

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2016
7:00 PM**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to accept the Town Board meeting minutes through January 6, 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to approve the highway department lease option purchase of a 2016 Holland Tractor/Road Mower at a cost of \$155,667.00. Motion carried 5-0.

LIBRARY HVAC REPAIR

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to approve the necessary repair to the hvac system at the library in the amount of \$7,850.00. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to allow Supervisor Jamieson to file all paperwork including insurance documentation and execute the Municipal Agreement accepting \$100,000 in grant funding from the Orange County Development Block Grant Program for 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call:

Alexander Jamieson	Aye
Claude Brischoux	Aye
Huge J. Murray	Aye
Cynthia Smith	Aye
Robert Valentine	Aye

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to appoint Fusco Engineering as Project Coordinator on the Community Development Block Grant 2016 project. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call:

Alexander Jamieson	Aye
Claude Brischoux	Aye
Huge J. Murray	Aye
Cynthia Smith	Aye
Robert Valentine	Aye

PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS AMENDING ZONING OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to set a public hearing on March 23, 2016 on the matter of the Proposed Local Law Amending Zoning Article IV, Section 98-22 Off Street Parking and Loading Facilities and a Proposed Local Law Amending Zoning Adding Article IX Entitled “Solar Siting” to Chapter 98 Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the Town of Chester. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to add David Near, Northeast Electrical Inspections to the Town’s list of electrical inspectors. Motion carried 5-0.

ALTICE ACQUISITION OF CABLEVISION

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine and carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE OF INDIRECT CONTROL OF THE FRANCHISEE UNDER THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

WHEREAS, Cablevision of Warwick, LLC (“Franchisee”) owns, operates and maintains a cable television system (the “System”) in the Town of Chester, New York pursuant to a cable television franchise (Franchise”) granted by the governing body of the town of Chester (the “Franchise authority”), and Franchisee is the current duly authorized holder of the Franchise; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (“Agreement”), Neptune Merger Sub Corp., a Delaware corporation and a subsidiary of Altice N.V. (“Acquirer”), will merge with Cablevision Systems Corporation (“Cablevision”) (which owns 100% of the ownership interest in Franchisee), and, as a result, the indirect control of Franchisee will change (the “Change of Control”); and

WHEREAS, Franchisee and Acquirer have requested the consent of the Franchise Authority to the Change of Control in accordance with the requirements of the Franchise and have filed an FCC Form 394 with the Franchise Authority (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Franchise authority has reviewed the Application, followed all required procedures in order to consider and at upon the Application, considered the comments of all interested parties, and concluded that Acquirer has the legal, financial and technical qualifications of Acquirer to indirectly control Franchisee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Franchise Authority hereby accepts the Application and consents to the Change of Control, all in accordance with the terms of the Franchise and applicable law.

SECTION 2. Subject to compliance with the terms of the Resolution, any action necessary with respect to the Change of Control has been duly and validly taken.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be deemed effective as of the date of its passage. This Resolution shall have the force of a continuing agreement with Franchisee and Acquirer, and Franchise authority shall not amend or otherwise alter this Resolution without the consent of Franchisee and Acquirer.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to add the following to the Resolution regarding the acquisition of Cablevision by Altice. Motion carried 5-0.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

This Resolution is conditioned upon the Town of Chester, as the Franchise Authority, receiving from Cablevision of Warwick, LLC the outstanding Franchise Fee due and owing for the fourth quarter of 2015, pursuant to the executed Franchise Agreement on file in the Town of Chester.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING RENOVATION

Al Fusco advised the Board that the plans and specs were 90% complete. He asked for authority to proceed with the bid process for opening early March. Attorney Bonacic advised the Board to table the matter for an executive session discussion of attorney/client privilege.

WALTON LAKE WATER GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Jamieson read the recommendation of Bill Keller, Water Operator regarding the resubmission of the Walton Lake grant application. Al Fusco stated the deadline was March 1st and a 30-day notice would be required to establish lead agency on this Type I action.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to permit Al Fusco, Engineer to resubmit the grant application for the Walton Lake Water District on behalf of the Town of Chester. Motion carried 5-0.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine and carried 5-0.

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester, New York Town Board hereby declares its intent to become lead agency as required by SEQR (6NYCRR Part 617) for

Name of Action:	Town of Chester – Walton Lake Water District
Location:	Section 10, Block 10, Lot 14
Project:	Water Tank, Well, Pump Station, and Associated Piping NYSEFC DWSRF Grant Application
Action:	Type I – Coordinated Review
Plans and Application:	Available at Town Hall or upon request

WHEREAS, the Town Board had declared its intention to become Lead Agency on January 27, 2016. The involved agencies list is enclosed.

Should any involved or interested agency wish to contest the Lead Agency status, we must be advised within thirty (30) days of mailing of this notice (or by February 26, 2016).

LIST OF INVOLVED AGENCIES:

Town of Chester Town Board
1786 Kings Highway
Chester, New York 10918

Town of Monroe
11 Stage Road
Monroe, New York 10950

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
21 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, New York 12561

New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207

New York State Department of Health
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower
Albany, New York 12237

Orange County Department of Health
124 Main Street
Goshen, New York 10924

Orange County Department of Public Works
2455-2459 Route 17M
Goshen, New York 10924

Orange County Planning Department
124 Main Street
Goshen, New York 10924

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Brischoux thanked the Highway Department for their work during the snow storm. He also thanked the Police Department and Water Department for their assistance as well.

Councilman Murray thanked the Highway Department.

Councilwoman Smith asked the status of the proposed use plan for Davidson Drive. Supervisor Jamieson said he would speak with the builder to see if the project could allow for senior housing. Councilman Valentine stated that the property was not suitable for industrial park use.

Councilwoman Smith presented a photograph taken in 1950 which was found inside a book at the library. She asked the Town Clerk to secure it at Town Hall and provide information to the public on the web and TV to see if anyone could identify the children in the photo.

Councilwoman Smith also commented on the great day of sledding at Knapp's View after the snow storm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Brischoux and seconded by Councilman Murray to enter into an Executive Session at 7:25pm to discuss a personnel issue regarding a hire. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:30pm. Motion carried 5-0.

HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to hire part-time Police Officer Stephen K. Monsees. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to enter into an Executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a matter of attorney/client privilege.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:40pm. Motion carried 5-0.

WARWICK VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT ADDENDUM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to approve the 2016 contract addendum with the Warwick Valley Humane Society and allow the Supervisor to sign same. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Brischoux to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a matter relating to collective negotiations, and as there was to be no further action taken by the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2016-01-27