

**TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING  
November 20, 2019  
7:30 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:40pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Perez, Councilwoman Smith, Absent: Councilman Finizia, Councilman Wensley

**FINAL BUDGET 2020**

Supervisor Valentine stated the \$13,558,392 budget shows an overall increase of \$1,174,958. He noted \$230,000 in fund balances were used. Supervisor Valentine explained the increase includes \$167,000 in additional payroll expense due to 27 pay periods in 2020 along with \$250,000 of increased health and retirement costs, as well as a \$300,000 revenue shortfall in building department fees. He said this correction results in a safe budget that will put the town on the right track and strong fund balances in place. Supervisor Valentine added that we should have \$1,500,000-\$2,000,000 fund balance when we only have \$300,000.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adopt the 2020 budget for the Town of Chester as presented.

**VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

The 2020 Town of Chester Budget appears as an appendix to this document and is available on the Town's website.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to enter into an Executive Session at 7:45pm to discuss a matter of personnel hiring. Motion carried 3-0.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:50pm. Motion carried 3-0.

**HIRING OF PERSONNEL**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to appoint Sargent Vitale to the position of Administrative Sargent, effective immediately.

**VOTE AYES 3: Valentine, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilman Perez asked the Supervisor to provide an idea of the tax increase impact to a village resident. Supervisor Valentine explained the increase of \$519,629 to a Village of Chester resident would be a 5.1% increase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
2019-11-20

INSERT 2020 FINAL BUDGET