

TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2014
7:00 PM

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:00 PM followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine

Also present: Engineer Al Fusco

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Smith and passed 5-0 to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 75,335.67
GENERAL – PART TOWN	14,582.53
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	13,017.99
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	19,060.70
FIELDCREST WATER	165.15
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	4,911.06
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	2,138.97
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	1,515.64
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,151.00
TRUST & AGENCY	7,768.95
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>14,512.41</u>
	\$200,160.07

BOARD MEETING CANCELLATIONS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to cancel the Town Board meetings of November 26, 2014 and December 24, 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict with a Planning Board meeting, Supervisor Jamieson asked if the Board would re-schedule the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to change the meeting date of the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan 2014 Updates from December 3, 2014 to December 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Jamieson read the Proclamation issued to Eagle Scout Michael Moore of Chester Boy Scout Troop 152.

TOWN BOARD OF CHESTER

EAGLE SCOUT

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester is desirous of recognizing outstanding achievements by members of the Chester Community; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Program is the highest rank achieved in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, less than 5% of all registered Boy Scouts in the world obtain this rank; and

WHEREAS, this rank deserves particular recognition; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Michael Moore has successfully completed the Eagle Scout requirements of the Boy Scouts of America and Hudson Valley Council Troop 152; and

WHEREAS, this fine young man will be honored at an Eagle Court of Honor on November 22, 2014, and

WHEREAS, Michael Moore rebuilt the retaining wall and landscaped the area around St. Columba's Church; and

WHEREAS, this retaining wall and landscaping beautifies the Church's property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Chester do hereby add their congratulations and best wishes to the honored Scout; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 12, 2014.

TOWN OF CHESTER,
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Alexander Jamieson, Supervisor

EDUCATION REQUEST

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Supervisor Jamieson and Sharon Conklin to attend the Annual Association of Towns Personnel Management School, on November 13, 2014 in Kingston, New York for a cost of \$75.00 p/person plus mileage and tolls. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the purchase of an air compressor for the highway at a cost of \$3,245 representing the lowest cost of three estimates obtained. Motion carried 5-0. Discussion: The air compressor is needed for the mechanics to operate their tools. The highway department's present air compressor is over 30 years old.

ARBOR DAY EVENT GRANT

Supervisor Jamieson read a post card from the NYS Urban Forestry Council with regard to a grant program allotting up to \$1,000 to form a shady tree committee within their municipality. Applications are due December 2, 2014. Engineer Al Fusco said he would pursue this grant for the Town.

CHESTER COMMONS PARK

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to go to bid for a plaque for the newly named "Charles Shaughnessy Chester Commons Park". Motion carried 5-0.

2015 BUDGET ADOPTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to adopt the 2015 Town of Chester Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Supervisor Jamieson spoke to the Board about the letter received from the NYS DOT in response to the Towns Proposed Speed Limit Reduction Law. Their opinion was to leave the speed limits as already set. The Town's request for a school speed zone on Hambletonian Avenue is subject to a study, which is underway. Engineer Fusco commented that the Town can support their request with accident reports. Chief Doellinger said he is in touch with the County Engineer in regard to their findings.

FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Supervisor Jamieson read Chief Doellinger's recommendation of the hiring of Christopher D'Agnese as a full-time police officer. He is a Chester resident and current NYPD Officer. He is on the County civil service list and has the basic course for Police Officers. This hire fills the vacant police officer position created by the retirement of Det. Ardisi and subsequent promotion to fill that vacancy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

POLICE OFFICER HIRE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to hire Christopher D'Agnese as a Full-time Police Officer for the Town of Chester. Motion carried 5-0.

GLENMERE DAM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the signing by the Supervisor of the Glenmere Dam Remedial TCD application. Motion carried 5-0.

PROPOSED BILLBOARD AND DIGITAL SIGN LAW

Supervisor Jamieson reported that the County returned their comments regarding the Proposed Billboard and Digital Sign Law and found no issues with it. The Planning Board has already submitted comments on this proposed law. The Public Hearing which has been set for December 10, 2014 will allow for additional comments.

LETTER OF CREDIT REDUCTION

Supervisor Jamieson reminded the Board that they had approved the bond reduction for Reiger Homes but M&T Bank has sent a formal request. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to allow Supervisor Jamieson permission to sign the Letter of Credit reduction for Reiger Homes from M&T Bank. Motion carried 5-0.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to transfer \$7,078.34 from Parkland Fees to 7140.2. Motion carried 5-0. Discussion: These funds are to be used to pay for basketball polls and nets, perimeter netting and hockey goals for the ice rink at Carpenter Park.

FEMA MITIGATION PLAN

A MOTION WS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to attend the FEMA Mitigation Plan meeting on December 2, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Emergency Services Center, Goshen, NY. Motion carried 5-0.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Alan Sorenson addressed the Board concerning the Comprehensive Plan updates. He has taken the minutes from the June, July & August meetings and incorporated those changes within the plan. He suggested a final work session to review the changes before the public hearing. Supervisor Jamieson and Councilman Valentine agreed to meet with Mr. Sorenson on November 17, 2014 at 10.a.m. to make any additional changes.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Ranni asked about website revisions. She noted that it is not user friendly. Supervisor Jamieson commented that once the old website is shut down, the new website will be easier to find. Supervisor Jamieson agreed that there is still work that needs to be done.

Councilwoman Smith informed the Board that Don Duke of Sugar Loaf may be sending a letter of interest with regard to the proposed Sugar Loaf architectural committee.

Councilwoman Smith commended Parks & Recreation for the improvements to be done at Carpenter Field with the building of an ice skating rink.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shary Denes commented that in a previous meeting it was discussed that there would be a separate sheet summarizing the Comprehensive Plan changes. Supervisor Jamieson said that would be a fine way to identify changes.

Ms. Denes asked about the Fox Hill removal of trees. Al Fusco commented that they would probably be moved to individual properties.

Ms. Denes asked about the municipal complex building. Supervisor Jamieson commented that at the present time, the Town will be making some minor improvements to the Senior Center with paint and flooring. These improvements will allow the Parks and Recreation Department to make use of the facility. Any new construction will not start until after summer 2015.

Richard Wilson asked the Board the status of his request made previously regarding a zone change on his property so he may develop a senior housing project. He was referred to the zoning board of appeals and then back to the Town Board for changes. Supervisor Jamieson is still waiting for comments back from the ZBA. Supervisor Jamieson stated that a zone change was important to Mr. Wilson's project but also crucial to the Town. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan is being changed and the floating zones may be eliminated. Supervisor Jamieson said it is a huge change in zoning from the most spread out zoning to high density. Mr. Lambros had commented that there were some concerns regarding location. Supervisor Jamieson suggested a meeting with Mr. Wilson once he receives final comments from the ZBA.

Tracy Shuh asked if the Comprehensive Plan changes would be put up on the website. Supervisor Jamieson commented that it would be put on the website as soon as possible.

Ms. Shuh reminded the Board of the training requirements set by law by the Town regarding Planning and Zoning Board members. Supervisor Jamieson said he is receiving reports from the Board Chairs concerning continuing education.

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to close the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2014-11-12