

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**DRAFT**

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

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

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

GENERAL FUND	179,770.27
GENERAL - PART TOWN	158,626.17
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	91,449.73
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	14,748.89
FIELDCREST WATER	804.84
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	2,637.00
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	11,258.10
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	2,924.99
GARBAGE DISTRICT	91,429.82
WALTON LAKE WATER	8,078.47
TRUST & AGENCY	<u>57,473.18</u>
Grand Total	\$619,201.46

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SWEEPER PURCHASE**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Wensley to approve the purchase of a sweeper, as approved (up to \$60,656) in the 2019 budget, under a 6 year financing agreement with KS State Bank at an annual rate of 3.99% and payment of \$58,698.28 for a total purchase price of \$405,086 and allow the Supervisor to sign the proposal for same.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**PARKS DEPARTMENT TRUCK PURCHASE**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to allow the Supervisor to sign the installment purchase contract for the approved purchase of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Extended Cab with Long Box and 9' Western Plow, for use by the Parks Department.

DISCUSSION: Purchase price \$37,164.42

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ROUTE 17M BRIDGE SAFETY RESOLUTION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION DEEMING THE ROADWAY ALONG THE ROUTE 17M BRIDGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF**

**KINGS HIGHWAY A SAFETY CONCERN FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester has received voluminous complaints with respect the road conditions located along the Route 17M Bridge at the intersection of Kings Highway in the Town of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, said roadway has been found to be in serious deteriorating condition resulting in large potholes and craters; and

**WHEREAS**, Town Board of the Town of Chester has serious safety concerns relating to potential motor vehicle accidents and damage to vehicles traveling along the roadway;

**WHEREAS**, the roadway in question is owned and maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation who have failed to adequately maintain said roadway in a safe condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester intends to seek similar resolutions from the Village of Chester and the County of Orange with respect to the deteriorating and unsafe conditions of the roadway .

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester deems the roadway located along the Route 17M Bridge at the intersection of Kings Highway a serious safety concern for Town of Chester residents and travelers along the roadway due to the deteriorating conditions and the failure of the New York State Department of Transportation to adequately maintain and repair said roadway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester intends to seek maintenance and repair of the roadway from the New York State Department of Transportation;

DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Smith suggested that all residents and those who travel the bridge write to the Governor, Assemblymen and Senators to express their concern about the bridge and wait five years for the consideration of a new bridge.

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, Councilman	Yes
Orlando Perez, Councilman	Yes

**LONGEVITY PAYMENT INCREASE**

Supervisor Valentine explained the Board’s desire to compensate their long-term employees with an increase in longevity pay for their service to the Town. He added this increase was budgeted for 2019, and that there are currently three employees who qualify.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilman Wensley to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester adopted a Longevity Policy with respect to annual longevity payments provided by the Town of Chester to Town of Chester employees who have worked continuously for a requisite number of years; and

**WHEREAS**, said Longevity Policy applies only to those Town of Chester employees who are not subject to collective bargaining agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, said Longevity Policy provides for an increase in longevity payments dependent upon the length of service of the employee and the Town Budget provides for the same; and

**WHEREAS**, said Longevity Policy currently provides for a longevity payment in the amount of \$1,750.00 annual to those employees who have qualifies for the same by providing a continuous length of service to the Town of Chester equal to 25 years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the town of Chester has determined that an update to the Longevity Policy is required to modify the amount of the longevity payments to current Town of Chester employees ho, at of the close of the 2019 years, will have had a continuous length of service of 25 years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester has determined that a further update to the Longevity Policy is required to modify the amounts of the longevity payments to Town of Chester employees who, for the years 2020 and beyond, will have a continuous length of service of 25 years or more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester approves the following longevity payment schedule for current Town of Chester employees who, at of the close of the 2019 year, will have had a continuous length of service of 25 years or more:

<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE AS OF THE END OF THE 2019 YEAR</b>	<b>ANNUAL LONGEVITY AMOUNT</b>
Less than 5 years	\$0
5 years or more, but less than 10 years	\$350.00
10 years or more, but less than 15 years	\$700.00
15 years or more, but less than 20 years	\$1,050.00
20 years or more, but less than 25 years	\$1,750.00
25 years and beyond	\$3,375.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester approves the following longevity payment schedule for Town of Chester employees who, for the years 2020 and beyond, will have a continuous length of service of 25 years or more:

<b>LENGTH OF SERVICE AS OF THE END OF THE 2020 YEAR</b>	<b>ANNUAL LONGEVITY AMOUNT</b>
Less than 5 years	\$0
5 years or more, but less than 10 years	\$350.00
10 years or more, but less than 15 years	\$700.00
15 years or more, but less than 20 years	\$1,050.00
20 years or more, but less than 25 years	\$1,750.00
25 years and beyond	\$5,000.00

**DISCUSSION:** Councilman Wensley asked how the payments are made. Supervisor Valentine replied that they are lump sum payments made on the anniversary date of employment.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**TIN BARN BREWERY (JENACK AUCTION HOUSE PROPERTY)**

Supervisor Valentine explained that Tin Barn Brewery has petitioned the Town for water and sewer service. He said the Town has received approval from Moodna, the design engineer and the Water Department with regard to this request. The Town Attorney opined that the Board could show willingness to enter into an agreement for said services, as an outside user, subject to project approval by the Town of Chester Planning Board.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Wensley and second by Councilwoman Smith to express willingness to enter into an agreement with Tin Barn Brewery to provide water and sewer service as an out of district user subject to project approval of the Planning Board and attorney review.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Perez said he thought the amount of water to be used would be similar to a single family home. Councilman Wensley said he thought it would be limited to use on certain times. Mr. VanPamelen commented that an agreement was reached with the Building Inspector on the use of a holding tank for less water than what was originally discussed. Supervisor Valentine said the Board is sensitive to the concerns of the neighbors in the area.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**IMA FOR 2019 REGULAR POLICE OVERTIME (STOP-DWI)**

**IMA FOR 2019  
REGULAR POLICE OVERTIME  
STOP-DWI PROGRAM**

**RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Wensley and passed 4-0.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Daniel Doellinger, Chief of Police of the Town of Chester, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Orange County IMA Regular Police Overtime STOP-DWI Patrols for the period 3/15/2019-1/1/2020, during three preset periods, with an assignment of up to \$4,108 to be used by the Town during the first enforcement period from March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 28, 2019, reimbursable by the County of Orange.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD**

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**FIRE ALARM MONITORING**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the proposal submitted by Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc. for fire alarm monitoring of the Town Hall building at a cost of \$30.00 per month.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**SUGAR LOAF PERFORMATING ARTS CENTER**

Supervisor Valentine gave an update on the SLPAC. He reported the Moody's bond rating that is done annually came in at AA3 which is among the highest for a town of this size, considered to be favorably located near employment with sound financial position and liquidity and low overall leverage and manageable fixed costs, consecutive modest drawers on fund balances and increased reliance on economically sensitive sales, mortgage and transfer taxes. As a result, the bonds sold today at 3.5%, considered taxable to allow for leasing and concessions to generate revenue. He added, there is a seasoning requirement of 7 years to allow us to pay if off, with a 15-year term, the shortest of all Town bond debt.

Councilwoman Smith reported that the Board did a walk-thru, including the outside areas, ahead of closing, with Richard Logothetis and found all intact with properly working equipment. She said the theater doesn't need a major overhaul.

**GREENS OF CHESTER**

Supervisor Valentine referenced the notice of violation issued the Greens of Chester for non-compliance with the Town of Chester Stormwater Management Code. Engineer Fusco explained that a notice of violation had been issued for stabilization of steep slopes and silt fencing. He said the Greens had complied with all except the silt fence and as the weather is breaking a notice of violation on silt fence repair or other erosion control approved methods to reduce the runoff to be completed within 30 days. He added they have the right to appeal within 15 days of the notice, dated March 5, 2019 and failure puts them subject to fines.

**GLENMERE MANSION SEPTC FAILURE**

Supervisor Valentine reported a site inspection conducted with the engineer on a leaching and odor complaint. The engineer issued a warning letter for corrective action to be certified by a NYS licensed professional engineer and a plan prepared for review by the Town. Failure to act timely will require further action including notification of the Orange County Department of Health.

### **EDUCATION REQUESTS**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of Sgt. Vitale to the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Program Officer Safety and Awareness Training. The course objective is to assist law enforcement managers, trainers and personnel in the identification of training issues for the purpose of preventing deaths and/or serious injuries of law enforcement personnel. It will be held in Rockland County on March 21<sup>st</sup>. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Sgt. D' Agnese, Det. Slaughter, Officer Bird and Officer Santosky-Wright to the Interview and Interrogation training sponsored by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. It will be held in Westchester County on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of Sgt. Vitale to the Disability Awareness Training for Law Enforcement instructor course sponsored by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. It is designed specifically for police officer trainers. It will be held in our training room on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of Officer Santosky-Wright to the Effective Animal Cruelty Investigations and Prosecutions course sponsored by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. It will be held in Orange County on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Wensley and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Sgt. D'Agnesse to the FBI National Improvised Explosives Familiarization training. It will be held in Goshen on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Chief Doellinger, Sgt. Vitale, Sgt. Slowik, Det. Slaughter, Officer Weinstein and Officer Monsees to the 35th Annual Mid-Hudson Stop DWI Enforcement/Prosecution Conference. It will be held in New Windsor on April 11th. There is no fee for the course.

**VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of William Keller and Thomas Keller to the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference April Seminar on April 10, 2019 at a member cost of \$30.00 per person.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of Alexa Burchianti to the Hudson Valley CEO Educational Conference, Poughkeepsie, NY on April 24 – April 26, 2019 at a cost of \$300.00.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor Valentine acknowledged receipt of the thorough Police Department Report which appears below:



**Town of Chester  
Police Department**

79 Laroe Road  
Chester, NY 10918

Office: (845) 469-7000  
Fax: (845) 469-7994  
police@thetownofchester.org  
Chief Daniel J. Doellinger, NA

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**TO: SUPERVISOR ROBERT VALENTINE**  
**FROM: CHIEF DANIEL DOELLINGER** *DM*  
**DATE: March 11, 2019**  
**RE: Report of Police Department for February 2019**

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During the month of February, the Town of Chester Police Department remained highly active in the community. We continued to take a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws, while maintaining our overall objective of community commitment. In February, the police department responded to **267 calls for service**. Officers patrolled for **12,172 miles** during the month. A breakdown of the criminal and non-criminal activity for the month is included below:

**CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

The Town of Chester Police Department made **20 arrests** during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

- 8 arrests for Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors
- 2 arrests for felony Criminal Mischief, Menacing, Intimidating a Witness and Conspiracy
- 1 arrest for felony Driving While Intoxicated and felony Aggravated Unlicensed Operation
- 2 arrests for Criminal Trespass
- 1 arrest for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving with a BAC >.08%
- 1 arrest for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument and Possession of a Forged Inspection Sticker
- 1 arrest on an outstanding warrant
- 2 arrests for Unlawful Possession of Marihuana
- 1 arrest for Dog at Large
- 1 arrest for Soliciting without a Permit

*Please refer to Attachment A for complete details.*

**NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

In addition to the arrests listed above, officers also responded to other calls for service. A summary of those calls for service is as follows:

- 30 medical calls
- 22 reports of suspicious conditions, people and/or vehicles
- 12 domestic disputes, disturbances or family court matters
- 12 residential & commercial alarms
- 9 animal complaints
- 2 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
- 11 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 6 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

*Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.*

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*Community Commitment*

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Officers also issued **219 uniform traffic tickets** during the month.

## MIDNIGHT SHIFT

24 Vehicle & Traffic Stops  
25 UTTs Issued  
52 Calls for Service  
5 Arrests

## SEX OFFENDERS

There were no changes to our registered sex offenders living in town in February.

LEVEL	BEGINNING OF MONTH	END OF MONTH
1	3	3
2	1	1
3	0	0
TOTAL	4	4

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

During the month, Town of Chester police officers assisted members of the community in many ways.

Officers completed **32 house security checks** and **1006 business security checks**.

There were two child safety seat installations/inspections completed at the station in February. Officers Bird, Weinstein and Stack continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

Officer Perez continued his assignment as the School Resource Officer in the Chester schools for one day a week. A lockdown drill scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to inclement weather closing the schools.

## TRAINING

Chief Doellinger, Sgt. Vitale, Sgt. Slowik and Sgt. D'Agnese attended the Use of Force Legal and Tactics seminar by attorney Eric Daigle in Goshen on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Doellinger, Sgt. Vitale and Officer Monsees attended the Controlled Party Dispersal and Underage Drinking Enforcement Tactics course in Goshen on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Officer Perez attended the School Threat Assessment course in Oriskany on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Det. Slaughter attended the Child Abduction Investigation and Response course in Ulster County on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sgt. D'Agnese attended the FBI LEOKA Officer Safety and Awareness Training seminar in Rockland County on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Doellinger assisted with instruction at the police academy for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing portion of the Basic Course for Police Officers on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

All officers, except PO Maglione (sick), attended the Taser recertification training on either February 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> in our training room.

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*Community Commitment*

## MISCELLANEOUS

Officer Michael Dunlop completed his field training in February.

Part-time officer Gannon resigned in February to accept a full-time police officer position with the Town of Wallkill.

Part-time court officer DeLuca began field training for patrol shifts in February.

A resident called on February 28<sup>th</sup> to thank Officers Weinstein and Stack for their assistance at a medical call earlier that morning. A copy of the email from the clerk who received the phone call is attached.

## SCHEDULING

There were 142 hours of overtime paid in February.

Shift Coverage	112.5
Monthly Training	21
Police Traffic Services Grant	3
Court	3
Late Calls/Arrests	2
Investigations	0.5

Part-time police officers were used to fill 170 hours of shift coverage (152 regular hours and 18 overtime hours).

Supervisor Valentine read the Animal Control Report which appears below:



# Town of Chester Police Department

79 Laroe Road  
Chester, NY 10918

Office: (845) 469-7000  
Fax: (845) 469-7994  
police@thetownofchester.org  
Chief Daniel J. Doellinger, NA

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**TO: Supervisor Robert Valentine**  
**FROM: Chief Daniel Doellinger** *DM*  
**DATE: March 11, 2019**  
**RE: Monthly Report for Animal Control for February 2019**

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During the month of February 2019, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 9 animal complaints and investigated 6 motor vehicle accidents involving deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 6 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 1 of the calls for service was for an injured deer
- 1 of the calls for service was for a welfare check on horses
- 1 of the calls for service was for a deceased cat

**Warwick Valley Humane Society**

The monthly report for February from the Warwick Valley Humane Society is attached.

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*Community Commitment*

Supervisor Valentine read the Recreation Department update report which appears below:

- We are currently collecting for our Orange County military serving overseas. We have a collection box at the Center. The box will be here until March 23rd.
- Great attendance at the various activities being held at the center despite the crazy winter weather.
- The ice rink continues to be monitored for safety and updates posted on Facebook as well as signs posted at the park by the rink.
- Basketball ended on March 9. We had 2 clinics and 8 games. It was a very successful season. Next season we intend to add 2 more clinics before the season begins due to their success. A sincere thank you to the coaches who volunteered to make this program possible.
- With spring right around the corner, arrangements are underway for the Outdoor Senior Playground. As well as the installation of railings by the sidewalks.
- March 21 Movie Matinee. Movie TBD. All are welcome.
- Summer camp registration is available on line effective April 1 for Residents and April 15 for Non-residents.
- Bus trips have been well received. The casino trip for April 25 is booking up.
- The Crime Victims Vigil will be held at the Senior Center on April 9.
- Preventative Medical Screening is scheduled for April 12 – 13.
- Town of Chester PBA is Hosting its 18th annual Easter Egg Hunt Sat 4/13 at Chester Commons Park.
- Health Forum at the Center to discuss Blood Clot Awareness on April 27.
- LL opening day is slotted for 4/27/19 at Carpenter Park.
- Arrangements are underway for our first “Senior Prom” being held May 3. More information to follow.
- The Kiwanis will be holding their annual 5K race at Carpenter Park Sat 5/25.
- Our first overnight trip to Lancaster, PA is scheduled for June 3, 2019.
- The Town and Village are again partnering for the Chester Music Series every Tuesday evening 7-9pm beginning 6/18/19 going through to 8/20/19.
- The Bill Perry festival will be 7/28/19. All in the same location as last year on Michael Farrow’s property in downtown Chester.
- The annual Town of Chester Fireworks/Block Party is set for July 13, 2019 rain date July 14. Field usage will be discussed with the school. More details to follow as they are secured.
- The buildings and grounds department have cleared out the old police station. They have been doing maintenance on items at the parks such as bleachers and picnic benches. As soon as the weather breaks all outside work at the parks will begin.
- The parks office is starting to set up schedules for the spring and process permits for the parks and pavilion.

- A list of classes can be found at [www.chesterrecreation.com](http://www.chesterrecreation.com) as well as Facebook. In addition, we encourage all residents to create an account which will allow us to send out up to date information.

Supervisor Valentine read the Engineer's report for March 12, 2019.

**CHESTERDALE:**

Review of SWPPP reports and field inspections.

**RIDGEVIEW:**

Review of SWPPP reports and field inspections. Review of deeds of dedication and easement documents. Also, developer requested reduction of bond; currently under review. The Planning Board discussed considering deed restrictions for maintenance of the rain gardens on each lot.

**WOODRIDGE:**

Review of SWPPP reports and field inspections.

**ASHFORD:**

Punchlist items for road completion and review of SWPPP reports and field inspections. Remaining open item – easement for drainage from stormwater pond.

**GREENS AT CHESTER:**

The stormwater officers sent a new Notice of Violation to the Greens for stormwater improvements, silt fence restoration. They were prohibited from opening new disturbance areas.

**TOWN WIDE:**

Fusco MS4 discussion and stormwater management plan with Planning Board last week.

Supervisor Valentine reminded the public to report any illicit discharge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Valentine read the Notice of Special Meeting of the Chester Fire District which appears below:

CHESTER FIRE DISTRICT  
PO BOX 612  
CHESTER, NY 10918

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

CHAIRMAN DESHLER CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 AT 7 PM. SAID MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AT 1410 KINGS HIGHWAY, CHESTER, NY

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN  
ELIZABETH A. REILLY  
SECRETARY  
2019-03-12

Supervisor Valentine read the information concerning the Crime victim Vigil on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The full detail follows:

Orange County Crime Victim's Vigil  
**Tuesday April 9, 2019**



Time: 6:00 PM (Ceremony Begins) 5:30  
PM Doors Open

Location: Town of Chester Senior Center  
81 Laroe Rd., Chester, NY

Supervisor Valentine announced the date for the Chester Clean-up has been changed to Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-12 with a rain date of Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 9-12. He acknowledged the conflict with the PBA Easter Egg Hunt to be held the same day. He noted the Village of Chester's offer to assist with Police and Highway personnel. Councilwoman Smith said volunteers should attend the clean-up, then head over to the Easter Egg Hunt at 11am for refreshments.

Supervisor Valentine read the notice from O&R concerning vegetation management. It follows:

Soon, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. will be conducting vegetation management work in your community and I want to keep you informed of our planned activities. Attached is a letter detailing the vegetation management to be conducted in the Town of Chester along our transmission lines. In addition, I have attached the door hanger we will be leaving on the doors of residents that abut any of our easements as well as frequently asked questions regarding vegetation management.

Supervisor Valentine read the letter received from Assemblyman Schmitt. It appears below:

Dear Local Leaders:

I wanted to provide you with an update on our effort to fully restore the Governors AIM funding cuts.

The legislative one-house budgets have been released this week and final budget negotiations have begun in earnest.

I have continued to work in bipartisan fashion as Ranking Member of the Assembly Local Governments Committee to fight for full restoration of the AIM funding cuts.

As you know, in the Governor's 30 day budget amendments, he proposed a "fix" to this issue which was not a solution at all.

I am happy to announce that both chambers one-house budgets fully restore the \$59 million in AIM funding that was cut, providing the same level and method of payment as last year.

This news is positive and welcome, yet anything and everything can still happen during the budget process so our efforts are far from over. I will keep you updated as we move along in the process to a final adopted budget with AIM fully restored.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jena Knight in my office- 845-469-6929 or [knightjl@nyassembly.gov](mailto:knightjl@nyassembly.gov).

Sincerely,  
Colin Schmitt  
Member of Assembly  
99th District

### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Smith said she wants to settle the discussion on recreation fees. Supervisor Valentine said he thought the fees were ambiguous. A discussion ensued on the age for seniors and monthly fees. Supervisor Valentine said the fees should be separate from the policy and set each year at the re-organization meeting. Councilwoman Smith added that the last bus trip was rescheduled due to weather and was successful. Councilwoman Smith said the senior prom is not meant for high school seniors. The next bus trip is expected to be full.

Councilman Wensley asked what the next steps would be following the resolution concerning the bridge. Supervisor Valentine said once the resolutions are collected from the Village of Chester and Legislator Vero they will be delivered to Assemblyman Schmitt. Following there could be a press conference planned at the bridge. There was a comment about there being hundreds of millions of dollars earmarked for roads in the State of New York, but none offered for this project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Maynard, 24 Elm Street, Chester, spoke on the stretch of road on Hambletonian Avenue from the Village line to the Chester Academy in the Town that is very dark, with no lights. He said it is dangerous and asked if there was something the Town could do to have lights installed.

Hank Pierron, 3 Price Road, President of Golden Age Club addressed the occupancy limits posted at the senior center. He asked for a written reply to the following questions: What does it mean if the kitchen is in use or not in use? Does this mean we make coffee, or use the stove? He said he doesn't agree with the Building Inspector's square footage of the building where there are tables and chairs. He said it is 49' by 62' which comes to 3,038 sf not 3,600 sf as posted. Using his numbers, it is 50 people per 1,200 s.f. which comes to 150 maximum which is the total in the building right now. He asked to see the building occupancy codes used by Mr. Farr to determine the maximum number of people using the building based on square footage and the doors used for exits. He would like to know the maximum number of people that can safely exit the building in the event of an emergency. He said right now there are three doors in the building. He added that if the maximum number of people allowed is 99 when the stove is in use, he suggested that a CO2 compression system be installed over the stove to eliminate the 99 occupancy limit. He asked, why the occupancy permit is only good for one year. Does this mean that the amount would change after a year? Supervisor Valentine said it is annual inspection requirement. He said that there was a presentation today that was to last 15 minutes but it went on all afternoon, during the club's St. Patrick's Day luncheon. He said he is not happy and the members aren't happy. He said he would appreciate being told in advance of planning. He added that the seniors are very happy with the work that Lori does to organize different activities for the residents of Chester. He said he thinks there should be more advertisement of activities, perhaps in the Times Herald Record. He thanked the Board. Supervisor Valentine said all the questions will be answered promptly.

Tom Becker, 11 Sanford Avenue, Chester, mentioned the sample letter from the Rural Water Association mentioning a safe water action program and are looking for Supervisor's to sign a form for passing legislation in New York to make money available for infrastructure needs. He presented the sample letter to the Board for consideration. He said it is a worthwhile cause to get any money available.

Kristi Greco, 251 Pine Hill Road, Chester followed up on the LLC information provided about six months ago. Supervisor Valentine said it is something the Town is looking at. She asked about the status of the transfer tax. Supervisor Valentine said it is stalled with the State Senator. He said it has to be put up to a vote. He said there is nothing we can do but keep calling them. She asked whether the Town would change anything concerning the Ethics Law. She said in Monroe, the Board meets to discuss things that are happening. Supervisor Valentine said he was unaware but he would look at what she had concerning it.

Bonnie Metzger, DeRose Lane, Chester, thanked Tin Barn for their reconsideration of the timing of water drawer. She spoke on the issue of the bypass and the racing on the road and access from her street. She suggested a stop sign or more police presence.

Steve Keahon, June Road, Chester, spoke on the Ethics reform in Monroe. He said the public hearing will be held on March 18 at 7pm. He said he thinks it's a good way to promote public confidence in town government as far as integrity and it would be a smart thing to do.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to enter into an Executive Session at 8:15pm for attorney/client privilege matters. Motion carried 4-0.

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:45pm for attorney/client privilege matters. Motion carried 4-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
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