by agent. All written communications should be addressed to the Board at the above address.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF CHESTER

LINDA A. ZAPPALA
TOWN CLERK

DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2023

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to open the Public Hearing at 7:47pm on the matter of the Introductory Local Law #7 Of 2023 Entitled: A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in The General Municipal Law Section 3-C 2024 Preliminary Budget.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

The Supervisor asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to close the Public Hearing at 7:49pm on the matter of the Introductory Local Law #7 Of 2023 Entitled: A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in The General Municipal Law Section 3-C 2024.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

GARBAGE CONTRACT – IWS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the Garbage Contract with IWS commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 and authorize the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Dysinger asked about the proposal to reinforce the 911 Memorial discussed at the last Town Board meeting which Al Fusco agreed to pay for.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to authorize the work to be performed on the 911 Memorial by Larry Dysinger and Tom Becker.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

Mr. Dysinger asked the status of the hiring of new people for the Building Department. Supervisor Valentine said they have come upon an issue with the hiring for inspector as there is a test coming up on November 20th and if a hire was not on the list, it would present an issue with the position. With regard to the Clerk's position, he said he has received a list from the County and needs to canvass. In addition, there is an internal request for transfer from an employee which he is awaiting reply from the County to see if it would be considered a lateral move.

ACCEPT MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the Minutes of the October 25, 2023 Town Board meeting as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

SET SPECIAL MEETING FOR 2024 BUDGET ADOPTION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to schedule a Special Meeting on November 14, 2023 at 6:30pm on the matter of the adoption of the 2024 Town Budget and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same. Meeting to be held at the Chester Town Hall meeting room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

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

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | FROM FUND | TO FUND |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BAN PRINCIPAL | \$5,000.00 | A-9730-760 | A-9730-660 |
| BAN INTEREST | \$6,000.00 | DA-0599-000 | DA-9730-600 |
| BAN INTEREST | \$17,494.40 | DA-0599-000 | DA-9730-700 |
| MTA PAYROLL TAX | \$575.00 | B-3620-100 | B-9065-800 |
| MTA PAYROLL TAX | \$10.00 | LH-8310-400 | LH-9065-800 |
| MTA PAYROLL TAX | \$55.00 | WL-8310-400 | WL-9065-800 |
| BUCKET FOR EXCAVATOR & WELDING HOOKS | \$1,350.00 | DA-5130-100 | DA-5130-200 |
| BOND #70644089 & #22188631 | \$1,700.00 | A-7145-100 | A-1910-400 |
| PAYROLL-TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE | \$13,500.00 | A-1410-100 | A-1460-100 |

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve payment of the bills from the following accounts, pending review by another member.

| | <u>PREPAIDS</u> | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL FUND | 68,059.03 | 76,541.49 |
| GENERAL - PART TOWN | 70,508.15 | 3,157.61 |
| HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE | 27,461.09 | 3,534.16 |
| HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE | 703.92 | 77.97 |
| FIELDCREST WATER | 431.23 | 58.05 |
| LAKE HILL FARMS WATER | 3,870.35 | 3,272.38 |
| SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER | 1,842.02 | 843.16 |
| SURREY MEADOWS WATER | 2,581.57 | 1,162.42 |
| WALTON LAKE WATER | 2,622.94 | <u>2,465.19</u> |
| TRUST AND AGENCY | <u>3,409.22</u> | |
| Grand Total | \$181,489.52 | \$91,112.43 |

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

DIRECT ENERGY CONTRACT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the 2-year agreement with Direct Energy and allow the Supervisor to sign.

Discussion: Supervisor Valentine said there was a rate drop so the term is two years and additional accounts will be added.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

APPOINT INTERIM BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCMENT OFFICER

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to appoint Fusco Engineering as Interim Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Discussion: Oaths will be prepared for the employees of Fusco Engineering.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

TOWN HALL EMPLOYEE UNIONIZATION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to withdraw the objection to the Town Hall employee union.

Discussion: Supervisor Valentine commented he had discussed with labor counsel the unionization at Town Hall as it is going through the process of being mediated. Counsel's opinion was to rule in favor of the union and is prudent to withdraw the objection and allow him to go to PERB and stop the discussion. Councilman Holdridge asked what was the initial objection. Supervisor Valentine said it was so long ago he wasn't sure but there was need to review the form of applications. He said he think it's prudent to recognize the union and give a basis of contract. He added it is not a bad thing, giving a level of security, and it is part of the teamsters.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

CHESTER SCHOOL ACCESS PERMISSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to direct the Attorney to draft an access agreement to Town property.

Discussion: Supervisor Valentine said there are timelines for their referendum and getting stuff done. They have requested access to enter for environmental testing. Attorney Bonacic offered clarification. While we are working on the map for the lot line change to be sent to the County Clerk for review, which will take some time, the school district is under a different timeline and has asked to access the property now, while providing indemnification for any disruptions.

VOTE AYES (3): Valentine, Ardisana, Holdridge, ABSENT (2):Smith, Courtenay

ADOPTED

FALSE ALARM FINES RELEVIES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the Relevy of unpaid False Alarm fines totaling \$1,700.00 to the following 2024 Town Tax bills:

| SBL | AMOUNT |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 6-1-65.2 | \$400.00 |
| 5-1-28.222 | \$400.00 |
| 6-1-28.6 | \$175.00 |
| 12-1-68 | \$550.00 |
| 1-2-5 | \$175.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,700.00 |

VOTE (3)AYES: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, ABSENT(2) COURTENAY, SMITH

ADOPTED

MORATORIUM DISCUSSION

Councilman Holdridge read the request from the Comprehensive Plan Committee for the possibility of a limited building moratorium on residential construction of 5 or more homes for a 6-month period. Supervisor Valentine said it would strip large scale subdivisions but exempts any who have applications filed. There are specific criteria and a checklist which will need review. Attorney Bonacic opined there would need to be a local law and public hearing, in lockstep with the Comprehensive Plan Committee timeline along with the requirement of SEQRA.

REPORTS

Engineer's Development Report

1. Greens at Chester: Site work has not restarted. Transportation Corporation was approved. Awaiting plans for tank, approval of wells, etc. Stormwater systems working properly.
2. Cappelli Sports: Stormwater systems working properly. Landscape looking better.
3. Walton Lake Water system: Grant should be announced in the next 30 days.
4. Sugar Loaf Water District: Testing complete. WSP filed a report to move forward. We need to meet to finalize work plan.
5. Assisting with Building Department inspections and permits, certificate of occupancy (C.O., etc. Myself and two of my employees need to take to Oath of Office.

Police Department – October 2023

The Town of Chester Police Department continued to remain active in the community in October. We maintained our objective of community commitment and took a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws.

In October, the police department responded to 312 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 16,209 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 11 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

| | |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7 | charged with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended License or Registration misdemeanors |
| 1 | charged with felony Assault 2 nd , felony Criminal Mischief 3 rd and Reckless Endangerment 2 nd |
| 1 | charged with Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs |
| 1 | charged with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the third degree |
| 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:

| | |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 47 | medical calls |
| 24 | residential, commercial or automatic fire alarms |
| 20 | reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity |
| 9 | disturbances or domestic complaints |
| 0 | 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 91 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

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

| LEVEL | BEGINNING OF MONTH | END OF MONTH |
|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 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 no house security checks and 1186 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 Fall Festival held on October 7th and

8th. Officers were assigned to foot and/or UTV patrol during the festival. Saturday's event was shut down early due to rain, but Sunday was heavily attended.

We continued to assign School Resource Officers to the Chester Academy and Chester Elementary School during each school day. 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 October 6th, 20th and 27th.

Officer Deluca attended the Chester Elementary School PTA Trunk-or-Treat event on October 27th. On-duty Officer Dunlop, K9 Lou and Officer Gundermann stopped by to join him for a while during the event.

Officer Gundermann, Officer Calderone and Officer Deluca attended the town Trunk-or-Treat event at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on October 28th. On-duty Officer Weinstein stopped by to join them for a while during the event.

TRAINING

Officers Calderone and Deluca completed annual Tactical Response Unit training from October 2nd through 6th.

Officers Narain and Gundermann attended the annual NY Women in Law Enforcement Conference in Suffern on October 4th, 5th and 6th.

Officer Calderone assisted with firearms instruction at the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Orange County Police Academy on October 9th, 11th, and 12th.

Our monthly training session for October was held in our training room on October 10th.

Chief Doellinger attended the annual IACP conference in San Diego from October 14th to 18th.

Officer Narain attended a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Awareness course in Rockland County from October 16th through 18th.

Semi-annual firearms qualifications at the Port Jervis range concluded in October.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on October 4th and 18th with the NYS Department of Transportation. Twelve vehicles were inspected and six unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

Officers were assigned to special neighborhood patrols on Halloween with no issues arising.

SCHEDULING

There were 317.25 hours of overtime paid in October.

Part-time police officers were used for 173 hours of patrol coverage (169 regular hours and 4 overtime hours).

| | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Shift Coverage | 163.25 |
| Firearms Qualifications | 31.5 |
| Monthly Training | 23.25 |
| Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail | 16.25 |
| HS Football Game Details | 16 |
| School Resource Officer Overtime | 15.25 |
| Sugar Loaf Fall Festival Details | 14 |
| Tactical Response Unit Details | 13 |
| K9 Overtime | 9 |
| Late Calls/Arrests | 5.5 |
| Investigations | 5.25 |
| Court Officer Details | 3.5 |
| Traffic Speed Enforcement Detail | 1 |
| Training for Chester school district staff | 0.5 |

ARRESTS - OCTOBER 2023

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|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TC-00121-23 | 10/2/2023 | 1 Warwick, NY | VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED |
| TC-00119-23 | 10/4/2023 | 1 Wurtsboro, NY | VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD |
| TC-00120-23 | 10/5/2023 | 1 Chester, NY | VTL 051102A4 AGG UNLIC OPER-2ND:3>SUSPENSNS VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD |
| TC-00122-23 | 10/8/2023 | 1 Monroe, NY | VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OP,ER VEH-3RD |
| TC-00123-23 | 10/13/2023 | Monroe, NY | VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED |
| TC 00124-23 | 10/17/2023 | Chester, NY | VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED |
| TC-00126-23 | 10/22/2023 | 1 Chester, NY | PL 120.05 02 ASLT W/INT CAUSE PH INJ W/WEAP PL 120.20 RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT-2ND PL 145.05 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-3RD |
| TC-00127-23 | 10/24/2023 | 1 Airmont, NY | CPL 530.70 03 EXECUTE BENCH WARRANT |
| TC-00128-23 | 10/24/2023 | Chester, NY | PL 170.20 POSSESS FORGED INSTRUMENT-3RD |
| TC-00129-23 | 10/27/2023 | 1 Peekskill, NY | VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD |
| TC-00125-23 | 10/31/2023 | 1 Monroe, NY | VTL 1192 04 OPER MV IMPAIRED BY DRUGS 1ST |

CALLS FOR SERVICE - OCTOBER 2023

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|----|
| 911 HANGUP CALL | 3 | K9 DETAIL | 16 |
| ALARM-COMMERCIAL | 4 | LARCENY | 2 |
| ALARM-RESIDENTIAL | 3 | LOCKOUT | 4 |
| AMBULANCE ASSIST | | LOST PROPERTY | 5 |
| ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE) | 8 | M/V COMPLAINT | 2 |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG) | 2 | MAIL TAMPERING | 1 |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT(OTHER DO | 3 | MISSING PERSON | 2 |
| ARREST/TRAFFIC | | MV/TRAFFIC STOP | 2 |
| ARREST/WARRANT | | MVC/CAR/DEER | 3 |
| ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY | | MVC/HIT AND RUN | 1 |
| ASSIST FIRE DEPT | 4 | MVC/NO REPORT | 2 |
| AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM | | MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE | 4 |
| BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION | 9 | NOISE COMPLAINT | 4 |
| CITIZEN SERVICE | 5 | NOTIFICATION | 3 |
| CIVIL MATTER | 5 | OFFICER INJURY | 1 |
| COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL | 2 | PARKING PROBLEM | 1 |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF | 2 | PATROL REQUEST | 2 |
| DAMAGE TO PROPERTY | 2 | PROPERTY RETURN | 1 |
| DEBRIS IN ROADWAY | | PROPERTY SAFEKEEPING | 1 |
| DEPARTMENT DETAIL | 6 | RECKLESS DRIVER | 1 |
| DISABLED VEHICLE | | SCHOOL SAFETY | 5 |
| DISTURBANCE | 2 | SEXUAL ASSAULT | 1 |
| DOMESTIC COMPLAINT | 4 | SHOTS FIRED | 1 |
| EMOT DISTURBED PERSON | 3 | SUBPOENA SERVICE | 1 |
| EQUIPMENT CHECK | 2 | SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON | 20 |
| FINGERPRINTING | | TAC TEAM ACTIVITY | 2 |
| FIRE | 3 | TRAFFIC COMPLAINT | 4 |
| FOUND PROPERTY | 2 | TRAFFIC ENFORCEMNT DETAIL | 2 |
| HAZARDOUS CONDITION | 4 | TRESPASS | 2 |
| IDENTITY THEFT | | UNWANTED PERSON | 1 |
| ILLEGAL DUMPING | | VEHICLE OFF ROADWAY | 1 |
| INFORMATION ONLY | | WELFARE CHECK | 4 |
| K-9 DEPLOYMENT | 1 | | |

TOTAL 312

Animal Control – October 2023

During the month of October 2023, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 13 animal complaints and investigated 4 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 an injured or sick raccoon
2 of the calls for service were for deceased or injured deer
2 of the calls for service were for a loose cow
1 of the calls for service was for crowing roosters
1 of the calls for service was for a bobcat sighting
1 of the calls for service was for a deceased goose in the road
1 of the calls for service was for a barking dog
1 of the calls for service was for a welfare check on a dog
1 of the calls for service was for a cat in a tree

Warwick Valley Humane Society

The monthly report for October from the Warwick Valley Humane Society follows.

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: | 16 | 1 Police, 15 others |
| Number of times ACO dispatched to calls | 1 | 10/31 – Holiday Inn mental health |
| Number of dogs impounded by ACO: | 1 | 10/31 - #21457 impounded dog from Holiday Inn* |
| Number of dogs impounded by police: | 1 | 10/11 - #21427 owner arrested |
| Number of dogs returned to owners: | 1 | #21427 |
| Number of after hour call-outs: | 1 | #21427 |
| Amount of impoundment fees collected: | \$50.00 | |
| Amount of license fees collected: | \$20.00 | |
| Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town: | \$50.00 | |
| Amount of license fees paid to Town | \$20.00 | |
| Number of hours of enumeration: | 6 hrs. | |
| Number of bite reports received: | 0 | |
| Number of appearance tickets issued: | 0 | |
| Number of unlicensed dogs: | 19 | |
| Status of unlicensed dogs: | 1 dog licensed upon redemption, 18 received Notices to Comply. | |
| Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter: | 4 adult cats (1 paralyzed and neurologic was euthanized). | |

Notes: *10/31 – ACO requested to remove canine from Holiday Inn Express due to owner mental health emergency.

18 delinquent licenses Notice to Comply prepared and delivered to various addresses per the Delinquent Dog Report from the Town Clerk.

SNR certificates sold in October: 6.

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!

ORANGE COUNTY CHABAD

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the request from Chabad of Orange County to hold a Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Discussion: The Chabad of Orange County will provide refreshments and invite the community to join.

VOTE (3)AYES: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, ABSENT(2) COURTENAY, SMITH ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Ardisana had no comment.

Councilman Holdridge announced the ward district map is being worked on by the County Planner and should have a second option by the next meeting and hopes to hold a public hearing and vote on it by year-end.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Ardisana and second by Councilman Holdridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

VOTE (3)AYES: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, ABSENT(2) COURTENAY, SMITH ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2023-11-08