

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 24, 2015
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 Smith, Councilwoman Ranni. Absent: Councilman Valentine.

M&R ENERGY

Supervisor Jamieson spoke on the energy bid process that takes place on a 2-year basis. Based on the proposal received from M&R Energy Resources Corp. the current contract rate is .09230 per kWh. The current rate through Constellation Energy for 24 months is .07244. This reflects a potential \$11,300 savings. Currently the Town has Direct Energy and they have not been providing consolidated bills. This has caused significant work for the bookkeeper and payroll clerk. Constellation Energy can provide one bill at an additional annual cost of \$400. Overall, the savings amount to approximately \$11,000 per year.

VILLAGE OF CHESTER PLANNING ACTION

Supervisor Jamieson read the recommendation from Engineer Al Fusco with regard to the NY Dance Center at the Rowley Lumber location, as he believes it will not have a negative impact on the Town.

DIAL-A-BUS

Supervisor Jamieson reminded the public of the Dial-A-Bus survey that is available on the Town's website. He said the Town Clerk met with the seniors to hand out surveys. Supervisor Jamieson said it will be out until the end of July. He said once he has the number of residents who use the service, he will reach out to other carriers like the Town of Warwick to inquire about costs. He said residents can call the office at 469-7000x2 to respond as well.

O&R PAVING SCHEDULE

Supervisor Jamieson read the notice from O&R asking for the Town's paving schedules to coordinate work.

LIBRARY HIRES

Supervisor Jamieson read the memo received from Maureen Jagos, Director, Chester Public Library concerning approval of the hiring by the Library Board of Trustees of two employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to enter in an Executive Session at 7:15p.m. to discuss a personnel matter involving the hiring of a new employee or employees. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:25p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the hiring of Candice Sheerer at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, as of July 2, 2015 for the temporary full-time reduced hours Reference Librarian 1. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the hiring of Katie Chappell at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, as of July 13, 2015 as part-time library clerk to replace Melissa Collins who resigned as of July 6, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

HIGHWAY BID PROCESS

A discussion ensued about the highway bid process and was tabled.

CORRECTION TO PARK & RECREATION MOTION

Supervisor Jamieson explained that at the meeting of June 10, 2015 the Board's motion concerning the change in park & recreation position from part-time to full-time needed correction.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to correct the motion made on June 10, 2015 and to reclassify the Part-time Recreation Director position to Full-time Recreation Director. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to correct the motion made on June 10, 2015 and place Walter Popailo in the full-time position of Recreation Director provisionally, pending civil service exam. Motion carried 4-0.

SUBURBAN PROPANE

Supervisor Jamieson welcomed Mark Mosher of Suburban Propane. Supervisor Jamieson explained that Suburban Propane has been a steadfast supporter of the Town of Chester's fireworks display. This year they have donated \$10,000 towards the fireworks show scheduled for July 11, 2015. Also included in the event will be live music and food vendors, planned by the Parks and Recreation Department. He said the event would not be possible without supporters such as Mark Mosher, Mark Weinberg and Suburban Propane, and they are here again to support the Town. Mr. Mosher approached the Board with a check in the amount of \$10,000 in a photographed presentation.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Murray announced the well-attended 1st Emergency Services Day held by the Police Department on Saturday, June 20, 2015 until rain foiled the plan. Those that remained enjoyed demonstrations by the DEC K-9 unit and the Tactical Unit which comprises Town of Woodbury, Village of Tuxedo and Village of Harriman and the Town of Chester, including our own Officer Bird.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the repairs to the library HVAC. Supervisor Jamieson said that there were many air conditioning fixes throughout the Town's buildings over the past week and that all have been repaired. Al Fusco added that half of the library's system was repaired and the Town should consider planning for the repair or replacement to the rest of the library's system. Councilwoman Smith asked about the dehumidifier in the senior center. Al Fusco said one was repaired and the other is going to be replaced. Councilwoman Smith added that the lights in Sugar Loaf will be completed by the end of July, 2015. Councilwoman Smith recognized Richard Logothetis for his extensive time and effort in constructing the bandstand for the fireworks which measures 20 feet by 18 feet equipped with an awning and speakers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Len Germain, 4020 Summerville Way

Mr. Germain addressed the Board concerning the Primo Sports facility. He stated that the building owned by Mr. Kolcut on that property has not been maintained in years, with the roof falling, windows knocked out, and doors missing. He added that there is a large turn-around used by tractor trailers and cars and trucks park alongside. He said the building is used as a rest room and people walk their dogs on the property. He asked if the building inspector could follow up with Mr. Kolcut to correct the situation. Supervisor Jamieson said he

would contact the Building Inspector. Also, he asked the Board to petition the DOT to lower the speed limit on Route 94 between Chester and Florida. He also addressed the Comprehensive Plan, p.108 regarding noise. He asked if a new amendment can be made to address noise. Supervisor Jamieson said that the next step is to create laws to be compatible with the plan, so that would be looked at. Mr. Germain also commented that a solar program could be off-site as he said the State allows panels to be placed on someone else's property a through a lease agreement.

There being no further business brought before the Board, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zappala
Town Clerk
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