

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 13, 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 ABSENT: Councilman Courtenay

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cathy Witzak, 21 Imperial Park, Chester thanked the Town Board for building the pickle ball courts and resurfacing the tennis courts. She asked when there would be a dedication and ribbon cutting. She thanked Councilwoman Smith for the pickle ball rack system that she employed. She made suggestions for the future, including additional courts, lighting, shade and seating. She said it is a sport for all ages and she has met so many people as a result.

E.J. Szulwach, 9 Elm Street, stated he was grateful to the Board for forming the Climate Committee and asked the number of residents who will be involved and when will the Board take action to begin. Councilman Holdridge replied there were about 7 people showing interest and he would be setting up a meeting soon. Supervisor Valentine stated that 12 trees have been planted at the dog park through the generous courtesy of Richard Logothetis.

Larry Dysinger, 46 Odyssey Drive, said he hopes the Town Board takes the comments made by Cathy Witzak to heart and addressed the lack of investment in our recreational facilities. He said ARPA money can be used and would benefit everyone to be used to improve the fields and expand the courts and suggested a long-term plan be taken into account during the budget process. He asked the status of member comments on the noise ordinance changes and the Comprehensive Plan Committee. He added it has been 8 months since its creation with no meetings scheduled to date. Councilman Holdridge replied he is working on the senior center calendar availability to schedule meetings. With regard to the Palmer property use as a town park, he asked if there was a use plan because he didn't think the Town should spend \$300,000 to purchase without one in place. He suggested developing a park on Glenmere Lake in the Chester part of Town. Supervisor Valentine stated that is not a viable option as Orange County owns the land and have not been willing to give any to Chester. As far as the development of parks, he added he supports improvements but the offer of land to the CUFSD would alleviate the Town from managing the fields for their sole use.

Paul Caneveri, 3549 Route 94 spoke on his efforts to make his land a viable self-sustained farm. He said he is filling in the mud hole at the bottom since it is difficult to function. His plan is to plant Christmas trees and hay. He has worked with the DEC to make the pond bigger to take care of crops. There has been a stop work order and due to weather causing issues, progress is hampered. He has helped the neighbors by putting in blacktop, and washing and sweeping the roads to stop the dust.

Brian Boone, FB, asked what will the Climate Advisory Committee do. Councilman Holdridge stated the committee will review codes and practices of the Town to make a positive difference.

Lydia Cuadros, FB, said protecting Knapp's View was important as the Town should preserve land, not build mega homes.

Councilwoman Smith said, about adding additional pickle ball courts, a consideration needs to be made concerning location as they should all be in the same area.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings of August 23, 2023 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

**VOTE:AYES(4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT(1): COURTENAY**

**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
09/13/23	Grant to cover SLI fall festival music & audio	\$4,999.99	A Fund Balance	A-7230-400
09/13/23	Purchase of Shed for Chester Commons Park (state bid)	\$7,390.00	A-7145-100	A-7145-200
09/13/23	Sherman Settlement-two insurance deductibles used money reserved	\$19,000.00	A Fund Balance	A-1930-400
09/13/23	Increase in utilities. ARPA reimbursed for generator in LH-8310-200	\$10,000.00	LH-8310-200	LH-8310-400
09/13/23	Increased water testing. Generator reimbursement in fund SL-8310-200	\$6,000.00	SL-8310-200	SL-8330-400
09/13/23	Increase in materials & supplies, see attached. Left over generator money	\$2,600.00	SL-8310-200	SL-8340-400
09/13/23	Increase in uniforms and accident repair. Left over generator money.	\$1,300.00	SM-8310-200	SM-8310-400
09/13/23	Increased water testing. Generator reimbursement in fund WL-8310-200	\$8,500.00	WL-8310-200	WL-8330-400

**VOTE:AYES(4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT(1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

	<u>PREPAIDS</u>	
GENERAL FUND	\$1,624.00	\$278,526.52
GENERAL - PART TOWN		117,954.50
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE		4,674.43
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE		266,196.46
FIELDCREST WATER		829.30
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER		6,503.27
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER		9,848.76
SURREY MEADOWS WATER		3,119.29
WALTON LAKE WATER		28,090.92
TRUST AND AGENCY		7,596.96
GARBAGE		<u>46,246.12</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,624.00</b>	<b>\$769,586.53</b>

**DISCUSSION:** Councilman Holdridge asked if there had been an issue with the process as he had not been notified that there were bills to be reviewed. Supervisor Valentine said the Account Clerk had a death in her family and she and Julie are currently covering the bookkeeper’s position.

**VOTE:AYES(4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE SMITH, ABSENT(1): COURTENAY,**

**ADOPTED**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2023 - A LOCAL LAW TO UPDATE AND AMEND CHAPTER 87, ARTICLE I, OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO ADJUST THE SENIOR CITIZEN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §467**

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**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to Adopt Local Law No. 6 Of 2023 - A Local Law To Update And Amend Chapter 87, Article I, Of The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester To Adjust The Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption In Accordance With New York State Real Property Tax Law §467.

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 87, Article I, of the Town Code of the Town of Chester, entitled “Senior Citizens Tax Exemption”, to increase the exemption limits to the maximum income ceiling permitted for senior citizens residing in the Town of Chester, County of Orange, State of New York, as authorized by New York State Real Property Tax Law §467.

**Section 2. Amend and replace §87-0.1, entitled, “Exemption Granted”, to read as follows:**

§87-0.1. Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Granted.

New York State Real Property Tax Law §467 establishes the maximum income limits that may be placed by local taxing jurisdictions upon resident property owners seeking a senior citizen tax exemption. Local governments have the option to grant a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. New York State Real Property Tax Law §467 sets forth a maximum income ceiling for the exemption and allows for qualifying resident property owners who are 65 years of age or older, with income less than the maximum income ceiling, to obtain a 50% property tax exemption.

New York State Real Property Tax Law §467 further authorizes local taxing jurisdictions to adopt a sliding income scale under which incremental income increases above the maximum income ceiling may be applied to obtain a reduced exemption percentage ranging from 45% to 5%. The Town of Chester has elected to increase the exemption limits to the maximum income ceiling permitted for the senior tax exemption and adopt a sliding scale to allow for reduced exemption percentages to otherwise qualifying senior citizen real property owners.

**Section 3. Amend and replace §87-0.2, entitled, “Late Filing of Application”, to read as follows:**

§87-0.2. Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption Levels.

A. Real property located in the Town of Chester owned by persons 65 years of age or older shall be exempt from Town property taxes up to a maximum of 50% of the assessed valuation of eligible tax parcels pursuant to the following schedule and subject to the following conditions, commencing with the Town of Chester 2024 Assessment Roll (March 1, 2024 Taxable Status Date):

**Maximum Income Percentage of Assessed Valuation  
Exemption Eligibility Exempt from Taxation**

Not more than \$50,000.00 50%  
\$50,000.01 or more, but less than \$50,999.99 45%  
\$51,000.00 or more, but less than \$51,999.99 40%  
\$52,000.00 or more, but less than \$52,999.99 35%  
\$53,000.00 or more, but less than \$53,899.99 30%  
\$53,900.00 or more, but less than \$54,799.99 25%  
\$54,800.00 or more, but less than \$55,699.99 20%  
\$55,700.00 or more, but less than \$56,599.99 15%  
\$56,600.00 or more, but less than \$57,499.99 10%  
\$57,500.00 or more, but less than \$58,399.99 5%

B. The owner, or owners, seeking this exemption must file an application annually in the Town of Chester Assessor's Office by the annual taxable status date of March 1st.

C. The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property shall be based on the income tax year immediately preceding the date an application for exemption is filed. The Town Assessor shall have the discretion to seek supporting documentation from an applicant when evaluating an application for this exemption.

D. Where title to the real property is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed the maximum income set forth in the schedule above. In accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law §467(3)(a), such income shall include social security, retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings and net income from self-employment. Income shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances, payments made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution, monies earned through employment in the federal foster grandparent program or medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, as set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law §467(3)(a).

E. The real property must be used exclusively for residential purposes, be occupied in whole or in part by the owners and constitute the legal residence of the owners.

**Section 4. Amend and replace §87-0.3, entitled, "Late Filing of Application for Good Cause", to read as follows:**

§87-0.3. Late Filing of Application.

In the event that the owner, or all of the owners, of property which has received an exemption pursuant to §467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law on the preceding assessment roll fail to file the application pursuant to §467 on or before the taxable status date, such owner or owners may file the application, executed as if such application had been filed before the taxable status date, with the Assessor on or before the date for the hearing of complaints.

**Section 5. Add §87-0.4, entitled, "Late Filing of Application for Good Cause", to read as follows:**

§87-0.4. Late Filing for Good Cause.

In the event that the owner, or all of the owners, of property which has received an exemption pursuant to §467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law on the preceding assessment roll fail to file the application pursuant to §467 on or before the taxable status date and the owner, or all of the owners, believe that cause existed for the failure to file the renewal application by that date, such owner or owners may, no later than the last day for paying taxes without incurring interest or penalty, submit a written request to the Assessor asking him or her to extend the filing deadline and grant the exemption. Such request shall contain an explanation of why the deadline was missed, and shall be accompanied by a renewal application reflecting the facts and circumstances as they existed on the taxable status date. The Assessor may extend the filing deadline and grant the exemption if he or she is satisfied that (i) good cause existed for the failure to file the renewal application by the taxable status date and (ii) the applicant is otherwise entitled to the exemption. The Assessor shall mail notice of his or her determination to the owner or owners. If the determination states that the Assessor has granted the exemption, he or she shall thereupon be authorized and directed to correct the assessment roll accordingly, or, if another person has custody or control over the assessment roll, to direct that person to make the appropriate corrections. If the correction is not made before taxes are levied, the failure to take the exemption into account in the computation of the tax shall be deemed a "clerical error" pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law §467 and shall be corrected accordingly.

**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.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Holdridge said it was an amazing idea and that the information from John gives no reason not to move forward with adoption. Supervisor Valentine said it was not too bad as there is a windfall in tax revenue. Councilwoman Smith said she had she had no issue with its adoption.

**VOTE:AYES(4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT(1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**GARBAGE RFP**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the Request For Proposals on the Garbage and Hauling services for 2024 and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish the notice.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Valentine said we should expect a substantial increase.

**VOTE:AYES(4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT(1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**SUGAR LOAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER CONCESSION RFP**

Supervisor Valentine announced one proposal received from Diamond Grade Media for the concessions at the SLPAC. He added OME is now out of the entertainment business and although they took on the service it was not full-time and became problematic.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the proposal for the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center Concession from Diamond Grade Media and allow the Supervisor to sign the contract, subject to legal review.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to accept the irrevocable letter of retirement from Joe McGowan, effective April 6, 2024.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**APPOINT INTERIM FOREMAN**

Supervisor Valentine explained that since Joe is taking time instead of payout, we will be without a Foreman until next April.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to appoint Keith Meyer as Interim Foreman following the union contract, effective September 25, 2023, with a stipend of \$4,230.77, and commencing April 6, 2024 with a starting salary of \$110,000.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Valentine said the budget will be in tact since in contains the salary of retiree Stoddard.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

## **ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the resignation of Police Officer William Murray, effective September 8, 2023.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

## **PEST CONTROL**

The matter was tabled.

## **PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION**

Ms. Erin Stamp, President of the Chester Union Free School District SEPTSA addressed the Board. A mother of two special needs children, she suggested the idea for Town Park equipment to be ADA compliant. She asked if either a piece could be added or an entire area be dedicated at the Commons Park since she said it has the best area with sufficient parking. She added that grants are available.

## **VIVIAN LANE SOLAR PROJECT**

Supervisor Valentine explained the resolution previously adopted is to be amended to properly identify the titles.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to amend the resolution adopted on June 28, 2023 to approve the Stormwater Control Facility Maintenance Agreement and Maintenance Escrow Agreement for Stormwater Structures/Facilities with Chester Solar 1, LLC and authorize the Supervisor to sign.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

## **EDUCATION REQUESTS**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the attendance of Officers Narain to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Awareness course. It will be held in Rockland County from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for the course. The course will consist of two days of classroom lecture and one day of field training. Instruction will be given by commercial vehicle enforcement specialists from local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Transportation's Office of Modal Safety and Security. The course is designed to aid in the preservation of highway infrastructure and the interdiction of contraband.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the attendance of Chief Doellinger to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP 2023) annual conference and exposition, held in San Diego from October 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. The conference registration fee is \$500 and lodging will be needed for four nights at the conference rate of \$319. These expenses were included in the budget.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the attendance of Officers Narain and Gundermann to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual NY Women in Law Enforcement (NYWLE) training conference. It will be held from October 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in Suffern, NY. The registration fee for the conference is \$225. The agenda will include several dynamic criminal justice speakers in their fields of expertise.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the attendance of Officers Narain and Gundermann to the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course. It will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Pine Bush. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

## **REPORTS**

### Building Department – August 2023

Permits Issued – 33  
CO & COC's Issued – 24  
Municipal Searches – 22

Deposits – \$16,819.65

The department has been busy, same as it is every month. There are still pending court cases. And with all the storms and rain there have been a lot of complaints and issues about water.

If anyone would like to file a complaint regarding anything that would have to do with the building department they can do so by sending an email, phone call or letter. I would like to reiterate though if they are sending it in by mail they should put contact information on it so I can get back to them. I cannot address their issue if I can't contact them.

Respectfully,  
Alexa Burchianti

### Parks and Clerk – August 2023

- Routine monthly operations
- Aided with getting the dog park open for this past weekend.
- prepped all parks for first games fall ball, soccer, football.
- coordinated removal of old rotting sheds at the commons; new shed installed.
- Snack stand at the Commons cleaned out and repainted.
- chaperoned bus trip to Forestburgh playhouse to see Misery.
- Organizing and working with Walton fire house, town and village PBA, Highway, and the community for the yearly trunk or treat. Flyer attached...ANYONE INTERESTED IN HAVING A TRUNK PLEASE CONTACT KRISTIN in parks department 845-469-7000 Ext 3 or email [kpalmer@thetownofchester.org](mailto:kpalmer@thetownofchester.org)
- Preparing for Rec basketball program information available soon.
- attended shows at the SLPAC....FREE CONCERTS SERIES BEGINS TONIGHT.

### Engineer's Report - August 2023

1. Greens at Chester: SWPPP operating as designed, transportation corporation approval by the Town.
2. Sugar Loaf wells: Testing complete, contains hydrogen sulfide we need some treatment proceeding with DEC withdrawal permit.
3. PAC – ADA complete, waiting 10% payment from CDBG. Signature from Supervisor required on CDBG payment request municipal voucher.
4. Senior Playground: Installer checking for dates, we will keep the Board updated.
5. Walton Lake Water District: Waiting for grant information.

### Police Department – August 2023

The Town of Chester Police Department continued to remain active in the community in August We maintained our objective of community commitment and took a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws. In August, the police department responded to 286 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 16,994 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 7 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

4 charged with Operating a Vehicle with a Suspended License misdemeanors  
1 charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated and Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content >.08%  
1 charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content >.08%  
1 charged with Criminal Contempt in the second degree

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 August A summary of those calls for service is as follows:

30 residential, commercial or automatic fire alarms  
22 medical calls  
18 reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity  
8 domestic disputes/custody issues  
  
1 motor vehicle crash with injuries  
5 motor vehicle crashes without injuries  
3 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued 194 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

#### SEX OFFENDERS

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

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 3 house security checks and 1171 business security checks.

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

Officer Bird is preparing a presentation for senior citizens on HEAP and other financial assistance offered to help them through the colder months.

Officers Deluca and Donato were present for kindergarten orientation at the Chester Elementary School on August

30<sup>th</sup>. All three SROs attended the superintendent's conference days on August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. School will open on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

TRAINING

There was no monthly training session held in August.

Officer Santosky-Wright attended the two-week state Commercial Vehicle Inspector course in Albany from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.

Officers Deluca and Donato attended the Basic School Resource Officer course in Ulster County from October 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on August 2<sup>o</sup>d and August 16<sup>th</sup> with the NYS Department of Transportation. Fifteen vehicles were inspected and seven unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

Part-time Officer Michael Lawrence completed his field training in August.

Part-time police clerk Gabby Guastamacchia was hired on August 23,d to start working on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

SCHEDULING

There were 218.25 hours of overtime paid in August.

Part-time police officers were used for 200.5 hours of patrol coverage (200.5 regular hours and no overtime hours).

Shift Coverage	167
Stop DWI Grant Patrols	32
Police Traffic Services Grant Patrols	8
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4
Discovery Reform/ECAB Appointments	3
School Resource Officer Overtime	2
Late Calls/Arrests	1.75
Investigation	0.5

AUGUST 2023

TC-00099-23	8/11/2023	43M Bloomingburg, NY	VTL051102A4 AGG UNLIC OPER- 2ND:3>SUSPENSNS VTL 0511 01 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV- 3RD
TC-00100-23	8/17/2023	32M Monroe, NY	VTL 05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH- 3RD
TC-00101-23	8/21/2023	29M Goshen, NY	PL 215.50 CRIMINAL CONTEMP- 2ND

TC-00104-23	3/23/2023	47M Middletown, NY	VTL05110IA AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD VTL 05112M AGG UNLIC OPERATION-ALCOHOL
TC-00102-23	8/25/2023	32M Montgomery, NY	VTL 1192 02 OPER MV BAC .08 OF 1%-1ST OFF VTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE
TC-00103-23	8/26/2023	43M Chester, NY	VTL 11922-AA AGGRAVATED DWI:PERSE-NO PRIOR VTL 1192 02 OPER MV BAC .08 OF 1%-1ST OFF VTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE
TC-00105-23	8/26/2023	27F Woodbourne, NY	VTL 05110IAAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD

Attachment A

CALLS FOR SERVICE - AUGUST 2023

911HANGUP CALL	5	FIRE	1
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	3	FRAUD	2
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	7	HA2ARDOUS CONDITION	2
AMBULANCE ASSIST	22	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	5
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	9	ILLEGAL DUMPING	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)		INFORMATION ONLY	37
ARREST/CRIMINAL	1	K9 DETAIL	1
ARREST/DWI	2	LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	1
ARREST/TRAFFIC	4	LOST PROPERTY	5
ASSAULT	1	M/V COMPLAINT	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	30	MVC/CAR/DEER	3
ASSIST DPW	2	MVC/NO REPORT	2
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	1	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	1
ASSIST WATER DEPARTMENT	1	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	3
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	20	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	1
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	12	NOISE COMPLAINT	4
CITIZEN SERVICE	5	PARKING PROBLEM	1

CIVIL MATTER	3	RECKLESS DRIVER	1
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	2	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	18
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	8
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	TRAFFIC ENFORCENMT DETAIL	7
DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	1	TREE DOWN	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	6	TRESPASS	4
DOG BITE	1	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	6	UNDERAGE POSSESS ALCOHOL	1
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	3	UNWANTED PERSON	1
EQUIPMENT CHECK	3	WELFARE CHECK	7
FAMILY COURT MATTER	2		
		TOTAL	286

#### Attachment B

#### Animal Control – August 2023

During the month of August 2023, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 19 animal complaints and investigated 4 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 9 of the calls for service were for lost dogs
- 2 of the calls for service were for injured raccoons
- 2 of the calls for service were for bear sightings
- 2 of the calls for service were for a bat in the house
- 1 of the calls for service was for a garter snake in a yard
- 1 of the calls for service was for a welfare check on a dog
- 1 of the calls for service was for an injured groundhog
- 1 of the calls for service was for cows mooing all the time

#### Warwick Valley Humane Society

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

Warwick Valley Humane Society – August 2023

All totals include calls from the Town of Chester, Village of Chester, Village of Sugar Loaf, and Orange County 911 Center for calls located within the geographic area of the Town of Chester.

Number of calls received:	10	1 Police, 9 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	1	8/7-stray Akita - Kings Hwy.
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by police:	0	
Number of dogs returned to owner: Number	0	
of after hour call-outs:	0	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$ 0.00	
Amount of license fees collected:	\$ 0.00	
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$ 0.00	
Amount of license fees paid to Town: Number	\$ 0.00	
of hours of enumeration:	8.5 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: 0

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10 Notices to Comply delivered to various addresses per Town Clerk; enumerated Rebecca Road and Nancy Lane in search of possible owner of stray Akita reported between Monroe and Chester for one month.

Buddha Dog Rescue called by WVHS to assist in trapping Akita which was successful. Remains unclaimed.

SNR certificates sold in August: 8

NOTE: SNR certificates are available by appointment only

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

## Water Department – August 2023

The water department processed and distributed 6,566,071 gallons of water for the month of July. The districts daily average ranged from 436 to 66,000 gallons. The breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 2,047,000 gal.  
Sugar Loaf 1,473,100 gal.  
Surrey Meadows- 1,546,100 gal.  
Walton Lake Estates- 1,323,200 gal.  
Fieldcrest- 217,074 gal. (Distribution only)  
Town Hall-13,543 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 7/2023 on all districts were submitted to DOH on 8/2/2023

Laboratory testing dates were 8/2 & 8/16.

Disinfection Byproducts Lab 8/8

Mowing dates at the plants were 8/1, 8/8, 8/16, 8/22

Had a class in Walkkill for credits on 8/10.

Connor and John helped Tar and Chip with Hwy 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/9, 8/11

Schmidts came to present new meter reading technology, 8/15

Had Under Water Solutions come in and do tank cleaning and inspection at Surrey, Sugar Loaf and Lake Hill farms storage tanks. They highly suggested we replace the Anodes that are completely gone at Sugar Loaf and Lake Hill Tanks.

### Other Business:

Sugar Loaf was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 8/1 WSP continued step down test on the new well. 8/3 WSP finished 72 hr pump test on new well. 8/14 Radio system went down over weekend had to be reset. 8/22 Cleaned outside of the plant building prep for paint. 8/24 changed battery at top of water tower.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 8/17 fixed man hole in front of plant.

Lake Hill Farms was mostly quiet with normal operations and maintenance. 8/1 We painted the exterior of the pump house. 8/15 installed new well meter in plant. 8/28 started hydrant maintenance, continued till 9/5. 8/31 A Plus replace water service line at Windridge Mews.

Walton Lake Estates was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 8/7 Replace section of rotted pipe in plant. 8/14 Painted outside of plant building. Picked up spare booster pump from getting rebuilt 8/18.

Fieldcrest was quiet with routine operations and maintenance.

### Other Business

### TOWN HALL CLOSURE

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to close Town Hall on September 28, 2023 from 8:30am-11:30am for Mandatory Employee Training.

**VOTE:AYES (4): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY**

**ADOPTED**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sugar Loaf Fire Department Octoberfest – September 16, 2023 3-8pm  
Bellvale Fall Open House – October 14, 2023, 2-5pm

Town of Chester Trunk or Treat - October 29, 2023

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Valentine read the correspondence from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding the request for the installation of a right turn lane at Kings Highway and Route 17M. Since Kings Highway is a County Road, the recommendation was to seek concurrence from the County for the performance of work.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Supervisor Valentine reported the Orange County Legislature voted to move forward on the transfer of Kings Highway (through Sugar Loaf) to the Town of Chester, after 8-9 years of pursuit. He added that Legislator Ehlers worked hard on it with the County and made the case for the benefit of the Sugar Loaf business owners, and with the Town owning the PAC, improvements can be implemented. A resolution is set to move forward and County Executive Neuhaus is on board to sign documents.

Councilman Holdridge reported the opening of the dog park was a big success and asked Town Clerk Zappala to post the rules on the website. He announced the opening of soccer on Saturday morning. He asked, following last week's storms, if the Senior Center could serve as a storm center. Councilwoman Smith said it has been designated a cooling center, but needs a generator to be an official emergency center.

Councilwoman Smith said the dog park gate would not be locked.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to enter into Executive Session at 8:30pm on a matter of personnel.

**VOTE: AYES (3): ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, RECUSED (1): VALENTINE, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY** **ADOPTED**

Supervisor Valentine entered the Executive Session at 8:45pm.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:55.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY** **ADOPTED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

**VOTE:AYES (4):VALENTINE, ARDISANA, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH, ABSENT (1): COURTENAY** **ADOPTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2023-9-13