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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 23, 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, Councilman Valentine.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW OF 2015

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to set a Public Hearing on October 14, 2015 at 7pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room on the matter of Introductory Local Law of 2015 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C. Motion carried 4-0.

ZONING BOARD RESIGNATION

Supervisor Jamieson read the letter received from Dimitrios Lambros into the minutes:

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September 15, 2015

Town of Chester
Town Supervisor
1786 Kings Highway
Chester, NY 10918

Dimitrios Lambros
P O Box 550
Sugar Loaf, NY 10981

Att: Alex Jameison and town board members

Re: Letter of Resignation

Dear Alex and board members,

Please be advised effective immediately, I am resigning from my position as the chairman of the ZBA due to personal health issues, that will not allow me to effectively conduct myself as the chairman. It has been an extreme pleasure working with you all and serving the residents of the Town of Chester in this capacity.

Best regards to all.

Thanks in advance,


Dimitrios Lambros

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to accept the resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson, Dimitrios Lambros. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Jamieson commented on the many organizations that Mr. Lambros had been involved with and the good work he had done on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He wished him well. A discussion ensued concerning a possible temporary chair with an appointment to be made in January 2016.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Supervisor Jamieson announced the retirement of Darlene DeMarmels after 25 years of service to the Town of Chester, effective September 30, 2015. He said Darlene had worked as Clerk to the Supervisor and payroll clerk. He said he was sad to see her leave, but understood she was looking forward to retirement. Supervisor Jamieson read the letter received from Darlene DeMarmels into the minutes:

Supervisor – Alexander Jamieson

Town Board –

Hugh J. Murray
Linda Ranni
Cynthia Smith
Robert Valentine

Town Justices –

Janet M. Haislip
Sharon Worthy-Spiegel

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Receiver of Taxes – Vincent A. Maniscalco

Building Inspector – Joseph J. Micoch

Assessor – John Schuler, III

Police Dept. – Daniel J. Doellinger, Chief

September 14, 2015

Ms. Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk of the Town of Chester
1786 Kings Highway
Chester, New York 10918

Re: Darlene DeMarmels

Dear Linda:

After many months of thoughtful consideration, I have determined that it is in my best interest to retire from my position with the Town of Chester. Therefore, after 25 years of service to the Town and upon my retirement, I am resigning my position effective September 30, 2015.

With best personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Darlene DeMarmels

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ANNEXATION OF LANDS FROM TOWN OF MONROE TO THE VILLAGE OF KIRYAS JOEL

Supervisor Jamieson announced the efforts being taken by the County of Orange and the Town of Monroe with regard to the annexation of lands into the Village of Kiryas Joel. He added that Monroe is fighting an enormous issue and it is a County issue with regard to use of services it will be a burden on the taxpayers. Supervisor Jamieson said he spoke with the County Executive Steve Neuhaus and was told that other local municipalities were appropriating monies to the effort.

Councilwoman Smith said she thought Monroe made a huge mistake with the annexation and she is totally against it. She said we should do something to find the money to contribute. Councilwoman Smith said she thought the same situation could happen at the Camp LaGuardia property so we must keep an eye on it.

Councilman Murray said there is a huge section of residents in the Monroe Woodbury Fire District that would be directly affected, as Chester taxpayers. He said that the fire district might also climb on board.

Supervisor Jamieson commented that 1/3 of Chester residents are in the Monroe-Woodbury School District.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to join the County of Orange and appropriate monies not to exceed \$25,000 to retain outside counsel to provide legal advice and representation in connection with environmental review and petitions for the annexation of lands from Town of Monroe to the Village of Kiryas Joel. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith at 7:15pm to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel appointment. Motion carried 4-0.

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to appoint Catina Strauss to the Chester Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term vacated by Naomi Sagiv through December 31, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to hire Tayah Rogers as Library page. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JUSTICE COURT GRANT

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray and passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester wishes to support the efforts of the various Town Offices with regard to upgrading the office with equipment to provide efficiency in the workplace, and,

WHEREAS, the Justice Court of the Town of Chester wishes to apply for a grant from the NYS Unified Court System which would provide up-to-date technology and office equipment to their office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Chester supports the efforts of the Town Justice Court and authorizes the Justice Court to apply for a grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign said grant application.

UTV BID RESULTS

Supervisor Jamieson read the recommendation of Chief Doellinger regarding the bid opening for the UTV held on September 23, 2015. The following bids were received:

Big Boys Toys, Marlboro, NY	\$12,995.00
Mavrix Motorsports Corp., Middletown, NY	\$11,534.00

It was the Chiefs recommendation to accept the lowest responsible bidder, Mavrix Motorsports. He added that a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant through Assembly Skoufis' office of \$9,700 would offset most of the cost. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to award the bid from Mavrix Motorsports Corp, Middletown, NY for the purchase of a 2015 Honda Pioneer 700-4 UTV at a cost of \$11,534.00, which cost to be offset by \$9,700 in grant funds, thus appropriating additional funds of \$1,834.00. Motion carried 4-0.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Sgt. Vitale and Det. Oppmann to a Drug Investigation Class on October 22 and 23, 2015 at the Bergen County Police Academy in Mahwah, NJ at a fee of \$70.00 per student, to be paid for out of the police department' training budget line. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Sgt. Eckert to a state-sponsored Search Warrant training course on October 21 and 22, 2015 in Orange County at no cost. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Officer Natalizio and Officer D'Agnes to the instructor Development Course on October 19-30, 2015 at the Orange County Law Enforcement Training Institute at no cost. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Planning Board members Carl D'Antonio, Frank Gilbert and Bob Conklin to the 5-hour continuing education, "Land Use and Planning" full-day session on October 9, 2015 at a cost of \$60 per member. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Planning Board members Stephen Denes and Ernie Damiani to the 2-hour continuing education, "Form Based Zoning" on October 13, 2015 at a cost of \$15 per member. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Planning Board member Ernie Damiani to the 2-hour continuing education, “Sign Regulations” on October 21, 2015 at a cost of \$15. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Planning Board members Don Serotta, Stephen Denes and Ernie Damiani to the 2-hour continuing education, “Zoning Updates – Revising Zoning” on November 2, 2015 at a cost of \$15 per member. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Zoning Board of Appeals members Vincent Finizia, Bob Garstak and Walter Popailo to the 5-hour continuing education course, “Land Use and Planning” full-day session on October 9, 2015 at a cost of \$60. per member. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Children’s Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Bellvale Community on Gibson Hill Road from 1-4pm. There will be hayrides to the pumpkin patch, vegetables, apple cider and a barbeque.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Sugar Loaf Fall Festival to be held on Columbus Day weekend, October 10-12, 2015 from 10am to 6pm, at Carpenter Field.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith announced the Kite Festival scheduled for October 24, 2015 at Knapp’s View and the Halloween Parade on October 25, 2015.

Councilman Valentine commented on the annexation of Kiryas Joel and the impact such development could have on the big parcels in the Town of Chester with regard to land protection and the immense burden on services.

Councilman Valentine asked about the Town’s liability with regard to the formation of drainage districts versus the lot owner where a retention pond might be situated. He said, in a drainage district, the Town acts as service provided and may be cited in the event of an accident. Scott Bonacic added that the MS4 agreement calls for certain obligations that must be enforced.

Councilwoman Smith said the Sugar Loaf light installation is going forward and would be complete by the next Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Smith also reiterated that she believes the annexation should not go forward. She also said she would never regret purchasing the Knapp’s View property as it will never be sold to a municipality or developer.

Supervisor Jamieson gave an update on the Scott’s Meadow property. The owner has paid the back taxes and is not selling or opening the businesses. Supervisor Jamieson said the Building Inspector Joe Mlcoch has the owner on the clock to remediate the property within 30 days or be fined \$1,000 each day after.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Shuh, Preservation Collective

Ms. Shuh commented on the annexation issue and how the unsustainable growth was not addressed in the studies. She added it is a County issue and gave kudos to the Town Board for joining the coalition. She said there are many Monroe Woodbury School District residents in Chester who will be affected and there is now a major sewer capacity issue. Ms. Shuh also suggested that the Board consider giving more information at meetings concerning departments of the Town. She added the Town's new website was great with the inclusion of minutes, agendas and planning board documents. Supervisor Jamieson said that the Planning Board Secretary, Tanya, does a great job with the documents. Ms. Shuh asked that the big public hearings of the ZBA or PB be mentioned at Town Board meetings. Ms. Shuh asked if there was any progress with the Sugar Loaf parking committee. Supervisor Jamieson said he would be speaking with the comprehensive committee members to get the zoning committee going forward. Councilwoman Smith added that Richard Logothetis was working on getting the layout for the number of parking spaces and configurations.

John Vero, County Legislator

Mr. Vero thanked the Town for their committed support of \$25,000 to the Orange County's commitment of \$200,000. He said there were eight other municipalities who have also committed \$25,000 and expects there will be five others. He added that the Monroe Fire District may be an interested party and that Chester is in the red zone. Mr. Vero said there were errors and fraud to be attacked in the SEQRA and EIS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to enter into an Executive Session at 7:50pm to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:00pm. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business brought before the board **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8pm. Motion Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2015-09-23