

**TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014
7:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Supervisor Jamieson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 PM followed by a salute to the flag.

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

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq.

The Deputy Town Clerk read the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on August 21, 2014, September 1, 2014 and September 10, 2014.

Following the reading of the notice and there being no public comments, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to close the Public Hearing on Special Districts at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW ENTITLED,
A LOCAL LAW REDUCING THE SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine to open the Public Hearing on Introductory Law entitled, A Local Law Reducing the Speed Limits on Certain Roads in The Town of Chester. Motion carried 5-0.

The Deputy Town Clerk read the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on September 1, 2014, September 5 and September 10, 2014.

Following the reading of the notice and there being no public comments, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to close the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2014
7:21 PM

Supervisor Jamieson called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. following the Public Hearings.

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

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A motion was made by Councilman Murray, seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed 5-0 to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$120,303.48
GENERAL – PART TOWN	17,648.50
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	16,547.14
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	8,658.05
FIELDCREST WATER	374.09
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	2,140.01
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	2,183.93
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	1,733.83
GARBAGE DISTRICT	48,533.72
TRUST & AGENCY	4,497.33
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>2,257.05</u>
	\$224,877.13

MOODY'S RATING

Supervisor Jamieson reported that the Town received a rating of AA3 from Moody's which has been the same for the past couple of years. The rating is stable . The refunding bonds have a lowered interest rate of 2% from 4.5% resulting in a savings of \$740,000 over the next 5 years; \$155,000 expected in 2015.

COUNTY SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to accept the Snow and Ice Agreement with the County of Orange and allow the Supervisor to sign said agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

HIGHWAY VEHICLE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to sell the 2005 Ford Expedition to Charlie Weskowski for \$2,500.00 after the listing on Propertyroom.com failed to bring in any offers. Motion carried 5-0.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Jamieson read the request from the library director concerning library appointments. Supervisor Jamieson tabled this request until the September 24th meeting so that the Board could meet with the candidates.

E-RECYCLING

Supervisor Jamieson updated the Board on the contract issues with IWS regarding E-recycling. The Town attorney has sent a letter and has asked that IWS cure the breach of contract by the 22nd of September.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to send PO Slaughter to Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents on October 14-16, 2014 at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to send PO Oppman to NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services 80-hour Basic Criminal Investigations course on September 22 to October 3, 2014 at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to send PO Slaughter to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Basic Crash Management Course on November 3-7, 2014 at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to send Sharon Conklin to the annual NYSHIP Regional meeting on October 15, 2014, with associated cost of mileage and tolls. Motion carried 5-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Supervisor Jamieson gave an update on the developments at the Commons Park. He has heard a lot of praise from the parents, school officials, and workers. They are saying the field is now like a real football stadium. Carpenter Park is next on the restoration. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts.

Councilwoman Smith added that she was impressed with the table that was transformed from an old tree stump. The Labor Day Family event was a success with the improvements to the bathrooms and grills.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, September 13, 2015 from 10 a.m.-2p.m. There will be free hot dogs, drinks and snacks provided to the children.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to transfer \$6,725.00 from the Parkland Fund to 7110.4 (fund a/c# as corrected by bookkeeper) to cover the cost of bathroom renovation and the goal post. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged the Highway Department for all their help to complete the field work ahead of the start of the football season.

SUGAR LOAF METHODIST CHURCH

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to declare a type-2 action based on SEQRA with regards to the Sugar Loaf Methodist Church application of inclusion in the Sugar Loaf Hills Water District. Motion carried 5-0.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the dues payment for membership of the Town to the Association of Towns. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JUSTICE COURT

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester wishes to support the efforts of the various Town Offices with regard to upgrading the office with equipment to provide efficiency in the workplace, and,

WHEREAS, the Justice Court of the Town of Chester wishes to apply for a grant from the NYS Unified Court System which would provide up-to-date technology and office equipment to their office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chester supports the efforts of the Town Justice Court and authorizes the Justice Court to apply for a grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign said grant application.

SEWER DISTRICT APPLICATION

Supervisor Jamieson announced that the Dukes of Kings Highway have petitioned the Board for sewer district inclusion.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson read the letter received from Mrs. Rebecca Doderer of 518 Black Meadow Road, Chester, concerning the cost to her to secure a building permit on her residence, since there wasn't one issued when the house was built in 1973. She is asking for relief from the \$3,772 building permit fee.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Supervisor Jamieson read a letter received from the NYS Department of Public Service announcing a free lifeline service for the elderly.

Supervisor Jamieson read a letter received from the Shaughnessy family thanking the Town for remembering Mr. Shaughnessy with flowers. Mr. Shaughnessy was a big influence on the Town and County. He served as a Councilman and Judge and was involved in the parks system development.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the retirement of Town Clerk, Elizabeth A. (Betty Ann) Reilly as of September 30, 2014. Her long list of public service includes working for Chester Parks & Recreation, Village Court Clerk, Town Tax Receiver, Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk since 1990. He said she is the most popular person in the Town of Chester and has been the first wall of defense at the Town.

BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith announced that the plastic wrap used by farmers is recyclable through Trexe Co. of Montgomery, (503) 816-3754.

Councilwoman Smith also commented on the impending retirement of Town Clerk, Betty Ann Reilly. She said she would really be missed as she always answered questions from anyone coming into Town Hall and was always ready to direct them to where they needed to go.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the air conditioning status of the library and the funding for the work. Supervisor Jamieson said the work should be done this fall and the expense goes through the building fund account.

Councilman Valentine asked if the sewer connection request should be directed to Moodna. Supervisor Jamieson said yes.

Councilwoman Ranni inquired as to the status of the proposed billboards law. Supervisor Jamieson said we are still in the 30-45 day waiting period for comments from the County and Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Patricia Langton asked the Board why she had not received the minutes she requested from August 2014. She thought it was a lack of transparency that they were not posted to the web. Attorney Bonacic directed her to contact the Town Clerk's office as the Board would not be responsible for FOIL. She also requested information on the Devora Lindemann investigation. Attorney Bonacic suggested she FOIL her request to the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Fred Widman of Ridings Lane asked about the status of the King Tract Water company property. Supervisor Jamieson answered that the company previously managing water is still doing so for the bank (owner). A study is underway with regard to taking over the facility. The Town is in the process of receiving pricing for wells. Supervisor Jamieson said that there could a special meeting scheduled to discuss the options with the homeowners.

Mr. Widman also suggested a right hand turn lane at the intersection of 17M and Kings Highway. Since that is a County Road, Mr. Jamieson suggested the County be contacted with the suggestion.

Chief Doellinger announced the 911 Memorial Service to be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2014.

Chief Doellinger also announced that the Town of Chester Police Department car seat check would take place on Saturday, September 13, 2014 during the Touch-a-Truck event.

John Berolson of the Bellvale Community announced that on September 20, 2014 the Bellvale Community will have a Back to School BBQ at 4-6:30 p.m. including dinner and a camp fire. All are invited to attend.

Walter Popailo of the Parks and Recreation Department announced the Halloween Parade to take place on October 19, 2014 with a rain date of October 26, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to close the Executive Session and reopen the general meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith to proceed in the litigation proceeding regarding Camp Monroe in answering the Appellate Division. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no other business brought before the Board, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motioned carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Deputy Town Clerk
2014.09.10