

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2016
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:02pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Brischoux, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Wittekind. Absent: Councilman Valentine

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Town Attorney, Al Fusco, Town Engineer

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Brischoux to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$ 23,649.06
GENERAL - PART TOWN	12,316.07
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	13,618.09
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	12,436.78
FIELDCREST WATER	4,556.41
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	1,964.76
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	123.53
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	170.45
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,421.40
TRUST & AGENCY	2,287.00
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>2,208.17</u>
	\$ 120,751.72

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the Town Board Minutes through September 21, 2016.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Brischoux and second by Councilwoman Smith to adopt the Preliminary Budget for 2017.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wittekind to set a Public Hearing on October 26, 2016 at 7pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for 2017 and direct the Town Clerk to publish notice of same.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

DENTAL PLAN RENEWAL

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Brischoux to accept the CDPHP Delta Dental Plan G Renewal at the current rates and allow Supervisor Jamieson to sign same.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

SECURE WATCH 24 SECURITY SYSTEMS

Supervisor Jamieson explained the change order request from Secure Watch 24 for the addition of a panic alarm at the dais, a wireless motion detector and 6 wireless window contacts to upgrade our existing system.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Brischoux and second by Councilwoman Smith to accept the change order from Secure Watch 24 in the amount of \$690.00, funded through a Justice Court grant.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RESIGNATION

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Brischoux and second by Councilwoman Smith to accept the resignation of ZBA member, Robert Garstak.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION PETITION

Supervisor Jamieson read the petition received regarding a speed limit reduction on the Kings Highway Bypass.

It follows in its entirety:

RECEIVED

CC: TS, TB
SEP 28 2016

TOWN CLERK
CHESTER, NEW YORK

Jeremiah Mountford
7 Derose Lane
Chester, NY 10918
September 17, 2016

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

Dear Town Board, Town of Chester:

I am writing to express concern regarding the speed limit on CR13A (Kings Highway Bypass) and school bus safety. As a father of two small children I spend a fair amount of time at the intersection of Derose Lane and Kings Highway Bypass waiting for the school bus. I've observed cars passing the stopped school bus dozens of times. Given the steep inclines and blind curve near Derose Lane visibility is extremely poor. Cars can't see the school bus or cars pulling out of Derose Lane until it's too late to stop. Aggravating the matter, the speed limit on the bypass isn't posted. There is simply an End of 40mph sign by the firehouse that results in drivers treating this stretch of roadway like a racetrack. I am concerned for the safety of all, especially the many children who use this intersection as a bus stop.

Based on the above concerns I respectfully request the Chester Town Board submit a resolution to Orange County in support of extending the 40mph speed limit to Kings Highway Bypass with signage and the installation of two School Bus Stop Ahead signs north and south of Derose Lane. Below are the signatures of Derose Lane residents who support these actions. Thank you all for your time and I appreciate your support of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Mountford

cc: John S. Vero, Orange County Legislature, District 10
cc: James Skoufis, NYS Assembly, District 99
cc: Debra Weissman, Director of Transportation WVCSD

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
KEN McCabe		4 DEROSE LANE 10918	9/18/16
Sandy McCabe		4 DEROSE LN 10918	9/18/16
RON COZART		11 DEROSE LN 10918	9/18/16
Marieta Cozart		11 DEROSE LN 10918	9/18/16
Peter Haskew		15 DEROSE LN 10918	9/18/16
Alex SIMIPE		15 DEROSE LA 10718	9/18/16
Bonnie Metzger		5 DEROSE LA 10981	9/18/16
Samantha Metzger		5 DEROSE Lane 10981	9/18/16
Erin Metzger		" " " "	"
Shannon Sansone		1 DEROSE Lane 10918	9/18/16
Donna Sansone		1 DEROSE Lane 10918	9/18/16
Patrick Sansone		" " " "	9/18/16

Jackie Mountford		7 DEROSE Lane	9/18/16
Amy Rodriguez		17 DEROSE Lane	9/18/16
Christina Strauss		2 DEROSE Lane	9/24/16
William Sabella		3 DEROSE LANE	9/24/16
Dora Sabella		3 DEROSE Lane	9/24/16
Jeremiah Mountford		7 DEROSE Ln	9/24/16

A discussion ensued. Chief Doellinger suggested reducing the limit to 40mph from the firehouse to the end of the intersection of Pewter and derose and the driveway to Jenack, and then go to 55mph along the undeveloped area of the bypass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson read the email from the Moodna Creek Inter-Municipal Water Council requesting the Town to participate further in the council by attending the upcoming meeting in two weeks and instituting an annual member fee of \$500.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Brischoux to approve the payment of \$500 to the Moodna Creek Inter-Municipal Water Council.

Discussion: Supervisor Jamieson said he would attend the upcoming meeting.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wittekind to approve the attendance of Sgt. Vitale and Sgt. Eckert to the NYS DCJS Blue Courage Program Overview for Law Enforcement Executives on October 27, 2016 in New Windsor at no cost.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Wittekind

ADOPTED

COMMENTS TO PROPOSED MORATORIUM LOCAL LAW

Supervisor Jamieson announced the receipt of comments from the Planning Board regarding the proposed local law concerning the adoption of a moratorium. In part, it expressed the opinion of one member that the moratorium should be expanded to encompass current permitted uses, whether they be commercial or residential, which stand in conflict to the Town's duly adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board recognizes the difficulty of this task.

WASHINGTON ROAD EASEMENT

Supervisor Jamieson announced the letter from engineer Al Fusco to Scott Bonacic regarding the establishment conservation easement on Washington Road for attorney review. He said this easement will basically prevent the possibility of a through road.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Brischoux said if people are concerned about the proposed moratorium law, he invites them to attend both the public hearing and the planning board meetings.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the recent judgment to annex an additional 100+ acres to Kiryas Joel. He added that the judge left the issue of the additional 500 acres up the Appellate.

Councilwoman Smith announced the upcoming Fall Festival on October 15th from 2-5pm at the Bellvale Community. Supervisor Jamieson said it is for kids of all ages and expects there to be vegetables and pumpkins to go. Councilwoman Smith also announced the Kite Festival on October 30th from 12-2pm at Knapp's View.

Legislator Vero announced that the work on the Glenmere Dam is on schedule. Supervisor Jamieson announced the first payment due on the debt for the rehabilitation will be in 2017.

Supervisor Jamieson announced the Halloween Party to be held on November 6th from 12-2pm at the Chester Commons Park. The Sugar Loaf Firehouse will be providing free hot dogs and the Town will provide kites.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson announced, in advance of accepting public comments, that the Board will not be responding to any questions regarding the purchase of the Rock property. He said he has responded to the concerns and questions at prior meetings and several events pertaining to the Rock. Supervisor Jamieson said there was excessive, disorderly conduct at the presentation last Thursday and that he was reinforcing that this meeting will remain professional and will not be revisiting the same discussions at this time.

Vincent Finizia, Pewter Circle thanked the Police Department for helping with the Sugar Loaf Fall Festival and for the signs that were placed on Pewter Circle to help deflect parking. Supervisor Jamieson added that although there was some bad weather during the festival, he thought there was a good crowd, good music and no police issues during the Chamber's event. He said that parking was handled very well by the Sugar Loaf Firehouse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wittekind to enter into an Executive Session at 7:30pm regarding a personnel issue. Motion carried 4-0.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wittekind and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the Executive Session on 7:45pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Jamieson stated that there continues to be inaccuracies and misconceptions from the local newspapers and residents who do not support the purchase of the Rock. He reiterated that the tax rate for the Town will be decreasing in 2017 compared to 2016 and the cost of the Rock is \$17 per year on a home valued at \$300,000. Supervisor Jamieson said he is available to answer any questions and is willing to meet at the convenience of the residents. He can be reached at 469-7000x1 at Town Hall and 325-6409 by cell phone.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Brischoux and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2016-10-12