

TOWN BOARD MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
MAY 14, 2014
7 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

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

PUBLIC HEARING
ORANGE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Supervisor Jamieson opened the public hearing.

The Town Clerk to read the notice as it appeared 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 14th 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
9. Pagos para ayundar en loclizarse y pagos y asistencia parga relocalizarse

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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El Chester
Bordo ciudad de Chester

Alex Jamieson,
Supervisor

Supervisor Jamieson asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Reilly
Town Clerk
2014-05-14

TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2014 7:10 PM

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letter from Assemblyman James Scoufis informing the Board of a grant for the police department (cameras for cars) in the amount of \$12,200. This is part of the Byrne grant.

There will be an Independence Party Primary on June 24, 2014. This is for the Congressional seat.

Suburban Propane will be at the June 11th meeting to present Fireworks check.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the minutes up through March 26, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilman Valentine and passed 4-0 to approve the bills in the following funds:

General	\$ 38,311.61
Part Town	38,233.51
Highway	15,531.23
Highway Part Town	9,698.66
Walton Lake Water	10,255.26
Surrey Meadows Water	766.61
Lake Hill Farms Water	719.26
Sugar Loaf Hills Water	1,536.62
Fieldcrest Water	61.08
Garbage District	47,672.38
Trust and Agency	<u>18,281.03</u>
TOTAL	\$181,067.25

TETZ LETTER OF CREDIT

Supervisor Jamieson the Board received a letter from the Highway Superintendent regarding Tetz Road and the letter of credit on file with the Town. He said all issues have been resolved and everything is in satisfactory condition.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to release the letter of credit #1064 (Catskill Hudson Bank) in the amount of \$96,285.00 pending review of the Attorney. Motion carried 4-0.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to send Chief Dan Doellinger to the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police annual training conference from July 13 – 16, 2014. He cost is \$159 per night and registration fee of \$150. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni authorizing Deputy Town Clerk Linda Zappala to attend the NYALGRO conference from June 8 to 10, 2014 in Lake George, NY. Cost is \$380. Motion carried 4-0.

OHEL TORRAH

Ohel Torrah is before the Town to reestablish their property as a school. They are in contact with county regarding septic system and food service. They will be coming before the Planning Board.

ENERGY CONTACTS

Supervisor Jamieson reviewed with the Board the redistricting on the energy districts.

Melissa Messimo (SP) representing M & R Energy Resources Corp. reported that during the last contract period the Town saved over 38 percent on their energy rates.

Due to the redistricting in the Federal guidelines, (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC) the rates in this area will increase. The new zone for the Chester area includes New York City and Long Island. It is estimated the increase could be between 5 and 30 percent. The Town is looking at a 30% increase.

Melissa recommended the town look at an 18 month contract. This would take the Town through 2 summers.

The Board did not make any decision at this time.

E RECYCLING

Since ISW has refused to accept e recycling, Supervisor Jamieson has been in contact with National Parts regarding e recycling. National Parts is willing to put a container on their property to collect e recycling. National Parts has a subsidiary C & I Waste that can recycle the electronics. Cost has to be finalized.

He said he spoke to Marisa at IWS regarding the cost to be paid by IWS since the e recycling is part of the current contract with IWS.

Councilwoman Ranni asked the time frame

There is no time frame yet.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Ranni reported the Comprehensive Committee has completed their work. The Town Board now needs to meet and discuss the plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to begin the May 28, 2014 and June 11, 2014 meetings at 5:30 PM to review the Comprehensive Committee's final draft. Motion carried 4-0.

MCCOY HOUSE 67 PINES HILL ROAD UNSAFE STRUCTURE

Councilman Valentine asked the status of the McCoy house. He thinks Mr. McCoy should be given a deadline.

Supervisor Jamieson said he told Mr. McCoy it would be an increased cost to him if the Town handled the removal of the unsafe structure as prevailing wages would have to be paid. He has not heard anything back from Mr. McCoy.

OHEL TORRAH

Councilman Valentine said he would like to make sure that Ohel Torrah does not move back into the building.

Engineer Al Fusco reported the County approved the septic. Mr. Fusco signed off on the septic system.

TRUCK REPAIRS

Councilman Valentine questioned the cost of repairs on highway vehicles.

Supervisor Jamieson said this could be looked into.

SENIOR CENTER

Councilman Valentine referenced the memo from the Building Inspector regarding the emergency lights at the Senior Center.

Supervisor Jamieson will speak to the Building Inspector regarding this.

Councilman Valentine said he would also contact the Building Inspector.

CHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (CVAC)

Councilman Murray asked if CVAC removed their items from the Building.

Supervisor Jamieson replied 'no'.

ENGINEER MATTERS

Al Fusco said he met with Alan Sorenson regarding the possible grant (TAP) for the Sugar Loaf area. He reported there is no defined right of ways. This would cause problems with a grant to install sidewalks. There is a limited time period to address acquiring the cost of right of ways (surveys and acquisition of right of ways). Then, perhaps the Orange County Transportation Council could address sidewalks two years from now.

Alan Sorenson would have to be authorized to submit the grant papers for the cost to obtain right of ways and there would be a cost for Mr. Sorenson's time. This should be done by the next meeting.

Supervisor Jamieson will contact Mr. Sorenson.

TOWN HALL REMEDIATION AND HVAC PROJECT

Engineer Al Fusco said the contract signing for the Town Hall project will take place on May 22, 2014.

REFINANCE OF BONDING

Supervisor Jamieson said he met with bonding agents regarding restructuring the note on Knapp's View. He estimated the Town could save over \$500,000 over four to five years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Morrow of King Tract reported that last week kids were at the water plant in King Tract. They were banging something in the plant. She asked what the town was going to do about getting in touch with the court about having a fence installed in this area. She would also know when the old tank would be removed.

Supervisor Jamieson said he would speak to the Building Inspector.

Barbara Morrow also asked if the Town was planning to do anything regarding the flooding in the Town of Chester. She asked if the Town was planning on applying for grants or cleaning any streams.

Supervisor Jamieson said the Town has to follow the DEC guidelines.

Ms. Morrow said there are no restrictions with regard to the stream from Bull Mill Road to the Kessler house.

Attorney Bonacic told the Board not to engage in any conversation as this matter is in litigation.

Mr. Kessler how the past action of the Town could affect the future actions regarding the King Tract lawsuit.

Attorney Bonacis said the basis fo the lawsuit is that is it the duty of the Town to maintain the stream. The Town does not maintain that it is the responsibility of the Town of maintain the stream.

Edie Johnson of the Chronicle asked if the Yeshiva had a license to operate a school.

Supervisor Jamieson said they submitted a license for a school. They need to show that it is up to code.

Tracy Schuh asked about the special meeting regarding billboards.

Al Fusco replied a survey is in the process of being done. It is 90% complete.

Barry Sloan commented on the website. The information is not current and one link takes the user to the Town of New Windsor's site.

Supervisor Jamieson said there will be a presentation next week.

Barry Sloan also commented on the rail road crossings in Chester. He said they are not being maintained by ConRail. He said he called ConRail and was told the municipality has to contact them.

Supervisor Jamieson said he will call and have the Highway Superintendent send a letter.

Al Fusco will help.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 8:05 PM by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 4-0.

The executive session ended at 10:00 PM on motion by Councilman Murray which was seconded by Councilman Valentine and carried 4-0.

SALARY INCREASE

A motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to increase Eric Johnson and Kris Grohl's salary to \$12. Per hour effective next payroll period. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business brought before the Town Board, a motion was made at 10:05 PM to close the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Reilly
Town Clerk
2014-05-14