

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2016
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine, Councilman Wittekind

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

PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT

Supervisor Jamieson read the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on October 31, 2016 and follows in it's entirety:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ENTITLED:**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL
MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chester Town Board will conduct a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed Local Law, "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established In General Municipal Law Section 3-C" at the Chester Town Hall, located 1786 Kings Hwy, Chester, NY, at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016.

The purpose of said proposed Local Law is to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Chester, County of Orange, State of New York (hereinafter "Chester") pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow Chester to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by 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 will be posted on the Town's notice board and website.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Chester

Dated: October 27, 2016
Chester, New York
Heidi Schmid
Deputy Town Clerk

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wittekind to open the public hearing on the matter of the Introductory Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Jamieson asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion: Supervisor Jamieson explained that it is customary practice to consider passing this law to protect the Town if the budget might exceed the tax cap, but he said the budget would be under that tax cap again this year. There was no motion made to adopt the local law.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND	\$ 83,940.83
GENERAL - PART TOWN	32,544.78
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	7,040.55
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	6,226.14
FIELDCREST WATER	51.54
CAPITAL FUND	1,295.00
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	2,907.66
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	119.60
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	364.14
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,421.40
TRUST & AGENCY	5,266.50
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>2,608.83</u>
	\$ 189,786.97

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Smith, Valentine, Wittekind

ADOPTED

APPROVAL OF TOWN BOARD MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to approve the Town Board Minutes through September 28, 2016, as presented by the Town Clerk.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to pay the annual Town Association membership dues for the year beginning January 1, 2017 at a cost of \$1,500.00, based on “Total Town Revenue”, as reported to the Office of the State Comptroller.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

BUDGET TRANSFERES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wittekind and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the following budget transfers:

	GENERAL	TO		FROM	
A1220.2	SUPERVISOR	\$231.00	A1930.4	CLAIMS	\$55,000.00
A1220.4	SUPERVISOR	\$5,000.00	A1440.4	ENGINEER	\$10,000.00
A1330.4	TAX COLLECTOR	\$6,000.00	A7110.2	PARKS	\$3,000.00
A1355.2	ASSESSOR	\$17,500.00	A7410.1	LIBRARY	\$24,271.00
A1410.4	TOWN CLERK	\$2,500.00			
A1460.4	RECORDS	\$1,000.00			
A1620.4	BUILDINGS	\$15,000.00			
A5132.4	GARAGE	\$15,850.00			
A7110.4	PARKS	\$11,000.00			
A7140.1	PARK AND REC	\$17,000.00			
A9050.8	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$1,190.00			
		\$92,271.00			\$92,271.00
	PARTTOWN				
B5182.4	STREET LIGHT	\$6,000.00	B1910.4	INS	\$8,000.00
B1440.4	ENGINEER	\$6,000.00	B9010.8	RET	\$4,000.00
		\$12,000.00			\$12,000.00
	HIGHWAY PT				
DB9030.8	FICA	\$4,000.00	B9060.8	HEALTH	\$4,000.00

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

RESCHEDULING OF MEETING DATES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wittekind and second by Councilwoman Smith to cancel the Town Board meeting of November 23, 2016.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to schedule a Town Board meeting on November 16, 2016 at 7:00pm. Said meeting to be held at the Town Hall meeting room.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

Supervisor Jamieson read the memo from Anthony LaSpina, Highway Superintendent concerning the bid results from the auction of highway equipment and the request that the proceeds be used against future equipment purchases.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilman Wittekind to accept the bid of \$17,400 for the 1999 International and \$410 for the 1959 Bros Roller and allow Supervisor Jamieson to sign the titles to complete the sales.

TOWN BOARD VACANCY

Supervisor Jamieson announced that as a result of the resignation of Councilman Brischoux as of October 31, 2016, there is currently an opening on the Town Board.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Valentine and second by Councilwoman Smith to direct the Town Clerk to advertise for letters of interest for the position of Town Board Councilperson.

VOTE AYES 4: Jamieson, Brischoux, Smith, Valentine

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson announced the closure of Black Meadow Road from November 9 through November 12, 2016 for the crossing rehabilitation by Middletown & New Jersey Railroad. For further information, residents can call Mr. Pellissier, General Manager at 845-239-4079 or 845-514-8412.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Jamieson congratulated Senator Larkin, Senator Bonacic, Assemblyman Skoufis and Town Board Councilman Medican for the successful outcome of the election.

Councilwoman Smith extended her congratulations to Councilman Medican on his winning the election.

Councilwoman Smith asked the status of the Town's ambulances. Supervisor Jamieson said that the titles are part of the final settlement in the court action.

Councilwoman Smith asked when the Sugar Loaf crossing would be rehabilitated.

Councilman Valentine asked the status of the committee meetings to revamp the Town's zoning. Supervisor Jamieson said that he will schedule a meeting with committee members Shari Denes, Richard Logothesis, and Susan Bellanich for next Tuesday at 7pm.

Supervisor Jamieson commented that the Parks & Recreation's Kite Festival drew over 250 people. He thanked the Sugar Loaf Firehouse for their contribution of hot dogs. He said they even had to go out and buy more because they ran out.

Supervisor Jamieson said the Halloween party held at the Commons Park for the first time this year was a great success. He thanked the Parks and Recreation department for the event which drew between 250-300 kids. They served hot dogs and pizza. He thanked John Burleson and the Bellville community for providing horse and buggy rides, and hay rides through the woods.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat O'Dwyer, Whispering Hills offered her congratulations to the winning candidates. She raised concern about the tax delinquencies of Arlington Chester, LLC, known as the Greens of Chester, and the negative impact on the Town.

Tracy Shuh, Preservation Collective. Ms. Shuh offered a follow-up concerning LLC's. She advised the Board of the Town of Monroe's recently adopted law requiring the disclosure of principles involved in all LLC's.

Chief Doellinger announced the upcoming Community Veteran's Service Day on Friday, November 11th at 11:00am at the Main Street Firehouse.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine at to enter into an Executive Session 7:30pm to discuss personnel and contract negotiations. Motion carried 4-0.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:40pm. Motion carried 4-0.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wittekind and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2016-11-09