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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 8, 2019
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:15pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Perez, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Wensley

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

PUBLIC HEARING – FY-2020 ORANGE URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Supervisor Valentine read the Public Notice as published in the Times Herald Record on May 4, 2019. The following are the notices which appeared both in English and Spanish:

**TOWN OF CHESTER
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Town of Chester invites public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for funding under the Orange County Community Development Program. A public hearing will be held on May 8, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Town of Chester Town Hall. Under this Program a variety of physical improvements as listed below are eligible for funding:

1. Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property
2. Public Works, Public Facilities or Site Improvements
3. Code enforcement (Housing and Health Codes)
4. Clearance, Demolition and Rehabilitation for Public Use or Economic Development
5. Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Grants
6. Special Projects for Elderly and Handicapped
7. Provision of Public Services (Shelters, Clinics, Senior Nutrition, etc.)
8. Payment of Non-Federal Shares of Other Grant Programs
9. Relocation Payments and Assistance

The Town of Chester will be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County Community Development Program. The deadline for which is Friday, April 26, 2019.

By: Robert Valentine
Supervisor
Town of Chester

TOWN OF CHESTER
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

El Town of Chester Invita comentario del public y sugerencias en cuanto a proyectos que seran pagados por los fondos del Orange County Community Development Program. Una Audiencia Publica sers reunida el Mayo 1, 2019 ala 7:00pm en la Town of Chester. Bejo este programa hay una variedad de mejoramientos fisicos cuales se alistan abajo y que elegibles para conseguir fondos:

1. Adquisicion y disposician de bienes raices
2. Proyectos publicos, y mejoramientos de sitio o de facilidades publicas
3. Codigo de compulsion (codigos de alojamiento y sanidad)
4. Hacer espacio libre, la demolicion y la rehabilitacion para uso del public o desarrollo economico
5. Prestamos y donaciones para la rehabilitacion de alojamientos
6. Proyectos espaciales para los de edad avanzaday los que tienen una desventaja
7. Provision de servicios publicos (hospedajes, clinicas, nutricion para lose dad avanzada, efeetera)
8. Pago de acciones no-federales de otros programas de donacion
9. Pagos para ayudar en localizarse y pagos y asistencia parsa relocalizarse

El Town of Chester considerara proyectos la fecha tope sometidos al Programa de Orange County Community Development sera el April 26, 2019.

Por: Robert Valentine
Supervisor
Town of Chester

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to open the Public Hearing at 7:17pm.

VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

Supervisor Valentine asked if there were any comments from the public.

Lydia Quadros, Sugar Loaf asked if the rehabilitation improvements could be considered for municipal water and sidewalks. She commented that new businesses such as the distillery would need water and this could be extended throughout the hamlet. She questioned whether privately owned properties, such as that known as Scott's Meadows and homes along Kings Highway which are in disrepair, could be considered.

Steven Diffley, King Tract, spoke on the issues with the water system in the King Tract Development as the temporary pump house doesn't meet Orange County Health Department code and the ownership issues stemming from the foreclosure of the property and now ownership of Key Bank. He indicated that it would be an affordable way for infrastructure money to be used for over 50 Town residents.

Supervisor Valentine thanked the residents for their comments and said he would discuss same with the Town Engineer.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to close the Public Hearing at 7:20pm, there being no further comments heard.

VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENT

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to appoint Vincent Finizia as Town Council member, effective May 13, 2019; term ending December 31, 2019.

DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Smith said she believed the Board had agreed not to put anyone on the Board awaiting the

election.

VOTE AYES: 3 Perez, Valentine, Wensley, NAYS: 1 Smith

ADOPTED

Mr. Finizia took the Oath of Office as administered by Town Clerk Zappala.

Mr. Finizia thanked his wife and addressed the Board. He acknowledged the uniqueness of a republican and conservative board to select a democrat as the best man for the job after being interviewed for 6 months and working very hard for the position. He directed a comment to Councilwoman Smith that he is not a political suicide or cancer as he will continue to work very hard. He added that he doesn't know if he will change parties but the Town is not a better place when democrats don't vote for the best candidate. He added that if he were to be a GOP, he would be the grand old proctologist.

ZBA VACANCY

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilwoman Smith to direct the Town Clerk to advertise for the vacancy occurring in the Zoning Board of Appeals, upon the impending resignation of Vincent Finizia, as of May 13, 2019.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND	\$184,835.81
GENERAL - PART TOWN	86,107.04
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	3,497.78
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	32,731.95
FIELDCREST WATER	395.20
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	4,854.28
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1,203.39
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	4,820.44
GARBAGE DISTRICT	45,730.50
WALTON LAKE WATER	85,975.31
TRUST & AGENCY	<u>9,718.17</u>
Grand Total	\$459,869.87

VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes through April 9, 2019 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

RACHEL DRIVE MAINTENANCE BOND

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the release of the maintenance bond in the amount of \$57,431.56, subject to Highway Superintendent, Town Engineer and Town Attorney approval.

VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

99TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WOMEN OF DISTINCTION PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Valentine announced the 99th Assembly District Women of Distinction and their honoring of Chester’s Elizabeth Reilly.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to adopt the following proclamation

PROCLAMATION

**ELIZABETH ANN REILLY
NEW YORK STATE 99TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
“WOMEN OF DISTINCTION”**

WHEREAS, this will be the inaugural year of the **99th Assembly District Women of Distinction**; and

WHEREAS, **Elizabeth Ann Reilly** has been chosen to receive this prestigious award for her numerous accomplishments and dedication to her community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester is desirous of recognizing outstanding achievements by citizens of the Chester Community; and

WHEREAS, **Elizabeth Ann Reilly**, better known to us as **Betty Ann**, is an outstanding citizen who has contributed so much to our community during her long career in public service; and

WHEREAS, **Betty Ann** serves as Trustee of the Village of Chester since December 2016 and Secretary to the Chester Fire District since January 2013; and

WHEREAS, **Betty Ann’s** distinguished career in public service began at the Village of Chester where she served as temporary secretary to the Planning Board, Court Clerk, Deputy Village Clerk, and then as the Town of Chester Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk, and Town of Chester Town Clerk and Town Registrar under six administrations; and

WHEREAS, **Betty Ann** has been bestowed many honors including the distinction of New York State District 2 Town Clerk 2009, the Kiwanis Everyday Hero 2010, and recipient of the Girl State Award 1971; and

WHEREAS, **Betty Ann** supports local organizations as a current member of the Chester Republican Party Committee, Chester Cemetery Association and as previous Trustee to the Chester Presbyterian Nursery School, previous Deacon and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Chester; and

WHEREAS, **Betty Ann** has unselfishly provided for families in times of need and assisted as a volunteer coordinator for the NYS Town Clerks and Town of Chester Hurricane Katrina financial drive which filled a tractor trailer bound for the affected Parishes of Louisiana, and was most proud to be a participant in the Chester Kiwanis 911 Memorial planning, fundraising and dedication event; and

WHEREAS, members of the community acknowledge her caring heart, high moral character and integrity in her dedication to all Chester residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester joins the members of the **99th Assembly District** in extending their congratulations and best wishes to **Elizabeth Ann Reilly** upon the honor, as recipient, of the **99th Assembly District Women of Distinction**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the official proceedings of the Chester Town Board meeting this 8th day of May, 2019.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF CHESTER
Robert Valentine, Supervisor**

VOTE AYES 4: Perez, Smith, Valentine, Wensley

ADOPTED

LETTER OF INTENT – HIGHWAY TRUCKS

Supervisor Valentine explained that the Navistar Fleet Office is requesting a letter of intent for the purchase of 3 trucks to replace those that were totaled in the Highway Department fire. He added that the Town would be bonding enough to cover the excess of any insurance money.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the Letter of Intent to Navistar Fleet, for the purchase of 3 International Dump Trucks in the amount of \$659,244, subject to attorney and financing approval.

VOTE AYES 4: Valentine, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to authorize the Deputy Supervisor to sign the letter of intent to Navistar Fleet.

VOTE AYES 4: Valentine, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ADVENTURE CREW CLUB

Chris Mauer submitted her proposal to the Board for a 50 and over group for empty-nesters that are currently underserved in the Town. She said there would be no limit to membership as this group would only use the senior center one time per week for a business meeting because they will be on the go. She said the group will have active events, lectures, classes, etc. Ms. Mauer stated that dues would be approximately \$40 annually with additional expenses for trips and the like. Cost for insurance has to be worked out.

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Sara MacKay, Exec. Dir addressed the Board with a request for the use of the SLPAC from August 1st through 3rd to conduct the “10 Minute Play Festival” for the Orange County community and outside audience. She added that the festival would include daytime community workshops and requested the use of the pavilion for shows. She advised that Paul Ellis is the Chair of the Committee which features playwrights, actors and directors.

ON A MOTION BY Councilman Wensley and second by Councilman Perez to approve the use of the SLPAC by the Orange County Arts Council from August 1 through 3, 2019, subject to the proper insurance.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Valentine added that the green room could be subletted for concessions.

VOTE AYES 4: Valentine, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of Officer Santosky-Wright to the DWI Documentation and Testimony Course sponsored by NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety. The course will be presented along with a local Assistant District Attorney in Orange County on June 7. This course is designed to prepare police officers to be excellent witnesses in court, be aware of and able to avoid the most common defense traps and pitfalls, and be confident while testifying at DWI trials. There is no fee to attend.

VOTE AYES 4: Valentine, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Perez and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Officer Monsees to a long gun familiarization and tactics course. The course will be taught by Officer Burbage from the Woodbury Police Department from June 3-7 at the New Windsor Police Department range. The course will cover the MP5, M4 and shotgun. There is no fee for the course.

VOTE AYES 4: Valentine, Perez, Smith, Wensley

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to approve the attendance of Officer Dugan to the Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course. It will be held in the training room at our police department from May 29-June 1, 2019. The course combines classroom instruction, hands-on work with car seats and in vehicles, and a community safety seat check event. Successful completion of the course certifies the individual as a national CPS technician for two years. The fee for the certification is \$95.

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine provided the Engineer's Report which appears below:

CHESTERDALE:

Review of SWPPP reports.

RIDGEVIEW:

Maps finalized with Planning Board requiring access from proposed street to stormwater facilities. Bond reduction again requested.

WOODRIDGE:

Review of SWPPP reports.

ASHFORD:

Ready to dedicate – will conducted final inspection and are preparing final punch list.

GREENS AT CHESTER:

Closed since April 18, 2019. Review weekly SWPPP reports and made SWPPP Town inspections.

Supervisor Valentine provided the Water Department Report for April which appears below:

The water department processed and distributed 8,328,492 gallons of water for the month of April. The districts daily average ranged from 283 gallons to 110,000 gallons. The monthly breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 3,320,000 gal.
Sugar Loaf- 2,121,900 gal.
Surrey Meadows- 1,657,200 gal.
Walton Lake Estates- 1,060,000 gal.
Fieldcrest- 160,894 gal. (Distribution only)
Town Hall- 8,498 gal.

Distribution sampling by us as well as random sampling by Orange County DOH showed adequate disinfection levels and tested negative for any signs of bacteria. Monthly DOH 360 forms and test results for March were submitted on 4/4/19. Laboratory testing dates were the 6th and the 20th. We attended a workshop on 4/17 at the Town Hall. Its primary focus was mandated annual training in “workplace violence”, and “the right to know”. Biannual hydrant flushing at all districts ran from 4/8 – 4/15. The water dep't attended a seminar on Hydrants, plastic piping, and regulatory updates on 4/10 at the Montgomery senior center.

Other Business:

Walton Lake Estates was mostly quiet with routine operation and maintenance. We received a delivery on the 9th. It consisted of an R.O. filter and carbon canister. It will finish the filtration system on the plant. A summer 2019 installation is in the plans. The following work was performed at well #4: New pit less adapter with top casing section, new pump, piping, and flow test. The flow test was performed by Miller Hydrologic Inc. The well repairs were performed by us and Quackenbush pump services. Work began on the 16th and ended on the 25th. We had a field visit with Farr engineering and Miller hydrologist services on the 3rd. We are exploring town properties in Walton Lake for installing new wells. Several locations were discussed. We will need a property survey done. Sugar Loaf was quiet with normal operation and maintenance. Leak

detection spot checks continue on Pewter Circle when we have spare time. The goal is to discover and repair prior to major breaks. We have simple equipment and it is not an exact science for us. A complete and thorough leak detection study was applied for with the Orange County Water Authority. Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with normal operation and maintenance. Lake Hill Farms was somewhat busy and continued with regular operations and maintenance. There was a building service line break at the Windridge condos on the 9th. It was at the intersection of Lily Pond and Swan Hollow. We had to bring in Tam Enterprises with a hydro-vac truck as it was under all the electric and cable services supplying the condos. There was another building service line break at building 4 on the morning of the 26th. It was in the rear of the building and not near any other utilities. We excavated and repaired it with the highway dept. The main valve supplying water to Windridge failed upon opening it after the repair work. We were assisted by Moodna Basin with their hydro-vac truck, and the highway dept. with the backhoe. We replaced the top bolts and top gasket. It was repaired by evening. We responded to an emergency shut off at 58 Lincoln on the 6th. The call came through the Town Police. It was a recent foreclosure purchase and had a pipe burst. Fieldcrest was mostly quiet with normal operation and maintenance. The water was turned on for the season at Chester Commons Park on the 3rd.

Supervisor Valentine read the Police Department and Animal Control Reports which appear below:



Town of Chester Police Department

79 Laroe Road
Chester, NY 10918

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

TO: SUPERVISOR ROBERT VALENTINE
FROM: CHIEF DANIEL DOELLINGER
DATE: May 6, 2019
RE: Report of Police Department for April 2019

During the month of April, 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 April, the police department responded to **234 calls for service**. Officers patrolled for **12,890 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 **18 arrests** during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

9	arrests for Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors
2	arrest on outstanding warrants
1	arrest for Grand Larceny and Falsifying Business Records
1	arrest for Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Trespass
1	arrest for Driving While Intoxicated
1	arrest for Petit Larceny
2	arrests for Unlawful Possession of Marihuana
1	arrest for Harassment

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:

20	medical calls
14	reports of suspicious conditions, people and/or vehicles
15	residential & commercial alarms
12	animal complaints
6	domestic disputes, disturbances or family court matters
2	motor vehicle crashes with injuries
13	motor vehicle crashes without injuries
1	motor vehicle crash involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued **259 uniform traffic tickets** during the month.

Community Commitment

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

88 Vehicle & Traffic Stops
42 UTTs Issued
34 Calls for Service
4 Arrests

SEX OFFENDERS

The registration requirement for two level 1 sex offenders residing in the town expired in April.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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

Officers completed **10 house security checks** and **1037 business security checks**.

There was one child safety seat installations/inspections completed at the station in April. 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.

TRAINING

Sgt. D'Agnese attended the FBI National Improvised Explosives Familiarization course in Goshen on April 3rd.

Officer Perez attended School Safety training through BOCES with Chester School District administrators on April 3rd.

Officer Bird attended the Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety conference on April 3rd and 4th.

Sgt. D'Agnese attended the NYS Course in Police Supervision in New Windsor from April 8th through April 26th.

Chief Doellinger, Sgt. Vitale, Sgt. Slowik, Det. Slaughter, Officer Weinstein and Officer Monsees attended the annual Stop DWI Conference in New Windsor on April 11th.

Officer Monsees attended the NYS Tactical Officers Association annual conference in Verona from April 16th to 19th.

Officer Weinstein and Officer Stack attended the annual Child Passenger Safety Seat Update course in Goshen on April 24th. Officer Bird was an instructor for that course on April 23rd and 24th.

Chief Doellinger attended the NYS Intelligence Summit hosted by the NYSP on April 24th and 25th in Bolton Landing.

Monthly training was held at the town hall with other town employees on April 17th and consisted of the annual topics mandated by PESH (sexual harassment, workplace violence, bloodborne pathogens, etc.).

Community Commitment

MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Doellinger attended the walkout ceremony on April 2nd for Blooming Grove Police Chief Carl Schupp who retired after 38 years of service.

Chief Doellinger participated in the annual Orange County Crime Victims' Vigil which was held on April 9th at the Chester Senior Center. Sgt. Vitale also attended.

Chief Doellinger and Sgt. Vitale attended an active shooter drill at the Woodbury Commons on April 9th.

Sgt. Vitale attended Career Day at Washingtonville HS on April 10th.

Sgt. Vitale and Officer Perez attended Career Day at Chester HS on April 12th.

Officers were present to assist with traffic calming during the Kiwanis annual townwide cleanup day on April 13th.

The PBA held their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Chester Commons Park on April 13th.

Chief Doellinger participated in the Chester Little League opening ceremonies on April 27th at the Community Park.

A resident called on April 14th to thank Officer Dunlop for his professionalism and initiative while handling a complaint she made. A copy of the email detailing the phone call is attached.

SCHEDULING

There were 180.75 hours of overtime paid in March.

Shift Coverage	41
Police Traffic Services Grant	16
Monthly Training	10
Stop DWI Patrols	10
Investigations	6.5
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4.5
Late Calls/Arrests	3.5
Court/Hearings	3
Traffic Speed Detail	2

Part-time police officers were used to fill 198 hours of shift coverage (196 regular hours and 2 overtime hours).

Community Commitment

CALLS FOR SERVICE - APRIL 2019

911 HANGUP CALL	2	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	1
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	4	LARCENY	1
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	11	LOCKOUT	2
AMBULANCE ASSIST	20	LOST PROPERTY	5
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	7	MV/TRAFFIC STOP	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	4	MVC/HIT AND RUN	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(OTHER DO	1	MVC/NO REPORT	1
ARREST/CRIMINAL	2	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	2
ARREST/DWI	1	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	11
ARREST/TRAFFIC	9	NARCOTICS ACTIVITY	2
ARREST/VIOLATION	2	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	5
ARREST/WARRANT	2	OFFICER INJURY	1
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	13	PARKING PROBLEM	5
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	6	PATROL REQUEST	1
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	15	PROPERTY RETURN	2
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	1	RECKLESS DRIVER	2
CITIZEN SERVICE	2	SCHOOL SAFETY	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	4	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	2
DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	1	SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	6	SHOTS FIRED	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	3	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	14
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	3	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	3
EQUIPMENT CHECK	2	TRANSPORT	2
FIRE	2	TRESPASS	1
HARASSMENT	4	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	UNWANTED PERSON	1
HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	9	WELFARE CHECK	4
IDENTITY THEFT	1	WIRES DOWN	1
INFORMATION ONLY	18		

TOTAL 234



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Chief Daniel J. Doellinger, NA

TO: Supervisor Robert Valentine
FROM: Chief Daniel Doellinger
DATE: May 6, 2019
RE: Monthly Report for Animal Control for April 2019

During the month of April 2019, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 12 animal complaints and investigated 1 motor vehicle accident involving deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 3 of the calls for service were for injured or deceased deer
- 2 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 1 of the calls for service was for a stray cat
- 1 of the calls for service was for failure to curb a dog
- 1 of the calls for service was for two dogs fighting
- 1 of the calls for service was for a deceased coyote
- 1 of the calls for service was for a sick fox
- 1 of the calls for service was for snakes on a porch
- 1 of the calls for service was for a sick or injured skunk

Warwick Valley Humane Society

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

Community Commitment

**WARWICK VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY
MONTHLY REPORT TO THE TOWN OF CHESTER
MONTH: APRIL 2019**

All totals include calls from the Town of Chester, Village of Chester, Village of Sugar Loaf, and Orange County 911 Center for calls located within the geographic area of the Town of Chester.

Number of calls received:	<u>1</u>	0 Police, 1 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	<u>0</u>	
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	<u>2</u>	4/9-#20021 from High view Lane 4/11-#20022 from Lake Region Blvd.
Number of dogs impounded by police:	<u>0</u>	
Number of dogs returned to owner:	<u>2</u>	#20021,20022
Number of after hour call-outs:	<u>0</u>	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$ 100.00	#20021, 20022
Amount of license fees collected:	\$ 0.00	
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$ 100.00	Ck# 5845
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$ 0.00	
Number of hours of enumeration:	8.5 <u>hrs.</u>	April complete +.5hr. towards May
Number of bite reports received:	<u>0</u>	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	<u>4</u>	per Town Clerk
Number of unlicensed dogs:	<u>42</u>	39 Notices to Comply + 4 summonses
Status of unlicensed dogs:	Notices to Comply + summonses	
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	<u>0</u>	

Location of enumeration: 129 Laroe Rd, Ruth Lane and Preparation and delivery of 39 various Notices to Comply and 4 summonses for failure to license per Town Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine announced the Orange County Transportation Plan and their request for ideas to be submitted by May 15th at orangecountygov.com/LRTP2045. This information is available on our website and at the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Valentine announced the Chester Historical Society fundraiser on May 15, 2019 through McDonald's, which will provide 20% of sales. Coupons are available on our website and at the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Valentine announced the Office for the Aging Big Wheels event on May 9, 2019 to be held at the Chester Senior Center for volunteers and officials.

Supervisor Valentine placed a call for volunteers to aid in the SLPAC parking during the Memorial Day weekend festival.

Supervisor Valentine announced the 99th Assembly District Women of Distinction event to be held at the Orange County Emergency Services Center in Goshen, NY on May 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Valentine acknowledged the letter received from Planning Board Chairman Don Serotta for consideration of the reduction in the speed limit along the Sugar Loaf Bypass. He said he would send a letter to the County asking for the reduction. He added that the request would need State approval for the change to 40mph.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to enter into Executive Session at 8:05pm on a matter of personnel policy. Motion carried 4-0.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Perez to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:25pm. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Shuh commented on the Town of Chester Newsletter and asked how it was distributed. The Town Clerk replied it is mailed to new residents along with an informational packet as well as being mailed along with water bills and dog registration renewals, and available at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall. It was suggested and will be placed on the Town website under the Town Clerk's Department.

Kristi Greco, 251 Pine Hill Road asked about a town residence being advertised as a B&B at cedarpondhouse.com. Supervisor Valentine said it was a code enforcement issue and would check with the Building Department.

Sue Bahren, Whispering Hills announced the Kiwanis 5k on May 25th at Vadala Road starting between 8-9am (exact time not yet confirmed). She announced the Flag Day sponsorship of flags to be lined on Main Street for \$5. Both of these announcements appear on the Town's website.

Alex Jamieson, DeRose Lane, congratulated Walter Popailo and Vincent Finizia on their appointments. He commented on the lack of local Senate support of the transfer tax and the suggestion that a local hotel tax would be a support, but acknowledged Colin Schmitt's support in the Assembly.

Chris Mauer asked if her group could get startup money for insurance as she would like the same consideration as the other senior group. Supervisor Valentine said the Board would research and make decisions regarding the requests.

Steve Keahon, June Road, commented that the original transfer tax bill shows a sunset provision in 2038, and the facts should be taken into consideration.

John Vero, County Legislator announced the County Legislature's request to the State to petition home rule for local municipalities to enact a transfer tax. It would still require a mandatory referendum but there would be no provision of

sunset. He said the County supports the Town's efforts and he is optimistic on the State's response.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Perez asked about the entity disclosure law adopted by the Town of Monroe. Supervisor Valentine said a copy can be sent to Scott Bonacic for drafting for the Town Board's consideration.

Councilwoman Smith said she has obtained two proposals for the rail and fencing at the senior center. The Town is awaiting one other from the engineer. It will be taken up at the next meeting. She added that the railroad crossing at Greycourt is in disrepair and she has placed calls for its repair.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Wensley 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
2019-5-08