

TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2014  
7 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting followed by a salute to the flag.

Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilman Smith.  
Absent: Councilman Valentine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk announced her intent to retire at the end of June. She stated she had some health issues and does not have the stamina and feels this is in the best interest of the Town. If miraculously she feels better, she may change her mind.

Supervisor Jamieson said the Town Clerk did speak to the Board previously. Health is more important.

Kiwanis cleanup is scheduled for April 26, 2014. Participants will meet at Wendy's at 8 a.m.

The Comprehensive committee will meet this Thursday at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Story Book Dance program for 2 – 5 year olds begins May 2, 2014 at 10 a.m. in the Senior Center. Anyone interested can contact Parks and Recreation.

RETIREMENT OF CLEANER

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to accept the resignation of Elaine Szulwach, part time cleaner effective April 24, 2014. Motion 3 in favor and 1 abstaining (Councilwoman Smith).

RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER

A letter was received from Norma Stoddard resigning from the Board of Assessment Review immediately.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to accept the resignation of Norma Stoddard from the Board of Assessment Review. Motion carried 4-0.

ENERGY CONTRACT

Supervisor Jamieson informed those present that New York State has been redistricted the energy districts and this area now includes New York City and Long Island. This has caused our rates to increase drastically. The contract with our carrier expired in January. May 1 is the date for the new pricing. However, the state has not come up with the new criteria. The Town received a 90 extension with our existing energy carrier. Hopefully, the Town will be able to bid out the energy by May.

Councilwoman Smith asked if any other quotes had been received.



Supervisor Jamieson said, yes, he had spoken with other carriers.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith authorizing the Supervisor to sign the extension contract for energy with our current carrier. Motion carried 4-0.

#### REMEDATION AND HVAC FOR LOWER LEVEL OF TOWN HALL

Sealed bids were opened today for the remediation project for the lower level of Town Hall. Engineer Al Fusco sent a letter to the Board recommending the lowest qualified bidders:

Contract #1 (General Contractor): John Herbert Company in the amount of \$31,500.

Contract #2 (HVAC): Westar Mechanical \$34,950.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Smith to accept the bid submitted by John Herbert Company in the amount of \$31,500 for the general contracting work as the lowest qualified bidder. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ranni and passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept the bid submitted by Westar Mechanical in the amount of \$34,500 for the HVAC work as the lowest qualified bidder. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineer Al Fusco informed the Board the plan on when the project will commence. He will prepare contracts and be in touch with the Attorney. Contract bonds will be secured. Notice to proceed will then be issued.

Councilman Murray asked if the police station had been addressed.

Engineer Fusco said he will work with the Highway Superintendent to get the water away from the building. Sump pumps will also be considered.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO ETHICS BOARD

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to appoint John Olefse to the Ethics Board for a term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to appoint Michael Mallon to the Ethics Board for a term ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

There is one vacancy remaining.

#### ORANGE COUNTY BLOCK GRANT (OCBG)

The Orange County Office of Community Development program for 2015 requires a public hearing be held by a municipality that wishes to be a part of the OCBG program.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed 4-0 to hold a public hearing on May 14, 2014 at 7PM in the Town Hall meeting room for the purpose of hearing



public comments on the OCBG block grant and to place the following public notice in the Times Herald Record on May 2, 2014:

TOWN OF CHESTER  
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY  
CHESTER, NY 10918

The Town Board of Chester invites public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held on May 14, 2014 at 7 PM at the Chester Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY. Under this Program a variety of physical improvements as listed below are eligible for funding:

1. Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property
2. Public Works, Public Facilities or site Improvements
3. Code Enforcement (Housing and Health Codes)
4. Clearance, Demolition and Rehabilitation for Public Use or Economic Development
5. Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Grants
6. Special Projects for Elderly and Handicapped
7. Provision of Public Services (Shelters, Clinics, Senior Nutrition, etc.)
8. Payment of Non-Federal Shares of Other Grant Programs
9. Relocation Payments and Assistance

The Town will be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County community Development Program. The deadline for which is May 30, 2014.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF CHESTER

ALEX JAMIESON  
SUPERVISOR

La ciudad de Chester Invita comentario del publico y sugerencias en cuanto a proyectos que seran pagados por los fondos del Orange County Community Development Program. Una audiencia Publica sera reunida el 14<sup>th</sup> ala 7 PM en de Mayo, 2014. Bejo esta programa hay una variedad de mejoramientos fisicos cuales se alistan abajo y que elegibles para conseguir fondos:

1. Adquisicion y disposician de bienes raices
2. Proyectos publicos, y mejoramientos de sitio o de facilidades publicas
3. Codigo de compulsion (codigos de alojamiento y sanidad)
4. Hacer espacio libre, la demolocion y la rehabilitacion para uso del public o desarrollo economico
5. Prestamos y donaciones para la rehabilitacion de alojamientos
6. Proyectos especiales para los de edad avanzaday los que tienen una desventaja
7. Provision de sercicios publicos (hospedajes, clinicas, nutricion para los edad avanzada , efeetera.)
8. Pago de acciones no-federales de otros programas de donacion
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La ciudad de Chester considerara proyectos la fecha tope sometidos al Programa de Orange County Development sera el May 30, 2014.

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Alex Jamieson, Supervisor

#### EDUCATION REQUESTS

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to send Sgt. Vitale to a course offered by the Orange County District Attorney's office on domestic violence. The course to be held on May 16, 2014 and will be held in New Windsor. There is no fee for the course. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith authorizing Sgt. Vitale, Sgt. Eckert and Chief Doellinger to attend training titled "Investigation Overview and Managing the Media". Said course to take place on May 6, 2014 in Cottekill, NY. There is no fee for the course. Motion carried 4-0.

#### REQUEST FOR NEW HIGHWAY VEHICLE

A letter was received from Highway Superintendent LaSpina requesting financing to purchase of a new pick up truck to replace Car 1. The Attorney has already reviewed the paperwork and did not see any legal issues with same.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to purchase a new pick up truck to replace Car 1 through a lease purchase agreement. Vehicle is being purchased under the Chautauqua County award under a three year lease payment plan. Cost of vehicle is \$31,366. Motion carried 4-0.

#### FIREWORKS CONTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with Fireworks Extravaganza in the amount of \$11,000. Motion carried 4-0.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation is in need of a push lawnmower. The Highway Department will purchase the mower and the funding will be taken from the parks and recreation account.

#### GLENMERE DAM

Supervisor Jamieson said that Tectonic Engineers were awarded the contract for the Glenmere Dam remediation. The remediation amount is estimated at \$3.5 million to be divided between the County of Orange, Town of Chester and Village of Florida.



The SEQRA process will begin.

Attorney Bonacic informed those present that the Town maintains the road over the dam. The dam is over 80 years old. The spillway was not maintained for over 30 years. This is considered a high hazard dam.

#### MC COY PROPERTY (67 PINES HILL ROAD)

Supervisor Jamieson said he spoke to Mr. McCoy. Mr. McCoy would like the town to handle this unsafe structure.

Attorney Bonacic said if the Town handles this, it will cost Mr. McCoy a considerable amount more as the Town will have to pay prevailing wages.

Supervisor Jamieson will call Mr. McCoy tomorrow.

#### REGIONAL TACTICAL RESPONSE UNIT

Councilman Murray asked Chief Doellinger to speak to the Board about a regional tactical unit.

Chief Doellinger said having a police officer on this unit would have not incur any cost to the Town. The Officer interested (Officer Bird) has equipment. The municipalities currently participating are Town of Tuxedo, Town of Woodbury, and Village of Harriman.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith authorizing Officer Bird to become a part of a regional tactical response unit and authorizing the Town to sign the memorandum of agreement regarding this. Motion carried 4-0.

#### COMMUNITY PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Councilwoman Ranni said she previously spoke to the Board about the Community Prosecution Program that the District Attorney's office started.

It was determined to have them at one of the May meetings.

They will be placed on the May 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. Councilwoman Ranni will contact them to schedule.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maureen Jagos, Director of the library asked the status of the HVAC at the library.

She was told once the Town Hall is completed, the Library will be looked at.

Tracy Schuh asked about another mine in Chester. She said the Chester Hill Holdings project includes mining.

The information on this project is in the Town Board binder.



#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 7:45 PM by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to enter into executive session regarding personnel matters. Motion carried 4-0.

The executive session ended at 8:55 PM on motion by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni. Motion carried 4-0.

#### HIRING OF PART TIME CLEANER

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to hire Elaine Szulwach as a part time cleaner effective April 26, 2014. Motion carried 3 in favor, 1 abstaining (Councilwoman Smith) and 1 absent (Councilman Valentine).

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Murray to close the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Smith and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Reilly,  
Town Clerk  
2014-04-23