

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 8, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine and passed 5-0 to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 98,745.13
GENERAL – PART TOWN	21,020.79
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	39,121.64
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	16,377.28
FIELDCREST WATER	674.01
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	1,757.58
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	722.64
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	654.41
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,674.90
TRUST & AGENCY	18,605.01
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>2,234.61</u>
	\$ 247,588.00

**FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM**

Doris Rubinsky, Program Director, Safety Net addressed the Town Board concerning the Friendly Visitor Program. As a social service agency, Jewish Family Services has been operating over 30 years. Ms. Rubinsky said they serve the elderly and disabled to allow for age in place. Volunteers assist with shopping, transportation, home visits, phone calls and clerical work as well as light chores around the home. In two 2-hour session volunteers are trained. Once training is complete, the volunteer is cleared through a background check, and they are assigned a client. The Friendly Visitor coordinator assesses each applicant for both safety and appropriate services to be provided. Jewish Family Services partners with municipalities to offer services in the Towns of Blooming Grove, Woodbury, Newburgh and Otisville. Partnering requires a dedicated phone line along with a volunteer or paid coordinator. Jewish Family Services have many resources available to support the community. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to allow the Jewish Family Services the use of the Chester Senior Center for volunteer training. Motion carried 5-0.

**M&R ENERGY**

Supervisor Jamieson announced the new reduced rate now being offered for energy. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to accept the single bill rate of 7.1p/k from Direct Energy and allow the Supervisor to sign the contract, commencing December 1, 2015. Motion carried 5-0. Discussion: This rate will save the Town 28% amounting to \$11,600 in annual savings.

**YELVETON INN PAINTING**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to appoint the Chester Historical Society as requested to be custodian of the Yelveton Inn painting by artist, Werner John, in the public trust. Motion carried 5-0.

## CFA GRANT

Supervisor Jamieson said the Governors Upstate project grant could fund sidewalks and parking in Sugar Loaf. Al Fusco added eligibility is based on improvements and renovations to commercial and residential properties. He said the grant application for New York Main Street and New York Main Street Technical Assistance is due July 31, 2015, which can fund up to \$500,000 based on the project. In addition, the Upstate Renewal Program is a matching program with CDBG or HUD earmarked grants from Senators and Congressmen. Mr. Fusco said we can start with a planning grant that will evolve over time. He said it is extremely important to leverage State money against private investments. The following resolution was offered by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith and passed by a vote of 5-0.

TOWN OF CHESTER  
CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA) 2015  
NEW YORK MAIN STREET AND  
NEW YORK MAIN STREET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (NYMS) RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York desires to submit an application for grants under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for New York Main Street and New York Main Street Technical Assistance (NYMS) created by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) during the current 2015 funding round and specific NYMS project.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York authorizes the Supervisor to submit said application for the NYMS project and further authorizes the Supervisor to sign any and all documents with this application.

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ALEXANDER JAMIESON, SUPERVISOR

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## HIGHWAYMAN RESIGNATION

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept the resignation of Robert Conklin. Motion carried 5-0.

## HIGHWAYMAN VACANCY

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to allow the highway department to fill the vacancy due to a resignation and allow the Superintendent to pursue eligible candidates for the position. Motion carried 5-0.

## RACHEL DRIVE ROAD DEDICATION

Upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept the dedication of Rachel Drive in accordance with the agreement, subject to attorney approval. Motion carried 4-0. Councilman Valentine abstained.

## PARKLAND FEES TRANSFER

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to transfer \$6,485.26 from the parkland fees account to 7110.4 to cover the expense of the highway repair of the parking lot at Community Park.

## **ROAD CLOSURES**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to close Harding Way to allow #26-50 Harding Way to conduct a block party on August 22, 2015 from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to close Wilson Road and Madison Circle at their intersection to conduct a block party on September 5, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

## **PAYMENT FOR ROAD DAMAGE**

Supervisor Jamieson read the memo from the Highway Department regarding damage done to a Town road by Tank Specialist Plus while doing work at 18 Jeffrey Drive. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to accept the payment of \$500 from Tank Specialist Plus into the DB5110.4 to help with repair cost of the road. Motion carried 5-0.

## **SALE OF POLICE VEHICLE**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the sale of the Police Department's 2007 Dodge Charger on propertyroom.com to Liberty Motors for \$3,251.51 and allow Supervisor Jamieson to sign the title and bill of sale for same. Motion carried 5-0.

## **MOODNA ROOF CONTRACT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to allow Supervisor Jamieson to sign the contract document for the 111 Greycourt Road Roof repairs with Hayden Building Maintenance Corp. Motion carried 5-0.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman Murray commented that the issue concerning Brian Smith of Moodna is rectified as the Town Board of Monroe authorized payment to Mr. Smith, so there will not be any legal action.

Councilman Murray commented that the fireworks show would be like a field party.

Supervisor Jamieson announced that the Concerts on the Lawn series would be starting tomorrow in Sugar Loaf, and the best fireworks in the County on Saturday. He acknowledged Mr. Logothetis for his generous donation of the beautifully built stage and sound. He thanked Mr. Logothetis for all his efforts to support the community. A round of applause followed. Supervisor Jamieson said the day would begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, with Bobby Valentine's Black Dirt Bandits as the encore band.

Councilwoman Smith said she was impressed with the Lackawana Railroad after she called to report tracks in disrepair and their prompt response to remedy.

Councilwoman Smith asked what was being done about the cement building at Primo Sports. Supervisor Jamieson said he would speak to the Building Inspector. Supervisor Jamieson said the property is currently owned by Mr. Kolcot.

Councilwoman Smith reminded the audience that parking for the Sugar Loaf concerts is allowed on the right side of Wood Road.

Councilman Valentine commented about the property maintenance issue at the Camp LaGuardia buildings. He suggested taking the lead with establishing an open dialogue with the County concerning the Town's property maintenance code. Supervisor Jamieson said he would call County Executive Neuhaus.

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledged a letter received from the bocce players thanking the Town for all the repairs made to the court.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vincent Xavier of Homeland Towers addressed the Town Board concerning erecting a cell tower in the southeast portion of the Town. Homeland Towers would then lease space to 4 licensed carriers. Supervisor Jamieson suggested he provide a lease proposal for Town Board consideration and then, if acceptable, Homeland Towners could go through planning board process.

John Vero addressed the Camp LaGuardia issue as he has been approached by several Chester residents about the condition of the property. He offered to accompany Councilman Murray to go take a look at it and then start a conversation with the County.

### **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 5-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARIES**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to set the salary of the Summer Camp Director to \$8,000. Motion carried 5-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to set the salary of the Assistant Director to \$3,259.46. 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 at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2015-07-08