

**PUBLIC HEARING AND  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
December 30, 2015  
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:03pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Brischoux, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Smith, Absent: Councilman Valentine.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2  
OF THE YEAR 2015 RELATING TO THE OVERRIDE OF THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2016 PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW S3-C**

Supervisor Jamieson read the public notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on December 18 and 30, 2015.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**“A LOCAL LAW RESCINDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2015”**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Chester Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the adoption of Proposed Local Law, “A Local Law Rescinding Local Law No. 2 of 2015” at the Chester Town Hall, located 1786 Kings Hwy, Chester, NY, at 7:00 p.m. on December 30, 2015. The purpose of said Proposed Local Law is to rescind Local Law No. 2 of 2015, which overrode the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2016 pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c, to enable the qualified taxpayers of Chester to receive refund checks from the State for communities which have passed budgets within the tax levy limit of General Municipal Law §3-c. All persons desiring to comment on said Local Law will be given an opportunity to do so at the public hearing. Copies of the proposed Local Law shall be available for review at the Town Clerk’s office and shall be posted on the Town’s notice board and website.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Chester

DATED: December 10, 2015  
CHESTER, NEW YORK

LINDA A. ZAPPALA  
TOWN CLERK

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to open the public hearing on the proposed Local Law Rescinding Local Law No. 2 of 2015 Relating to the Override of the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2016 Pursuant to General Municipal Law S3-C.

Being there were no public comments, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to close the public hearing at 7:07pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Jamieson stated that the tax increase for 2016 would be approximately 4.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. He exampled a house assessed at \$200,000 and with a market value of \$350,000 would see an increase of approximately \$9.00 in taxes for 2016.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Brischoux and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2015 Rescinding Local Law No. 2 of 2015 Relating to the Override of the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2016 Pursuant to General Municipal Law S3-C. Motion carried 4-0.

### **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

GENERAL FUND	\$ 27,403.47
GENERAL - PART TOWN	15,057.97
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	8,033.57
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	15,830.91
FIELDCREST WATER	161.88
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	1,913.63
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	775.99
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	18,520.74
GARBAGE DISTRICT	1,310.95
TRUST & AGENCY	13,516.00
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>16,153.84</u>
	\$118,678.95

### **LIBRARIAN POSITION**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to reclassify the full-time children’s services librarian assistant to full-time librarian assistant. Motion carried 4-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to rescind the motion made on November 18, 2015 concerning the hiring of a part-time librarian assistant. Motion carried 4-0.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to approve the hiring of a full-time librarian assistant with benefits. Motion carried 4-0.

### **INSURANCE CARRIER**

Supervisor Jamieson presented the insurance renewal proposals submitted by agent John Vero. The cost comparison between the two proposals would see a savings of \$10,817.00, annually. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to change the Town’s Insurance

provider from Houston Casualty Co./U.S. Specialty Insurance Co to Allied World Assurance Company (U.S.), Inc. effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and approve payment of the premium in the amount of \$225,148.00. Motion carried 4-0.

### **MOODNA SECRETARY CONSENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to offer the following resolution carried by a vote of 4-0.

**RESOLVED** that the Supervisor and Town Board of the Town of Chester consent to the appointment of Tanya McPhee, the Town's Payroll Clerk to part-time employment as Secretary for the Moodna Basin Joint Operation & Maintenance Commission, such employment not to exceed 1,040 hours per year.

### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman Brischoux said he is getting acquainted with the Town's expenses as he reviews and approves the bills.

Councilman Murray wished all a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Smith commented that she thought the Davidson Drive townhouse project should get the use approval they are seeking since the property has been unused and this project would not be disruptive.

Councilwoman Smith also advised the Board of the repairs needed in the library building both to the men's room and the columns which need painting.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the status of the parking in Sugar Loaf. Supervisor Jamieson said that when Councilman Valentine returns from vacation he would schedule a meeting with Richard Logothetis to discuss the matter.

Engineer Al Fusco explained that the grant applications for Walton Lake Water District and the Sugar Loaf Water District have been declined. He said the Town could reapply by March 1, 2016. It would require a Type 1 Action being declared for SEQRA and a 30-day notice be filed. It was the consensus of the Town Board to table the issue.

Supervisor Jamieson wished all a Happy New Year.

Supervisor Jamieson announced that the administering of the Oaths of Office for the newly elected Town Officials would take place on January 6, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room prior to the Re-organization meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Senior Center.

There being no further business brought before the Board, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2015-12-30