

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
June 10, 2015  
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:10 PM followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine. Absent: Councilwoman Ranni

Also present: Attorney Scott Bonacic, Engineer Al Fusco

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine and passed 4-0 to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 40,522.47
GENERAL – PART TOWN	11,552.50
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	16,104.59
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	15,091.30
FIELDCREST WATER	8,383.67
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	3,003.02
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1,068.68
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	2,897.46
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,167.90
TRUST & AGENCY	10,762.31
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>5,624.97</u>
	\$ 162,178.87

**APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the Town Board Minutes through May 19, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 2015 UPDATES**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adopt the “Comprehensive Plan: 2015 Updates”. Motion carried 4-0.

**TEMPORARY PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PERMIT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to grant a temporary public assembly permit to Mr. Richard Logothetis subject to the submission of liability insurance naming the Town of Chester as additional insured within 30 days of permit issuance. Motion carried 4-0.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2015**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to accept and allow Supervisor Jamieson permission to file all paperwork including insurance information and sign the agreement accepting \$125,000 in grant funding. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to appoint Fusco Engineering as Engineer on the Community Development Block Grant 2015 project. Motion carried 4-0.

## **PARKLAND FEES TRANSFER**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the transfer of \$22,346.97 from Park Land Fees for Parks and Parks & Recreation Equipment. Motion carried 4-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to approve the attendance of Town Engineer Al Fusco to the Orange County Hazard Mitigation Workshop on the Town's behalf on June 15 and 16, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

## **SENIOR CENTER BUILDING USE**

A discussion ensued with regard to a request for granting use of the senior center to a group other than civic and not-for-profit organizations. Councilman Murray suggested that allowing this use would set a precedent. The matter was tabled.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

### **NEW WEBSITE**

Supervisor Jamieson invited the Town to take a look at our new and improved website, at [chester-ny.gov](http://chester-ny.gov). He said the new format will keep everyone well informed as all minutes, agendas and related documents can be found in an easy-to-navigate chart.

### **DIAL-A-BUS**

Supervisor Jamieson announced that the Town would be seeking alternatives to our current dial-a-bus service. He asked if the public is interested in using this service if they would either fill in the survey posted on the Town's website or call 469-7000x2 and leave their name and phone number. Surveys are available at the Senior Center. Over the next few months the information will be compiled and used to price out costs with other carriers.

### **HIGHWAY THANK YOU**

Supervisor Jamieson read the letter received from Assemblyman Skoufis thanking the highway department for their round-the-clock maintenance and response to late night winter weather calls. The Assemblyman announced an increase in Chips funding. He asked that any pot holes found on State roads be referred to his office at 469-6929 so that he could get the DOT out to repair.

### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Board of Elections notice concerning the location of polling places. The primary is set for September 10, 2015 and the general election is November 3, 2015.

### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Smith said that something needs to be done about the Sugar Loaf Architectural Review Committee and the situation with the Sugar Loaf parking.

Councilwoman Smith asked what the Board wants to do about the dehumidifier for the senior center. Al Fusco said he would have information for the next meeting.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the status of Scott's Meadows. Supervisor Jamieson answered that they were behind in taxes. The Town is waiting for the property to go to auction this August.

Councilwoman Smith commented that the street lights should be completed in approximately 4 weeks.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Edie Johnson asked when the Comprehensive Plan would be online. Supervisor Jamieson said it would be posted on the website tomorrow.

Ms. Lydia Cuadros commented that the TIPS grant for sidewalks was awarded October 2013 and could be lost if not claimed. Engineer Fusco said he would be in touch with the DOT and report back to the Supervisor. Ms. Cuadros addressed an email from Mr. Zungoli with regard to a request made to the Board to provide GFI electrical boxes for holiday lighting displays in Sugar Loaf. The cost would be \$185.00 p/box and 8 would be needed.

Ms. Sherri Denes asked about the funding of the CDBG grant monies and what would they be used for. Supervisor Jamieson said that right now the project being worked on is the police department taking over the ambulance building. Supervisor Jamieson said the maximum amount is \$375,000 over three years.

Ms. Denes asked about solar panel use by the Town. Councilwoman Smith answered that we would need to use vacant land as a solar farm instead of building roofs, as that would be too costly. A five-acre parcel is required to do it. She said she would look into the options further if feasible.

Mr. John Burleson announced the 10th Annual Bellvale Community BBQ to be held at Community Playthings in the Chester Industrial Park between 12-2p.m. He said all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Burleson also announced the upcoming presentation "Breaking the Cycle" on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Bellvale Community on Gibson Hill Road. He said the forum of speakers who tour schools in the Northeast will speak on the power of overcoming adversity with forgiveness. There are several prominent speakers expected to present.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to enter into an Executive Session at 7:40p.m. for a matter involving attorney/client privilege. Motion carried 4-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:05p.m.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY**

Supervisor Jamieson announced that in honor of 40 years of community service, the Police Department's first annual Emergency Services Day event will be held on June 20, 2015 from 10am-2pm at the Chester Commons Park on Laroe Road. Along with demonstrations from various law enforcement and emergency service groups, including DEC K9-demonstration and Tactical Response Unit Tactical bus entry, there will be free hot dogs, ice cream from Stewart's and cookies from the Bellvale Community. The Chester Police Department will conduct child safety seat installations and inspection and a raffle for a child safety seat will be held. For more information, please contact Sgt. Eckert or Officer Natalizio at 845-469-7000x1.

## **RESOLUTION CONCERNING LITIGATION AGAINST THE TOWN OF MONROE AND THE SUPERVISOR OF MONROE**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AGAINST THE TOWN OF MONROE  
AND/OR THE TOWN OF MONROE'S SUPERVISOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester, along with the Town of Monroe and Village of Chester, is a member of the Moodna Basin Joint Operation & Maintenance Commission ("Moodna Basin J.O.M.C."); and

**WHEREAS**, the Moodna Basin J.O.M.C. employed Brian Smith as its part-time administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Inter-Municipal Agreement that governs the Moodna Basin J.O.M.C., the Town of Monroe's Town Supervisor is responsible for, among other things, issuing all paychecks and making all payments on behalf of the Moodna Basin J.O.M.C., including, but not limited to, payments due and owing to Brian Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor of the Town of Monroe has failed, neglected, or refused to make payment to Brian Smith despite due demands for him to so do,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it hereby,

**RESOLVED**, the Supervisor of the Town of Chester, be and hereby is directed to make formal demand upon the Supervisor of the Town of Monroe to make payment to Brian Smith for his salary and other compensation due him on account of his employment as Administrator of the Moodna Basin J.O.M.C., and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor of the Town of Chester, be and hereby is authorized and directed to retain the law firm of Norton & Christensen, upon such terms as he deems just, proper, advisable and agreed to and shall authorize such Counsel, on behalf of the Town of Chester, to take such actions as may be deemed advisable, including, but not limited to, commencing litigation, against the Town of Monroe and/or the Supervisor of the Town of Monroe to compel the Town of Monroe's Supervisor to make payments on behalf of the Moodna Basin J.O.M.C. to Brian Smith for compensation due him; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to take such actions and to perform such other and further acts that are reasonably necessary, proper or convenient to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.

Introduced By: Councilman Robert Valentine

Seconded By: Councilman Jerry Murray

On a vote of   4   to   0  , the Resolution was adopted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO INHABIT  
THEIR CURRENT BUILDING AT 1784 KINGS HIGHWAY, CHESTER, NEW YORK**

Councilwoman Smith offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Chester Public Library Board of Trustees is preparing to file an application for a grant through NYS Public Library Grant Program and

**WHEREAS**, a requirement of the application is a letter from the Municipality certifying that the Town will allow the Library to inhabit the current building for a least 10 years from the date of the proposed project completion, and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be utilized to further cover costs associated with the proposed project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester affirm that the Chester Public Library may inhabit the current Library building located at 1784 Kings Highway for a 10-year period from the proposed project completion date.

The foregoing was seconded by Councilman Murray.

*On a roll call vote:*

<i>Councilwoman Smith</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Murray</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Supervisor Jamieson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Councilman Valentine</i>	<i>Aye</i>

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to increase the hourly rate paid to Kris Grohl, part-time employee of the Parks & Recreation Department from \$12.36 to \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried 4-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to change the Park & Recreation position from part-time to full-time. Motion carried 4-0.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT AWARD**

Chief Doellinger announced receipt of grant funds from Assembly Skoufis in the amount of \$9,700 towards the purchase of a UTV and trailer. There is no match required.

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged the donation by Evelyn Brady of 3 sycamore trees scheduled to be planted in the parks.

There being no further business brought before the Board a motion was made by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn at 8:10p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
06-10-2015