

TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014
7:05 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:05 PM followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine, Absent: Councilman Murray

Also Present: Al Fusco

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni and passed 4-0 to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 95,282.26
GENERAL – PART TOWN	11,208.07
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	13,624.02
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	43,398.68
FIELDCREST WATER	430.59
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	732.76
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1,123.12
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	779.37
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,151.00
TRUST & AGENCY	2,654.75
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>967.60</u>
	\$217,352.22

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the minutes through September 04, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

A date was set to hold a budget workshop review on October 16, 2014 at 6 p.m.

MOODNA COMMISSION

Supervisor Jamieson announced that on October 21, 2014 there will be a meeting of the Moodna Basin Sewer Commission. It is anticipated that a new commissioner will be elected at that time.

GLENMERE DAM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and Councilwoman Ranni to approve the remedial work to the Glenmere Lake Dam and permit Supervisor Jamieson to sign the NYSDEC application. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion: Councilwoman Smith asked how much the work was costing. Supervisor replied it would be \$1.2 million per municipality.

POLICE INTERCEPTOR PURCHASE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to allow the Police Department to purchase a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD police vehicle at a cost of \$27,125 as budgeted in 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

IN-CAR DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERAS BID PURCHASE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to accept the bid of \$23,139 from the lowest bidder, Martel Electronics Sales, Inc. on the recommendation of Chief Doellinger. Motion carried 4-0. The purchase will be made through grant funds of \$12,200.00 along with \$12,965 as budgeted in 2014 for this purchase.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the education requests submitted by Chairman's Don Serotta and Dimitrios Lambros on behalf of the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards. Motion carried 4-0. Costs varies from \$15-55 for classes. These classes address the minimum training requirement of Town law.

DEC SPDES PERMIT FOR MS4

Supervisor Jamieson reported the MS4 for the Storm Water Discharge for the period March 2014 through March 2015 was received from the Town engineer. The Engineer explained we are a MS4 community. As such we are required to conduct training of the highway personnel to identify unusual discharge. The new developments in Town have SPDES permits and reports received by the Town's engineer from the developers' engineer are put together in the storm water discharge report for the Town. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the permit application and allow the Supervisor to sign same. Motion carried 4-0.

PLANNING BOARD VACANCY

Supervisor Jamieson announced the recent resignation of John Gargano and the interview to replace him. Chairman Serotta interviewed Ernie Damiani previously of the ZBA to fill the vacancy.

MEETING TIME CHANGE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to change the time of the Town Board meeting of October 22, 2014 from 7p.m. to 6p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

SALARY APPROVAL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the Town Clerk's salary on a prorated basis for the newly appointed Town Clerk, Linda Zappala. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to allow the New York Blood Center to host a blood drive in memory of Town resident Joseph Becker on November 8, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Chester Senior Center. Motion carried 4-0.

TOWN WIDE LEAF PICK-UP

Supervisor Jamieson provided information received from Highway Superintendent LaSpina in regard to leaf pick-up. The program will start October 27, 2014 through the first week of December. Leaves should be put curbside. The highway cannot accept brush.

PARK FEE SCHEDULE

Supervisor Jamieson noted the Board's discussions with Park and Recreation regarding a new park fee schedule. This discussion was tabled until October 22, 2014, awaiting Park and Rec's recommendations.

PARKLAND FEE TRANSFER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the transfer of \$8,000 from the Parkland Fee account to 7110.4 to pay towards the striping of the basketball courts, new basketball hoops, and development of new ice skating rink.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Ranni announced the Sugar Loaf Fall Festival on October 10, 11, 12th, 2014.

Also, Councilwoman Ranni announced the upcoming Halloween Parade on October 26, 2014. Originally scheduled for the 19th, Councilwoman Ranni made note of the date change.

Supervisor Jamieson added that the SLPAC would also be having an "under the tent" beer tasting during the festival.

Supervisor Jamieson also noted that the property owned by Tom Napola has used his property as a vineyard. He is currently trying to obtain a liquor license to allow for the development of a winery and/or bed and breakfast on the property.

Councilwoman Smith asked the engineer about the status of the new Town building. Mr. Fusco replied that he is in the middle of doing some preliminary layouts and designs. The site work is complete. It is a little tight. He is looking at the possibility of incorporating the Police Department and Court. Substantial plans should be completed within the next 30 days.

Councilwoman Smith said she discussed the work the Parks and Rec department are doing. They will be working at Carpenter Field. They are going to paint inside, and redo the concession stand.

Councilwoman Smith announced the Park and Recreation bus trip to NYC on December 6, 2014.

In addition Councilwoman Smith noted that the Parks and Recreation department is really moving along and are planning a skate party. Anyone needing additional information may contact Walter Popailo.

Councilwoman Smith discussed her meeting with Sugar Loaf residents who are interested in forming an architectural review board. Supervisor Jamieson suggested creating a strategy as to how the Town would like to see this board. Whether one district or town-wide, the goals of the committee need to be defined.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the Billboard law. Supervisor Jamieson announced the Town is waiting on the County's reply.

Councilwoman Smith attended a Moodna Commission meeting. She said they are discussing the budget for 2015. It should be voted on at their next meeting.

RENAMING COMMONS PARK

Councilwoman Smith asked the status of the park renaming. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to rename the Chester Commons Park to the "Charles Shaughnessy Park". Motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Valentine wanted to put on record the parkland acceptance at Ashford Estates. Supervisor Jamieson said he had discussions with Chester School Superintendent and reassured him that they would work something out with regard to the land use. Councilman Valentine suggested the engineer make an assessment of the best use.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Morrow asked the Board if the new Town Hall would be put on the ballot for a referendum. Supervisor answered that the new location for the building does not require a referendum as that property is not parkland. Ms. Morrow asked when the Town Board might have more information regarding costs of the project. Supervisor Jamieson replied sometime next year.

Ms. Morrow mentioned that the new sewer system still overflows. She said she was told it needed to be packed. She commented that Moodna doesn't operate efficiently. Supervisor Jamieson explained that the by-laws are written whereby at least one vote from each municipality is needed for a motion to pass. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 5:30 at Chester Village Hall. Ms. Morrow requested a copy of the by-laws. Councilwoman Smith said she would obtain a copy for Ms. Morrow.

Mrs. Morrow said after unsuccessfully attempting to get in touch with Moodna, Mr. Morrow came to speak with Supervisor Jamieson. Once it was brought to his attention, Supervisor Jamieson contacted Moodna and the problem was resolved. Mrs. Morrow thanked Supervisor Jamieson.

Ms. Johnson asked for a status of the Mountco project. Supervisor Jamieson said the County has to do the SEQRA process over and include sewer capacity. Supervisor Jamieson said he will not move forward with any project considerations until Mountco gets what they need from the County.

Walter Papailo addressed the Board and mentioned that the Kite Festival at Knapp's View is October 18, 2014. The Halloween Parade is scheduled on October 26, 2014. The NYC bus trip is December 6, 2014. Holiday Party is set for December 7, 2014. There will be a skating party scheduled on the new rink sometime this winter. There is a bus trip to a casino being planned for February. Park & Rec is also planning to host a prom for the senior club.

Ms. Pat Langton expressed dissatisfaction with the FOIL process, spending and lack of transparency in the Town of Chester. She cited the expenditure of thousands of taxpayer dollars to launch an investigation of a library trustee.

Ms. Mary Langton thanked Town Clerk, Linda Zappala for providing the minutes she FOILED. She is waiting for other FOIL requests from last month. She said that if the answer is no she understands, but she would like to know the reason why a FOIL request might be denied.

Mr. Diffley asked if draft minutes can be obtained through FOIL. Supervisor Jamieson answered that they can be requested and draft minutes may also be found on the website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine to end the Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Jamieson asked the Board if they would want to request for members for the Architectural Review Board. A discussion ensued about current code and necessary modifications. Planning Board Chair Serotta cautioned the Board about moving forward. The discussion was tabled until October 22, 2014, at which time both the Planning Board chair and Town attorney could be present to further discuss the matter.

CDPHP

Supervisor Jamieson announced the meeting he had with CDPHP representatives with the changes made via the Affordable Care Act. Since they offer the lowest cost to the Town, Supervisor Jamieson would like to stay with them. There were a few minor changes in the new policy. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to renew the health insurance coverage through CDPHP. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business brought before the Board, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith at 8:10 p.m. and seconded by Councilman Valentine to close the Town Board meeting at. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk