

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**April 22, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

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

Also present: Attorney Scott Bonacic

### PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2015

Supervisor Jamieson announced that there would be a re-scheduling of the Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan update 2015 as there was some trouble getting the new plan on the Town's website. He wanted all to have adequate opportunity to review and comment on the plan. Supervisor Jamieson added that there are copies of the Comprehensive Plan available for anyone present and they also can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours as well as the town's website at chester-ny.gov.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to schedule a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update 2015 on May 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room. Motion carried 5-0.

### MOODNA ROOF REPAIR BID

Supervisor Jamieson announced the sealed bid opening for the Moodna roof repairs at 111 Greycourt Road, Chester, NY was held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 3p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room. The lowest bid was submitted by TNT Contracting in the amounts of \$29,800 for the front roof and \$15,200 for the rear roof. All documents will be sent to Lanc & Tully as engineers on the project for review to determine if they meet the RFP requirements.

### MOCK TRIAL AWARDS

Supervisor Jamieson said that good things happen in the Town of Chester, one of them being the results of the Chester Team in the Mock Trial competition. He invited Mr. Ranni, head coach to speak on the team's accomplishment. Mr. Ranni asked all to stand for a round of applause in recognition of the achievement of the team over this year. He said, in January, they were handed a complicated case including evidence, witness statements and presentations and managed them along with their everyday challenges. He said the team won both rounds on the first day and progressed to the semi-finals, beating the odds. He added that some schools practice all year and the winning school have been involved for over 30 years. Mr. Ranni thanked Chester Academy Principal Denis Petrilak and teacher Coach Ryan Stover for their commitment to the program to get it up and running and diligently recruit and deliver a dynamite team. He said he believes with the experience the team now has it may allow them to come back next year and win. He recognized Judge Haslip and Court Clerks Kathy and Patty for their contributions in organizing the meets. Mr. Ranni recognized Judge Worthy-Spiegl for her contributions to the team's success. Judge Worthy-Spiegl spoke about how proud she was of the team. She said it was her first year being involved in the Mock Trial and looks forward to being involved again in the future. Each team member present introduced themselves and Supervisor Jamieson then presented the Team with Certificates of Achievements from the Town Board.

### TIRE RECYCLING

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Town's tire recycling program from May 4th through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Highway Garage on Laroe Road.

### KIWANIS 5K RUN

Supervisor Jamieson announced the 21<sup>ST</sup> Annual Kiwanis 5K run on May 23, 2015 starting and ending at Carpenter Park.

### ARBOR DAY EVENT

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Arbor Day Event at Knapp's View at 10:00am and the entrance into Sugar Loaf at 10:30am.

### VILLAGE OF CHESTER PARKLAND FEES

Supervisor Jamieson read a letter drafted by Town Attorney to Mayor Valastro requesting the monies in the Village Parkland Fees account be turned over to the Town to be utilized for park improvements made to the parks within Village boundaries.

### PART TIME DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Supervisor Jamieson read the request from the Town Judges to hire a part-time clerk.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to enter into Executive Session at 7:20pm to discuss the hiring of personnel.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:25pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to hire Arlene Rittenhouse as a part-time Deputy Court Clerk. Motion carried 5-0.

### GLENMERE DAM

Supervisor Jamieson indicated he had received a request from the Town engineer regarding the Glenmere Dam negotiations. Attorney Bonacic stated that his office has regular communication with the Orange County Attorney's office overseeing the negotiations with the Towns. Mr. Bonacic elaborated that the reference being made was between the design engineer and the DEC.

### BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith commented that the work done in the Senior Center to replace ceiling tiles by the Bellvale Community looks very nice. Councilwoman Smith asked the status of the wave air purifiers. Supervisor Jamieson said he would follow up with Walter Popailo. She stated the sidewalk to the senior Center is in need of repair. Highway Superintendent LaSpina said he would take a look to see if he could make the necessary repairs. Councilwoman Smith added that the handrail needs to be painted and the front of the Library posts needs to be painted. Supervisor Jamieson commented that a list of maintenance items should be made. Councilwoman Smith also commented about how the highway department removed the dead bushes from the side of Town Hall where the air conditioning units are located. She suggested that the air conditioning units be covered with a white fencing enclosure.

Councilwoman Smith announced that the Library website has a link to Brain Fuse which is a tool for helping students with homework and SAT study. A library card is required.

Councilwoman Smith commented that to upgrade the street lights throughout the Town, Supervisor Jamieson will just have to sign off, but getting new lights requires another process.

Councilwoman Smith commented that her discussions with On Force Solar have been put on hold as she is waiting for them to speak with the bookkeeper about energy costs. She stated that in order for there to be a

profit, the panels would have to be placed on top of Knapp's View. If the building roofs are to be used, they may need shoring up.

Councilwoman Smith asked about Park & Rec making some capital improvements to include fencing around the tennis courts at Carpenter Park. Supervisor Jamieson said Walter Popailo is working on a list of upgrades. Also, she said Superintendent LaSpina will take care of trimming a tree close to the bocce court. She commented that there were quite a number of kids enjoying the hockey and basketball courts. Supervisor Jamieson commented that there have been seen 15-20 kids playing floor hockey on a daily basis.

Councilman Valentine commented that after the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, a committee would need to be established to look at the zoning. Supervisor Jamieson added that he spoke with Don Serotta about establishing a committee. His hope is to make the code black and white instead of grey.

Supervisor Jamieson commented that the library HVAC system is in disrepair. It is quite old and in need of a lot of work. This will require a bidding process as it is anticipated to cost approximately \$40-50,000. Councilwoman Smith added that the vents in the senior center are dirty and need to be cleaned. She asked that be included in the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine at 7:35pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning a person or persons. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:00pm. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business brought before the Board, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
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