

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2019
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:05pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Perez, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Wensley, Councilman Finizia.

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq., Town Attorney, Al Fusco, Fusco Engineering, Town Engineer

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley to approve payment of the bills from the following accounts.

GENERAL FUND	131,159.75
GENERAL - PART TOWN	101,799.63
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	44,347.46
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	28,614.10
FIELDCREST WATER	376.88
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	8,506.81
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	2,245.53
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	3,484.78
GARBAGE DISTRICT	45,740.43
WALTON LAKE WATER	9,041.82
TRUST & AGENCY	<u>6,315.40</u>
Grand Total	<u>381,632.59</u>

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION

Representatives of Girl Scout Troop #453 (Dori Gilbert, Robyn Boardman – Leaders, Scouts - Molly Farley, Brandi Gilbert, Celine Bermudez, Sabrina Meinsen, Ariana Azeez) along with the other girl scouts of Chester made a presentation to the Town Board regarding the creation of a memorial bridge in honor of their girl scouts who have passed, Alyssa Barberi and Raina Ferraro. The girl scouts would like to install the bridge in the Chester Commons Park near the flagpole. The bridge is important in girl scouts because when a girl scout moves up to the next level, they have a bridging ceremony that signifies moving up within the scouts. The Boy Scouts will be invited to use the bridge for their moving up ceremonies as well. After a year and a half long fundraising effort, the wood design class at Monticello High School designed and built the bridge. The bridge is 14’ long and 54” wide and is long enough and heavy enough to accommodate a wheelchair should it be necessary. Each troop painted a plank with their names and troop number and then decorated it. To complete the bridge, they have to complete painting the rails, sealcoat and assemble it. After securing the bridge, the troop would like to place flowers that bloom each year by the bridge. The scouts are requesting assistance from the town maintenance, Highway or Grounds staff with placing the bridge and securing it to the ground. The scouts will work with the Town to maintain the bridge and the plants in the future. The troop will have a dedication ceremony in the fall. Town and Village representatives will be invited, as well as all Chester girl scouts, past and present.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to authorize the Town Highway Department to assist the Girl Scouts in installing their memorial bridge at the Chester Commons Park.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

SMART METER RESOLUTION

Supervisor Valentine advised that the Town has verbiage for the Smart Meter Resolution, however it stills needs work. The resolution the Town is working with is from Woodstock and specific to Central Hudson & Gas, which needs to be tailored to Orange & Rockland and the Town of Chester. The Board will table this matter to the next meeting. Supervisor Valentine asked for a consensus of the Board with regard to passing the resolution for the Smart Meters which denounces the additional fee to opt out of the installation of smart meters. All Board members are in concurrence with the resolution.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

Supervisor valentine announced the need for a temporary employee. Councilman Wensley asked what project the appointment is for, Supervisor Valentine advised that the purpose of the appointment is for building barbeques at the new pavilion on Carpenter Road. Supervisor Valentine advised that temporary employees would also be open for any other projects the Town sees fit.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilwoman Smith to appoint Thomas Atkin, Concrete Mason as a temporary employee at the Department of Labor prevailing rate of pay for a cement mason foreman rate of \$76.25 per hour.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

PURCHASE OF TWO - 2019 CATERPILLAR 938M LOADERS AND AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF LOAN DOCUMENTS

Supervisor Valentine explained that the purchase of two loaders are to replace those that were damaged in the Highway Department fire. He added that they were deemed totaled by the insurance company. The insurance payout for the two are \$116,000. One of the loaders still had a substantial balance still owing so that loan would be paid off. The loan structure on each will be a 5-year loan, which will keep the new payments close to what they were originally.

Loader Number 1 would be \$183,000 and the first payment when we take possession of it is \$39,445.00. Councilman Wensley asked if these were annual payments, Supervisor Valentine replied yes. The \$39,445 will be paid out of the insurance proceeds. The payment on the loader already was \$33,000 and that was still for another 3 years, which has been budgeted for the most part except for the last year.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Perez and second by Councilman Finizia to approve the purchase of one 2019 Caterpillar 938M-23.5 Wheel Loader in an amount of \$183,000, subject to attorney approval.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

Loader Number 2 would be \$187,000. We are going to take the remainder of that money from the insurance claim, \$82,500 and put that as a down payment. Therefore, the payments for Loader 2 will be \$19,921 annually.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Wensley and second by Councilman Finizia to approve the purchase of one 2019 Caterpillar 938M-23.5 Wheel Loader in an amount of \$187,000, subject to attorney approval.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the contract documents related to the purchase.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

DISCUSSION: Councilman Finizia made a comment about promising the Town of Chester people that the Town Board will review the Town's insurance policy to find out why we were not covered 100% for replacement.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRMAN VACANCY

Supervisor Valentine commented that there were a couple of letters of interest for this position. The Town Board would like to move up Gregg Fiegelsonn to the position of Chairman. Gregg has been on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 12 years and he has expressed interest in leading the ZBA.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Finizia and seconded by Councilman Perez to appoint Gregg Fiegelsonn as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

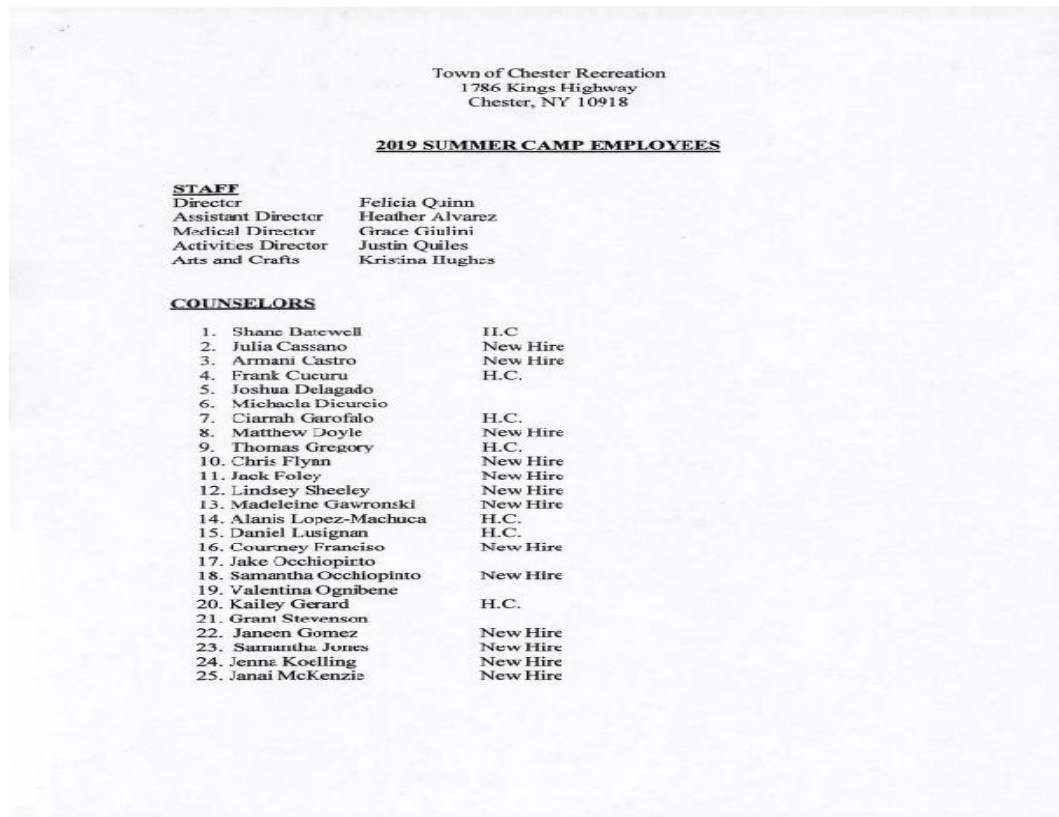
RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

Supervisor Valentine read the resignation letter dated June 3, 2019 from Lori Streichert, Director of Recreation. It was noted that the Board appreciates all that she has done for the Town over the years, helping to walk them through the building of the new Senior/Rec Center. Councilwoman Smith stated that she’s been working with Lori for the past year, she appreciated working with Lori and hopes that Lori does well in her endeavors and that she enjoyed working with Lori very much. The Board wishes her the best of luck.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Valentine read a memo from Lori Streichert regarding the summer camp program. The positions of summer camp are seasonal and require all applicants to re-apply each year. Salaries are pre budget as specified at the reorganization meeting in January 2019. Supervisor Valentine then read the names and positions of the 2019 summer camp employees.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the hiring of the following camp staff.



VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

PDR/TRANSFER TAX CLARIFICATION

Supervisor Valentine explained that the Town has been going back and forth with some of our representatives from the State and we had initially agreed to a 15 year sunset agreement, which would mean an ending date of 15 years. That was not agreeable in the State Assembly, so our representatives Colin Schmitt and James Skoufis changed it to 20 years, which was more agreeable. This should pass at the next State Assembly session. Supervisor Valentine also noted that the County PDR transfer tax bill did pass in the Assembly today. The Town is hoping to have this item on the ballot this year.

MS-4 AUDIT – DEC

Supervisor Valentine explained that the Town had an audit that lasts 10 years with the DEC. The Town did well on the audit. The biggest thing was the sewer outfalls. The Town's portion of the fine was approximately \$16,000 which comparative to other municipalities, with fines upward of \$30,000. Al Fusco explained that the audit runs back 10 years and included many of the issues going over the inspections. All of the Town's inspections were stellar; we had very good records of all the inspections of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans. Some of the issues the Town had was that there are many outfalls and we do have some outfall mapping, but we do have to update them. The cost for doing that is approximately \$25,000 per year to do the outfall mapping that the DEC wants. One thing we need improvement on is that our presentation was not properly documented, we needed to take a tally of people in the audience and all the times we mentioned the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and things of that nature. We are setting up programs to capture those items. We are also talking to the County folks about doing some programs in the schools to get better representation out to the public to know that stormwater pollution is an issue and attending the county functions such as the Water Authority and the Soil & Water Conservation those are the main things, we need to have better documentation and do more on the outfall sewers. Other than that, our construction practices were well received.

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE

Councilman Wensley asked Al Fusco to give an update on the highway garage. Al Fusco commented that the demolition plan has been completed; he spoke with the adjuster and Supervisor with regard to cutting the time down on ordering the steel. The insurance adjuster is allowing us to order the steel ahead of time prior to taking bids on the contractors. The Town must get three prices on the contractors, but we can order steel through the Town. The insurance company will pay for it. Upon receipt of an invoice, the adjuster will approve for payment and then the Town can place the order. This will save 4-6 weeks for the steel delivery in meeting our November deadline we are shooting for to get the repairs completed. The adjuster also indicated that the insurance would also cover the engineering fees either directly or through the Town, however the Town prefers Al Fusco will be getting quotes for the steel and then submit to the insurance adjuster by Tuesday and by the end of next week, the steel will be ordered. Councilman Finizia asked if there were any other lead items. Mr. Fusco indicated that there were not. Councilman Finizia asked where the steel was being placed and if they were being sistered. Mr. Fusco indicated that the beams were being sistered only on the ends and the entire middle section of the garage, which includes five bays in the middle and two on each end, are being replaced. The end walls are being saved, columns will be put up (that's the sistering) and the internal four beams will be replaced. The remaining and sistered beams are being cleaned, sandblasted, primed and painted. Mr. Fusco suggests the Town authorize the ordering of the steel so that we can move forward with the insurance company. All of the garage doors will be replaced.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Wensley to authorize ordering of the steel for the highway garage, for which the insurance company will reimburse the Town.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to enter into Executive Session at 7:35pm on a personnel and legal matters.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to adjourn the Executive Session

at 8:05pm.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE - GLENMERE LAKE DAM ORDER ON CONSENT

Scott Bonacic, the Town Attorney clarified, as was discussed with the Board, the DEC Order on Consent, which was previously entered into, there's been a modification which effects the Town of Chester, Village of Florida and the County. All three municipalities have been asked to sign, as this is a formal action that has to be taken.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez for Supervisor Valentine to sign the Glenmere Lake Dam Order on Consent and pay the fine assessed to the Town.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE – RETAINER FOR BURKE, MEILE, GOLDEN & NAUGHTON

Supervisor Valentine commented on the related litigation matter to the Sherman project. The Town would like to retain the counsel of Burke, Meile, Golden & Naughton, LLP to represent the Town against Selective Insurance. Attorney Scott Bonacic explained this is a separate but related action that involves the Town of Chester and Selective Insurance. We have filed for a declaratory judgment asking relief from the Sherman litigation. The Town has to respond and identify a local firm to handle the representation because they are not listed as counsel. This is a motion authorizing Burke, Meile, Golden & Naughton, LLP to represent our interests against Selective Insurance.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez for Supervisor Valentine to sign the retainer agreement with Burke, Meile, Golden & Naughton, LLP to represent the Town against Selective Insurance.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE – INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS TEAM

Supervisor Valentine commented that the Intermunicipal agreement is between the Towns of Woodbury, Village of Harriman, Village of Monroe, Town of Chester, Village of Goshen and the Town of Warwick to establish and maintain a joint special weapons and tactics team that will be available to any participating entity in the event of an emergency in accordance with the provisions of the agreement. This is the team that responded to the Chester School District's active shooter incident not that long ago.

TOWN BOARD OF CHESTER

**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
JOINT SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTIC TEAM**

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Finizia and seconded by Councilman Perez and passed 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert Valentine, Supervisor of the Town of Chester, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement Joint Special Weapons and Tactic Team between the Town of Woodbury, Village of Harriman, Village of Monroe, Village of Goshen, Town of Warwick and Town of Chester Police Departments through the period ending December 31, 2024.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of Officer Dunlop to the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Course to be held at the New York State Police Academy in Albany. The first portion will be held from June 24th-28th and the second portion is to be held July 8th-12th. Four night's lodging will be required each week at a rate of \$101.00 per night.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the attendance of Officer Weinstein to the FBI Basic Digital Photography Course to be held in New Windsor from June 25th-27th. The course is developed for law enforcement first responders and criminal investigators, who are responsible for photographically documenting crime scenes, traffic accident scenes, injuries, or any other type of evidence associated with a criminal investigation. Through a combination of lecture and scenario based, hands-on laboratories, the student develops the necessary skills associated with properly operating a digital camera to capture the high quality evidence grade photographs required in law enforcement. There is no fee for this course.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Valentine acknowledged the letter received from Arthur Ettinger of 14 Maple Lane, Chester and dated May 8, 2019 requesting a waiver of the \$5.00 late fee applied to his water bill.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Perez to authorize waiving the \$5.00 late fee for Mr. Ettinger.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

LABOR DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE POLICY

Supervisor Valentine acknowledged the memo received from Linda Zappala, Town Clerk dated May 21, 2019 regarding a meeting with the Department of Labor regarding the Town's requirements under Labor Law Article 8 & 9 as of July 18, 2008. Before any work can be scheduled in the Town, the Town Clerk's office needs prior notification. This is true each time work is performed. Most companies regardless of sole proprietors are required to pay prevailing wage. Once the Clerk's office is notified, a Prevailing Rate Case (PRC) will be established with the Department of Labor and the laborer will be contacted. All vendors, whether Article 8 or 9 are required to submit certified payrolls in order to be paid by the Town. Some contractors or services can be covered under a blanket PRC but it covers only until the end of the year. If the Board wants to leave this process to each department, they will be required to coordinate all registrations, paperwork, etc. Nevertheless, all records need to be retained for 5 years by the Town Clerk. It seems more prudent to centralize this activity within the Town Clerk's office so that vendors can be paid when we are invoiced and the proper records maintained. If the Board is agreeable, kindly make a motion to establish this procedure so that we can notify all Department Heads of this policy.

Councilman Finizia wanted to know if this is about contractors and vendors who are working for the Town that their signed and documented payroll goes through the Town Clerk. Nicole Griffin, Accounts Payable Clerk confirmed that information. It was clarified that this applies to contractors and vendors only, not employees.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to authorize the centralization with the Town Clerk's office by all departments for work conducted by a contractor or vendor so as to assign a Department of Labor Prevailing Rate Case number for prevailing wage and proper payment of invoices.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT STRIPING

Al Fusco advised that he received two quotes for the Police Department parking lot and that he would like to take the lower quote at a cost of approximately \$2,000 if the Board agrees. Supervisor Valentine commented that this would be fine. Councilman Wensley asked what this was regarding, Mr. Fusco advised that this was for the striping of the Police

Department parking lot.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to authorize the striping of the Police Department parking lot at a cost of approximately \$2,000.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine announced the Bellvale Community Italian Dinner to be held on June 28, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Bellvale Community on 359 Gibson Hill Road, Chester, NY. All are invited to attend.

Supervisor Valentine announced the Town of Chester Fireworks Extravaganza will be held on July 13, 2019 (rain date July 14, 2019) at Carpenter Field. The bandstand will be on the hill by the school. Start time is 5:00pm with food trucks and live music starting at 6:00pm. Fireworks to begin at approximately 9:00-9:15pm.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Finizia discussed the matter of electronic timekeeping for all buildings, which he believes the State requires under the audit as well as the possibility of Chief Dan Doellinger checking if the police have some old surveillance equipment for around the Town Hall building. This involves the 15-minute Town Board parking that he wanted to establish for people who have Town Board business. He has spoken with some of the employees and the reason why they park there all day is because their cars are getting dinged and dented by the public. If the Chief can get the surveillance cameras installed or reactivated for the parking lot, then we can move forward with the 15-minute parking. Councilman Finizia then commented on the possibility of posting the Town bills online for the public to review. It was discussed among the Board members that this was not feasible as there are too many bills, which would require redacting, scanning & posting every month. Supervisor Valentine advised that if anyone wants to see the bills, they could fill out a FOIL request and review whatever they want. Councilman Finizia thanked Dan Doellinger with helping on the selection of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman. Supervisor Valentine commented that Councilman Finizia could get some quotes on electronic timekeeping software and speak to the Town employees as to what their thoughts are. Councilman Finizia then asked whether there is some sort of timeframe from the State or a just get it done kind of thing. Supervisor Valentine advised that he should ask the Town Clerk for more clarification. Supervisor Valentine commented that someone will come in to take a look at what surveillance equipment we have to see if it could be used.

Councilman Perez commented that there is a need for surveillance at the parks as well. Supervisor Valentine agreed in light of some vandalism at the parks and this matter will be discussed further. Councilman Perez discussed the pavilion at Carpenter field. He encouraged the public to go by and see it. He gave a special thank you to Tom Atkins and Jerry the foreman. Also, a thank you to those who some may not know who were on the project helping out, Dave Stoddard and Steve Wright from the Highway Department. Supervisor Valentine added a thank you to John and Glen from the Bellvale Community, Chris Battiato, Pat Taggart and Dave from the Parks Department. Supervisor Valentine comments that the Town once put this project to bid and the quote came in at approximately \$150,000, so if we are currently coming in at \$20,000-\$30,000 that's probably a lot. As soon as we do know what the total will be, we will make it known.

Councilwoman Smith commented that she observed picnic tables there already; Supervisor Valentine advised that they were purchased by the Town and barbecues are or have been concreted in as well. Councilwoman Smith advised that all there is that is left is the landscaping and electric. This was confirmed by Supervisor Valentine. Supervisor Valentine mentioned that this project was started by the Greens at Chester as a public project and they donated the lumber, roof trusses and plywood and the Town is very appreciative of that. Councilwoman Smith said that the tentative date for the railing installation at the Senior Center is July 23, 2019 and there was some patching done at the crossing by the railroad company on Greycourt Avenue, which is nice.

Councilwoman Smith asked Michelle Dreshler to give an update on the recreation while it is in a transition stage. Michelle advised that they have a Sail to Rail New England trip scheduled for September 15th-18th. At present, there are 51 people signed up and they are taking names on a wait list. If they get another 29 names, they can have a second bus going. Kristin Palmer and Michelle had a wonderful time on the Lancaster trip on June 3-4 with 47 other people. Their tour guide was a wealth of information about the Amish people. There are two trips to a NY Yankees game, one is July 17th which is open to everyone and the second is a day game on August 14th which is for seniors age 60 and up. Councilwoman Smith asked the

Board about an update on the Greens litigation. Supervisor Valentine advised that they are addressing things as they come down the line. Councilwoman Smith asked about an update on the theater. Supervisor Valentine asked Walter Popailo to give an update. Walter Popailo advised that the sprinkler system is being tested tomorrow (6/13). Bill and Tom Keller from the Town's Water Department are doing the water testing which will take a couple of weeks to get done. They are also looking at a couple of entertainment companies as well as cleaning companies to come in and look at what is needed to be cleaned up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Becker of 11 Sanford Avenue produced a copy of part of the Village of Chester Code that the Board may want to look at in the future and add to the Town Code regarding the following: "In the event that a change in ground elevation leaves a service pipe insufficiently buried, the consumer shall promptly lower or raise the service pipe to conform to the new ground elevation." This is something that is not currently in the Town Code but is in the Village Code and the Board may want to include it under Water Mains to deal with the issue over in Sugar Loaf with the mains being buried 11 feet and special considerations you have to do to make repairs there, this is something that can help you in the future. Mr. Becker asked about the fines associated with the Glenmere Dam – was it in reference to something prior to the dam being repaired or something after that? Supervisor Valentine advised that the DEC wanted things to be done by a certain time and it seems to him that the DEC were the ones who didn't get back to the Town in time. Scott Bonacic, the Town Attorney commented that the issue was that there was a hearing that was actually conducted against the Town, the Village and the County with the Administrative Judge. There was a finding that all three were dam owners and that the dam was not properly maintained for over 20 some years. So, with the finding there was a fine that was stayed or held in abeyance with the Order stating that there would be remedial work and repair work done over an 18 month period, that has turned into 2 ½ years which relates prior to the dam being rebuilt. Mr. Becker asked if anyone else has received the phone calls about the Greens of Chester survey. Mr. Becker believes that it's annoying and harassment and would like it to stop. Supervisor Valentine advised that he, himself, has not received any calls, but many people have mentioned it to the Town and there is nothing that the Town can do about it. Several others in the audience commented about receiving calls. Mr. Becker asked if there were any updates regarding the water in Walton Lake Estates as far as the survey and the exploration. Supervisor Valentine commented that he was in agreement with the water acquisition and is not sure if the survey has been completed yet, it's a survey of new property we acquired; Bill Keller has been handling that.

Tracy Schuh of 94 Pickerel Road commented on keeping up with the improvements to the Town Code which have been mentioned in prior meetings. She feels that the Town's lost some time and traction in attending to the matters people have asked about regarding environment, noise, etc. and there are a lot of environmental issues that still have not been addressed. I know you are talking about the preservation plan, which is going to be great if it is adopted, and moving forward with that, but that is a supplement to your existing conservation code that you are supposed to have that will help preserve wetlands and streams. Speaking of, I wanted to point out that there was a public hearing last week on a subdivision at Trout Brook and I had to speak up and talk since I know firsthand a lot about the water on that end of town, I don't think the planning board members really had a full understanding about what may seem as a minor subdivision but it turns out the developer owns the property across the street and he wanted to do a subdivision next to that one. So to me, I brought up the issue of when a developer tries to develop small parcels to avoid a larger environmental review. The Trout Brook Watershed is an environmentally sensitive area and it is prone to flooding as anyone who lives there can attest to that. I just wanted to let you know that public meeting took place and I am not sure what the results of the response to the public comments, but it's one of those things where we have these natural resources and we need the laws to back it up. Sadly, the plan only had a 25 foot buffer to the stream and the code calls for 100 feet, things like that can't get overlooked when you're talking about an area where people are going to get flooded. Public comments are accepted until June 15th if anyone who lives around there wants to send in their comments and recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, there being no further business brought before the Board.

VOTE AYES 5: Finizia, Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sodano
Deputy Town Clerk
2019-06-12