

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 24, 2019
7:00 PM**

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

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Town Attorney

LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Supervisor Valentine announced the Library's submission of petitions made to the Town Clerk to place a proposition on the ballot for the 2019 Election.

RESOLUTION

TOWN OF CHESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO SUBMIT A PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTERS AT THE GENERAL ELECTION

July 24, 2019

TITLE: A resolution to authorize the Town Board of the Town of Chester to submit a proposition to increase the annual contribution of the Town of Chester to the Chester Public Library to voters at the General Election.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on the 24th day of July, 2019, at 7:00 PM prevailing time:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Valentine and upon roll being called the following were:

PRESENT: Robert Valentine, Supervisor
Cindy Smith, Deputy Supervisor
Ryan Wensley, Councilman
Orlando Perez, Councilman
Vincent Finizia, Councilman

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Finizia, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Wensley, to wit:

WHEREAS, a Petition having been filed with the Town Clerk on July 22, 2019 and endorsed by the Board of Trustees of the Chester Public Library, qualified voters of the Town of Chester petitioned the question of increasing the amount of funding of the annual contribution to the Chester Public Library to \$671,971.00, to be voted on at the next general election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has certified that said Petition meets the requirements of New York Town Law §81(4).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Chester as follows:

1. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Chester is hereby authorized and directed to submit the following proposition to the Town's qualified electors at the General Election to be held on November 5, 2019:

SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BE INCREASED FROM THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$633,992.00) TO THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$671,971.00) ANNUALLY?

2. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Chester is hereby authorized and directed to publish at least once in the official newspaper of the Town of Chester and post on the signboard of the Town of Chester, a Notice of Proposition, in substantially the form attached hereto, at least ten (10) days prior to the General Election to be held on November 5, 2019.
3. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Chester is hereby authorized and directed to transmit to the Orange County Board of Elections a certified copy of this Resolution and the submitted proposition.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Robert Valentine, Supervisor	Yes
Cindy Smith, Deputy Supervisor	Yes
Ryan Wensley, Councilwoman	Yes
Orlando Perez, Councilman	Yes
Vincent Finizia, Councilman	Yes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Dated: July 24, 2019

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TOWN CODE

Supervisor Valentine explained that the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center will be the venue for the Council of the Arts "10 Minute Play" festival on August 1, 2, and 3, 2019, and as a result the Glenmere Brewing Company will be serving alcohol. This requires the suspension of the Local Law.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to suspend 33-2 of Local Law 3 of 1980 to allow alcohol on Town Property on August 1, 2, and 3, 2019 at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center.

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

ADOPTED

LANDLORD AUTHORIZATION

Supervisor Valentine explained that in order for the Glenmere Brewing Company to obtain a permit from the NYS Liquor Authority, the Town must provide authorization.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Perez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Landlord Authorization Form giving permission to the Glenmere Brewing Company to acquire the proper permitting from the New York State Liquor Authority to sell beer on August 1, 2 and 3, 2019 at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center, subject to receipt of insurance and related documents.

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

ADOPTED

BDA PROPERTIES

Supervisor Valentine said BDA Properties had previously petitioned the Board for a decision regarding their request for an

Open Area Development on their solar farm property on Black Meadow Road which would allow for a subdivision creating a parcel serviced only through an easement. The Supervisor canvassed the Board to see if there was a motion on the matter. There was none.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter to the petitioner, BDA Properties that no action was taken on the matter.

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

ADOPTED

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Perez to appoint Kristen Palmer to the exempt position of full-time Recreation Aide, effective Monday, July 29, 2019.

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

ADOPTED

BLOCK PARTY REQUEST

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the request for road closure at Wilson Road from the intersections of Wilson Road and Madison Circle on August 31st, with a rain date of September 1, 2019, subject to Police Department review.

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

ADOPTED

LPI PUBLISHING SERVICE AGREEMENT

Supervisor Valentine said LPI had submitted an agreement for consideration following their presentation on July 10, 2019 for a bi-monthly newsletter.

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to enter into an agreement with LPI at no cost, for a three-year term.

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

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine read the Recreation Department update:

Center used as "cooling Center" this past weekend.

Saturday 7 people

Sunday 2 people

Camp is running smoothly.

2nd session ending July 26....129 campers

3rd session begins Monday, July 29 98 campers registered to date.

Taking registration until first day of camp, parents very thankful for this, as plans change and they know they can get the children in camp.

Chair Yoga program very well attended and participants are thankful another class being added. Looking at Wednesday mornings 9-10 am, might delay the Golden Age Club from entering the building by 10 minutes, however their meetings don't start until 12pm.

Yankee game on Wed July 17 was postponed because of weather, we are looking at possible options and will update - there were a few bumps in the road the short time we were at the stadium, but everything was handled great. So thankful to have Kristin along on trips, this game is an example of why 2 people are necessary, thank you Town Board for allowing this. Working with group sales agent on how handle rescheduling the game and what are options are as a town.

Yankee game on Wednesday August 14 may have to be rescheduled, registrations are low and the bus isn't even half full - will keep everyone posted.

Rail/Sail New England trip is full - we are traveling with 52 guests not including Kristin and I. (Total 54).

Upcoming trips:

September 26th, Winding Creek Bethlehem (previously Sands Casino)

November 24-25 Christmas in Cape May NJ, 2 days 1 night

Trips were put out in weekly email Sunday 7/21, Facebook, and again with flyer on Monday 7/22 via email and sign ups coming in quickly.

So far 33 registered for Casino and 22 registered for Cape May

Many are returning registrants and are extremely happy that the Town is offering this. So many people asking if Kristin and I are going again and happy to hear we are. The comments heard are, "I am glad you 2 are going you make the trips fun," "you 2 are very efficient together", " we love going on the trips and are making sure you and your counterpart are going before we sign up". This is great to hear, we both try to make things efficient and easy for them, we prepare preprinted luggage tags with their names on them so when we arrive at the hotel everything is legible, index cards with our cell phone numbers, important times to meet, etc., we also provide prior to trips the number of where we will be in case of emergency to leave with family etc.

Currently working on a trip to Hershey Park Candy Cane Lane in November, awaiting information to come out from the park. Casino Trips are a huge hit amongst our guests so maybe one in October, as of yet we have no trips for that month. Working on trips for 2020, which may include a possible cruise; people are asking for one so right now that is in the preliminary stages.

In contact with Altice Cable and Frontier Communications regarding government access channel-will follow up with information as I have it.

Looking forward to working with Cindy regarding the grant received for the adult fitness equipment in the next week or so.

In light of a few little things that occurred when we called 911 Tuesday 7/23 for a member who became ill, I would like to see if we could coordinate with Chief Doellinger to have a "fire drill" at the Senior/Rec Center. I would like to thank the Town Of Chester Police for their quick response.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Finizia to enter into an Executive Session at 7:25pm on matters of Attorney/Client privilege. Motion carried 5-0.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Finizia and second by Councilman Wensley to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:55pm. Motion carried 5-0.

FEDERAL COMPLAINT

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to refer the Federal Complaint at the request of two Police Officers, to our insurance company for coverage.

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

ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith commented that she had met with Tracy Shuh to discuss the trail and adult exercise equipment at the Commons Park and will be working with Michele and Kristen to move the project along. She said that the Yankee Game was rained out and the tickets will be replaced. Ticket holders may return on their own or the Town may hire another bus or budget the expense for next year since the tickets will be honored. She asked Michele the status of the equipment repair for the TV upload of meetings. Michele said she will be working with the cable companies on the issue and the last meeting televised was May 24th.

*Councilman Finizia left the meeting at 8:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lydia Cuadros asked about her recent letter pertaining to unfit buildings at Scott's Meadows. Supervisor Valentine acknowledged receipt and said he would look into the matter further.

Ms. Cuadros inquired about a possible reduction in rental fees of the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center for the 40th Anniversary of the Sugar Loaf Citizens Foundation, on a Friday or Saturday sometime next November. Supervisor Valentine said the request would have to be further discussed. Councilwoman Smith commented that that might be treading water for exceeding time and reduced cost setting precedent.

Cindy Becker, 11 Sanford Avenue reported an issue with the automatic door at the Senior Center. She said the extremely heavy door cannot be open without the hex key from the inside and the gaps at the bottom are allowing the entry of frogs and mice. Supervisor Valentine said he would have the contractor come back to address the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2019-07-24