

**TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 8, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting at 7:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present:  
Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Becker, Councilman Courtenay, Councilman Perez, Councilwoman Smith

Also present: Scott Bonacic, Esq., Al Fusco, Fusco Engineering, Anthony LaSpina, Alexa Burchianti, John Vero

Due to COVID-19, this meeting was live-streamed via videoconferencing. Public comments were taken, and will be accepted via email or regular mail.

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

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

GENERAL FUND	192,870.01
GENERAL - PART TOWN	112,109.95
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	3,933.22
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	56,810.84
FIELDCREST WATER	292.55
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	3,946.41
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	975.70
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	6,034.37
WALTON LAKE WATER	12,238.60
TRUST AND AGENCY	20,546.00
GARBAGE DISTRICT	45,894.56
 Grand Total	 \$455,652.21

DISCUSSION: Councilman Becker asked about the six vouchers for the highway garage and how the expense would be covered. Supervisor Valentine said the Board will have to make a transfer from the General Fund to cover the expenses.

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**TRANSFER TAX RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO IMPORE THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT  
LEGISLATION CREATING A TRANSFER TAX ON THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING  
REVENUE IN AN EFFORT TO FUND THE TOWN OF CHESTER COMMUNITY  
PRESERVATION FUND**

**July 8, 2020**

**TITLE:** A resolution to implore the New York State Legislature to enact legislation which creates a transfer tax of THREE QUARTERS OF ONE (0.75%) PERCENT on the conveyance of real property located within the Town of Chester for the purpose of creating and generating revenue in an effort to fund the Town of Chester Community Preservation Fund.

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 8TH day of July, 2020, 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  
Orlando Perez, Councilman  
Thomas Becker, Councilman  
Robert Courtney, Councilman

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Smith, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Perez, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Chester drafted a Local Law in 2018, to be added as Chapter 84, entitled "Community Preservation Fund Law," to the Town Code of the Town of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the local law is to protect and preserve open and undeveloped lands in the Town of Chester in an effort to protect natural resources and historic places and properties within the Town of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 84-4 of said local law established a Community Preservation Fund which was to be used, among other things, to implement the preservation plan and provide the Town of Chester with resources to acquire interests in real property for the preservation of community character within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to adequately fund the Community Preservation Fund, the Town Board of the Town of Chester must establish a THREE QUARTERS OF ONE (0.75%) PERCENT transfer tax on the conveyance of real property located with the Town of Chester; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of said transfer tax must be authorized by the New York State Legislature by the enactment of legislation amending the New York State Town and Tax laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of said transfer tax is vital to the rural preservation of land located within the Town of Chester and the success of the Community Preservation Plan is dependent upon the New York State Legislature passing this important legislation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester calls upon the New York State Legislature to embrace the Town of Chester Community Preservation Plan and pass legislation which authorizes the Town of Chester to enact a transfer tax in the amount of THREE QUARTERS OF ONE (0.75%) PERCENT on conveyances of real property within the Town of Chester in an effort to establish a perpetual funding mechanism for the Community Preservation Plan.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Becker asked if this resolution was the same as offered previously. Supervisor Valentine informed him that it was. Town Clerk Zappala asked if the tax was to be placed on the purchaser in conveyance as it was not noted in the resolution. Attorney Bonacic confirmed that it would be on the purchaser.

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  
Orlando Perez, Councilman Yes  
Thomas Becker, Councilman Yes  
Robert Courtney, Councilman Yes

Yes 5 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Dated: July 8, 2020

**LETTER IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY-WIDE TRANSFER TAX**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the letter of support to the County-wide transfer tax bill A7699B/S6224B and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**GLENMERE PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE GRANT TO THE TOWN OF CHESTER TWO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO GLENMERE LAKE FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESERVATION AND RECREATION FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER**

**July 8, 2020**

**TITLE:** A resolution to request that the Orange County Legislature grant to the Town of Chester two parcels of real property located on or in close proximity to Glenmere Lake for the benefit of preservation and passive recreation for the enjoyment of residents of the Town of Chester.

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Cindy Smith, Deputy Supervisor  
Orlando Perez, Councilman  
Thomas Becker, Councilman  
Robert Courtney, Councilman

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Smith, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Becker, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, by Decision and Order issued on May 23, 2013, found that the County of Orange, Village of Florida and Town of Chester were all considered to be owners of the Glenmere Lake Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, such Decision and Order required that the County of Orange, Village of Florida and Town of Chester contribute equal monetary portions for the subsequent repair, rebuild and rehabilitation of the Glenmere Lake Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester has contributed approximately \$1.1 Million Dollars toward such repair, rebuild and rehabilitation of the Glenmere Lake Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, even though the Town of Chester was considered to be an owner of the Glenmere Lake Dam and was required to contribute toward its repair, rebuild and rehabilitation pursuant the Decision and Order of the New York State Department of Environment Conservation, the Town receives no use or benefit of the Glenmere Lake Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester is devoted to encouraging the preservation of the rural and scenic nature of the Town for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester is further devoted to providing residents of the Town of Chester with passive recreational properties for the use and enjoyment of the natural beauty of the surrounding local area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester would respectfully request that the Orange County Legislature consider granting to the Town of Chester the acquisition of two vacant parcels of property located on or in close proximity to Glenmere Lake, more particularly identified as Section 16, Block 1, Lot 3.12 (9.9 approximately acres) and Section 16, Block 1, Lot 32 (approximately 30.5 acres), or in the alternative, provide the Town of Chester with a long-term lease agreement or Memorandum of Understanding which allows the Town of Chester and its residents use of the two subject parcels for a term of 99 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Chester respectfully requests that the Orange County Legislature grant to the Town of Chester two vacant parcels of property located on or in close proximity to Glenmere Lake, more particularly identified as Section 16, Block 1, Lot 3.12 (9.9 approximately acres) and Section 16, Block 1, Lot 32 (approximately 30.5 acres), or in the alternative, provide to the Town of Chester a long-term lease agreement or Memorandum of Understanding which allows the Town of Chester and its residents use of the two subject parcels for a term of 99 years.

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
Orlando Perez, Councilman	Yes
Thomas Becker, Councilman	Yes
Robert Courtney, Councilman	Yes

Yes   5   No   0   Abstain   0   Absent   0  

Dated: July 8, 2020

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

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

**GOVERNING BODY FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

The Town of Chester supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. It is the policy of the Town of Chester to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all person regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Town of Chester further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or lands to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Town of Chester do hereby approve the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources, the Town of Chester will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Human Rights Law and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Chester shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New York State Human Rights Law, and any local laws or ordinances.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Becker to approve the transfer of \$471,991.04 from the General Fund to Capital Fund for highway garage construction.

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**WALTON LAKE WATER DISTRICT RATE INCREASE**

Supervisor Valentine brought up the matter for discussion. He explained there have been a multitude of issues at the Walton Lake Water District which has been neglected for many years. We are now looking to put in place some stop gap measures and work towards a long term resolution. He noted there has not been a rate increase in 10 years. He noted Town Clerk Zappala’s comment that capital improvements are paid through tax revenue, and rate increases should have a 6-month notice provided. Attorney Bonacic said funds could be raised by a rate increase since the Board declared an emergency situation. Supervisor Valentine said the work would be more like maintenance issues like replacing pumps and filters. At the budget hearings a decision could be made on how to raise funds needed for future repairs. Councilman Becker said he was not yet sure of costs to determine the real need and the district may have enough money in their fund to cover them.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilman Perez and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter into Executive Session at 7:25pm on a matter of the hiring of personnel.

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:50pm**

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to appoint Madison Lindeman as a part-time Police Officer for the Town of Chester.**

**VOTE: AYES 5: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Perez, Smith**

**ADOPTED**

**REPORTS**

Engineer’s Development Report

**GREENS AT CHESTER:**

Storm sewer (SWPPP) inspections, infrastructure installation.

**HILLS OF CHESTER:**

Bond and escrow posted, maps filed, Fusco inspector and Highway Superintendent to review.

**CHESTERDALE:**

Some paperwork to be completed.

**RIDGEVIEW:**

Minor activity, SWPPP reviews.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE:**

Rehabilitation going well. MEP continuing; doors operating. GC has about 5% left to do.

**WELL FOR WALTON LAKE WATER SYSTEM:**

Well location marked. Health Department issue approval of location. Highway Department constructed road. Councilman Becker has been on top of project.

Supervisor Valentine commented that this month’s Police Department report contains several thank you notes. He acknowledged that it is not easy to be a police officer at this time as they are not getting the respect that they deserve.

Police Department Report – Month of June

During the month of June, the Town of Chester Police Department remained 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 June, the police department responded to 274 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 14,994 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 12 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

- 4 arrests for Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanors
- 2 arrests for Criminal Contempt of a Court Order
- 1 arrest for felony Criminal Mischief in the second degree
- 1 arrest for felony Driving While Intoxicated and Unlawful Fleeing from a Police Officer
- 1 arrest for Assault third degree, Unlawful Imprisonment second degree, & Harassment second degree

- 1 arrest for Operating a MV without a required Ignition Interlock Device
- 1 arrest for Aggravated Harassment in the second degree
- 1 arrest for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the fifth degree

**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
- 17 animal complaints
- 16 domestic complaints, disputes, fights, family court matters & disturbances
- 14 residential & commercial alarms
- 0 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
- 5 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 7 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

**SEX OFFENDERS**

There were no changes to the sex offender registrations for our residents in June.

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

**COMMUNITY POLICING**

During the month, Town of Chester police officers assisted members of the community in many ways. Some of the community policing activity is listed below.

Officers completed 13 house security checks and 1277 business security checks.

The schools remained closed in June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Officer Perez assisted with school food distributions several times each week at various locations. He also assisted with Chrome-book returns and property pickups at the schools. He was present for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Moving-Up ceremony. Sgt. D'Agness attended the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Moving-Up ceremony on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

There were three child safety seat installations conducted virtually in June. Sgt. Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, and Stack continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

Multiple birthday drivebys/parades were conducted at various locations in the town. We accompanied the fire department on their schedule on Saturdays and completed many of our own during the week as requested by the public. All requests received in June were accommodated.

**TRAINING**

Officer Weinstein attended the Property and Evidence Management course at the academy in New Windsor on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

All other training, including departmental monthly training, scheduled for June was cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the NYS Department of Transportation. Twelve vehicles were inspected and four unsafe vehicles were taken out of service.

We assisted with planning and participated in a town-wide Salute to the Class of 2020 vehicle procession on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, covering 38 miles and multiple neighborhoods in just over 90 minutes.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the police department was presented with the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District Community Connection Award, after being nominated by the Monroe-Woodbury PTA. The meeting was held virtually and we have not received the actual certificate yet.

We received a number of thank you cards and letter from various residents and organizations during the month of June. Copies of all are attached.

We also received several messages of thanks on our Facebook page for participating in birthday drivebys and one thanking Officer Dunlop for his assistance with a ring stuck on someone's finger. This message is copied and pasted below.

*Thank you guys so much for my crazy call last night with the ring. The officer you sent was very professional, kind, and understanding and not upset at all I receiving a call in the middle of the night or early morning to cut off her ring LOL. He facilitated the proper paramedics to do the job and was amazing. I applaud you guys and I'm proud to be part of your community and thank you again.*

We received the following email from Ashleigh Sherow thanking Officer Grahn for his assistance with a flat tire on her vehicle.

*Hi!*

*I was driving home from work this afternoon when I noticed I had a flat tire and pulled over. One of your officers not only stopped to make sure I was okay, but asked me if I needed help changing the tire. He then changed my tire for me, and also showed me how to change it myself if it ever happened again.*

*I forgot to ask for his name, but his act of kindness saved me a ton of trouble and really brightened my day. He went above and beyond his job to help someone and I just wanted to say thank you again! Police officers really get the short end of the stick. They are always there to help us, but society paints them in such a bad light. These acts of service should not be overlooked.*

*Thank you! Ashleigh*

The police department continued to provide full service to the community at our normal staffing levels in June with only minor modifications to how some interactions with the public were handled. Some calls that would normally be responded to were handled by phone and personal contact with the community was completed at a distance and/or outside when possible. Traffic enforcement activity was lower than normal due to decreased traffic levels related to many businesses and all schools being closed for the month, however traffic crashes also decreased due to less vehicles on the roads. Patrols in the business areas were increased as many businesses have now been closed for an extended time. We entered into Re-opening Plan Phases 2 and 3 during the month of June and the town hall reopened on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Court sessions are

still postponed until at least August. Arraignments are being conducted virtually.

SCHEDULING

There were 143.25 hours of overtime paid in June.

Shift Coverage	120
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	8
Supervisors/Policy Committee Meeting	5
Police Traffic Services Grant Enforcement	4
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving-up Ceremony	4
Late Calls/Arrests	2.25

Part-time police officers were used to fill 196 hours of patrol shift coverage (192 regular hours and 4 overtime hours).

**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
P.O. Box 613  
Goshen, NY 10918

May 15, 2020

**Town of Chester Police Department**  
79 Laroe Road  
Chester, NY 10918

Dear Chester Police Department,

As a group in the Chester community, we truly hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well. Since we are not able to visit you personally, we thought we would send a heartfelt thank you for your selfless work on our behalf. We would also like to share what we feel is an encouraging scriptural thought in these upsetting times.

As stated in John 15:13, Jesus defined the highest form of love when he said, "No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his life on behalf of his friends." You and your work associates have sacrificed your time and potential health and we highly value your sacrifice on our behalf. We just want to express our deepest gratitude to you all.

We have included a QR code below that directs you to an article expressing how much we value the police. Please know we truly value your hard work and service and are praying for your continued health. Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Sincerely,

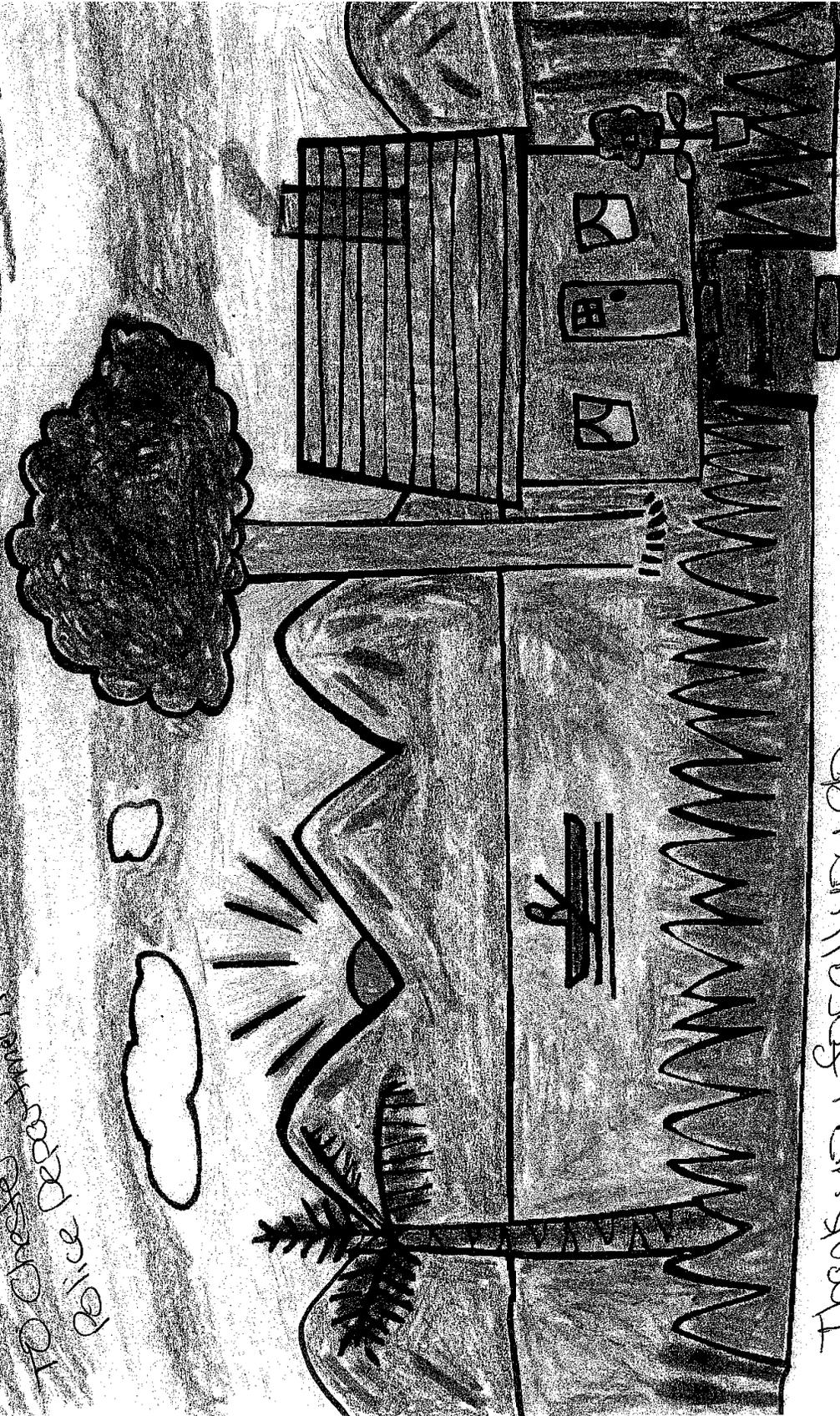
*Matt Bates  
Jennifer Bates  
Daniel Benker  
Nicole Benker  
David Day  
Mark DeCeglie  
Olithea DeCeglie  
Breanne Grudzynske  
Evan Jaeger  
Alexandria Jaeger  
Emily Rituper  
Francine Rosario*



5/1/2020

HO Chester  
Police Department

Summer House on the Lake coloring page | Free Printable Coloring Pages



Thank you for all you do.

John 15:13 - "No one has love greater than this,  
that someone should surrender his life  
in behalf of his friends"

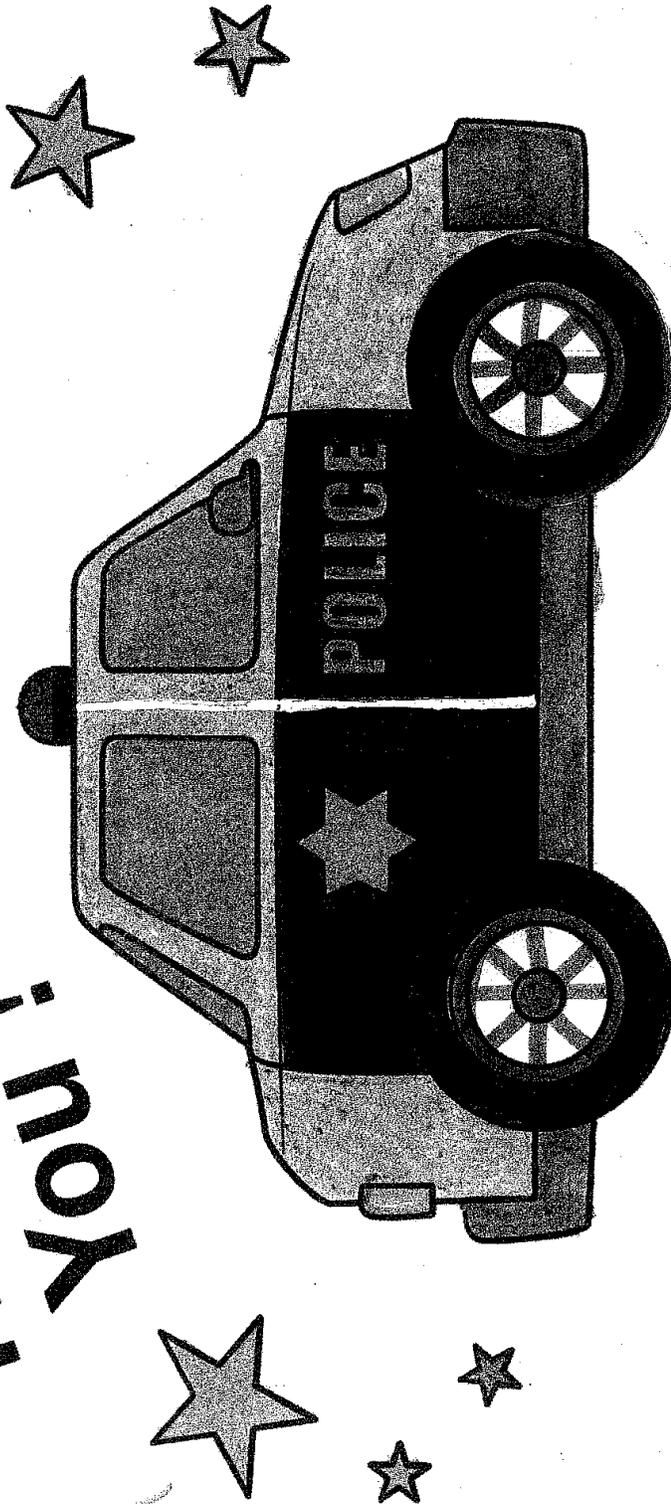
Thank you for  
your sacrifice



**Thank  
you!**

Stay!  
Safe!

Love,  
Rosario Family



An encouraging -> 2 Peter 3:13 "there are new heavens and a new earth,  
scripture that we are awaiting, righteous will dwell"



Dear Police Officers and First Responders:

We are thinking of you very much during this difficult time in world history.

And we thank you for your hard work and sacrifices.

We are all praying for you.

(Phil 4:6,7)

Sincerely,

*Hudson*  
Hudson

**Philippians 4:6,7**  
Do not be anxious over anything,  
but in everything by prayer  
and supplication along with  
thanksgiving, let your petitions  
be made known to God;  
7 and the peace of God  
that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts  
and your mental powers...

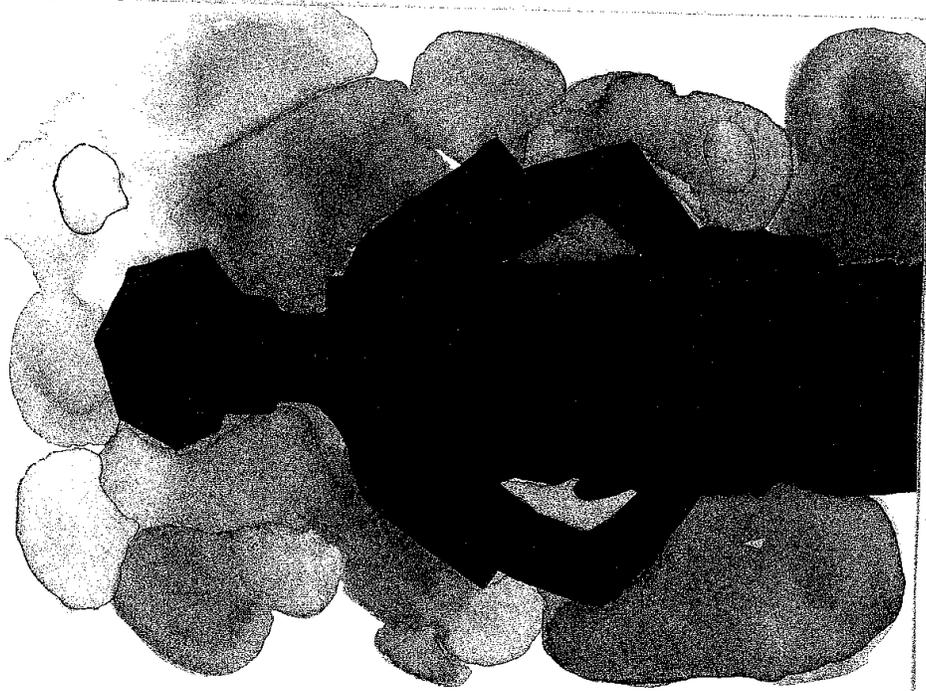
Chester  
Police  
Department

I hope you and  
our family stay  
safe and  
healthy.

I know it must be  
hard being a police  
man during these times,  
so I am sharing an  
encouraging scripture  
from the bible

Sincerely,  
DeCesie

"And he will wipe out  
every tear from their  
eyes, and death will be  
no more, neither will  
mourning nor outcry be  
any more.  
The former things have  
passed away." Revelation 21:4



THE BIBLE promises that one  
day noone will ever get sick. To read that  
Scripture, go to JW.ORG and read  
Isaiah 33:24!

Thank you so  
much for taking  
care of our  
community  
You all are so  
grateful!  
Sincerely,  
Tessa

THANK you FOR your  
SERVICE, YOUR TRULY  
Appreciated!  
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Enjoy your Lunch!  
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Debbie's TLC  
GROOMING  
1836 Kings Highway  
Chester, N.Y.  
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5/19/20

Hi!

I want to thank the Town of Chester Police Dept. for their drive-by for my grand-daughter Olivia's 9th birthday last Saturday. She was thrilled and it made her day so special. This birthday will stand out for her in the years to come.

God Bless You All,  
Mary L. Miller



Orange County 4-H Youth,  
families and staff

 I Pledge

my HEAD  
to clearer thinking,

my HEART  
to greater loyalty,

my HANDS  
to larger service, and

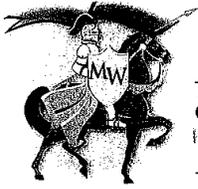
my HEALTH  
to better living, for

my Club, my Community,  
my Country,  
and my World.

Want to say

IT'S A  
MILLION  
little things...

thanks  
for all you do



# MONROE-WOODBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 26, 2020

Chester Police Department  
Chief Daniel Doellinger  
79 Laroe Road  
Chester, NY 10918

Dear Chief Doellinger,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of invitation to receive the *Monroe-Woodbury Central School District Community Connection Award*. The Monroe-Woodbury PTA has nominated the Chester Police Department to be acknowledged by our school community for your generosity of time and spirit during this 2019-20 school year.

This award will be presented at the Board of Education meeting being held on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, and is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. As a result of the Covid-19 virus and school closure, our Board of Education meetings are currently being streamed online. Please join us as we celebrate you virtually during the June 3, 2020 meeting. Here is the link to view this live-streamed meeting <https://youtu.be/SSVK5NMutl8>. This link will be available approximately 15 minutes prior to the 6:00 p.m. start time of the meeting.

I hope that you will be able to view the Board of Education Meeting as we share our appreciation. Please email or call my secretary, Mrs. Lisa Suden, at email [lsuden@mw.k12.ny.us](mailto:lsuden@mw.k12.ny.us) or phone 460-6200 ext. 6220, with any questions you may have regarding this event.

We look forward to you joining us on Wednesday, June 3rd!

Sincerely,  
*Eric J. Hassler*  
Dr. Eric J. Hassler

/s  
cc: Shannon Chambers, M-W PTA President  
Donna Vitucci, District Clerk

Animal Control Report – Month of June

During the month of June 2020, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 17 animal complaints and investigated 7 motor vehicle crashes involving deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 3 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 2 of the calls for service were for bear sightings
- 2 of the calls for service were for loose cows 2 of the calls for service were for injured deer
- 1 of the calls for service was for a possibly abandoned fawn
- 1 of the calls for service was for an opossum caught in a trap
- 1 of the calls for service was for a raccoon that was injured when it fell out of a tree
- 1 of the calls for service was for a failure to curb a dog
- 1 of the calls for service was for a bear with an injured paw
- 1 of the calls for service was for chickens in a yard damaging landscaping
- 1 of the calls for service was for an unknown type of injured animal in the road
- 1 of the calls for service was for an unknown type of injured animal in the woods

The monthly report for June from the Warwick Valley Humane Society follows.

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:	7	3 Police, 4 Other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	3	6/3-stray dog Pine Hill Road* 6/12 – stray parrot Highland Ave. 6/28 – stray dog Ruth Lane
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by police:	2	6/3 – Pine Hill Road 6/28 – Ruth Lane
Number of dogs returned to owner:	2	
Number of after hour call-outs:	1	6/3 Pine Hill Road*
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$100.00	7/2/20
Amount of license fees collected:	\$20.00	7/2/20
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$20.00	7/2/20
Number of hours of enumeration:	0 hrs.	
Number of bite reports received:	0	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	2	
Status of unlicensed dogs:	2 licensed upon redemption	
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	0	

Location of enumeration: Suspension of enumeration and delivery of notices due to COVID-19.

**SNR** certificates sold in June: 7

Note: SNR certificates are now available by appointment

OTHER: Stray parrot was returned to owner also.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Valentine announced the passing of long-time resident Terry Kendrick, a member of the Trout Brook Engine and Hose and a small business owner in the community and sends the regards of the Town Board to his family.

### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Smith reported that Kristin Palmer is coordinating with the travel teams, while Michele is keeping an eye on the pavilion to ensure social distancing. The seniors are taking advantage of the trails put in at the Commons and kids are out separating themselves. She announced the County fireworks on July 18. Supervisor Valentine added that the Knapp's view path has been mowed down and all employees are back at the Town of Chester. Councilwoman Smith asked about the rehab of the tennis courts and parking lot. Supervisor Valentine said there may be parkland funds available and he is working on several options with regard to the improvements.

Councilman Becker said Water Operator Bill Keller is very happy with new Water Operator, Chris Cox. Chris has a good understanding of the water industry and is picking up things very quickly. Councilman Becker reported preparation work has been taking place at Walton Lake Estates for the new well. Bill and Chris have cleared some trees and Dave Stoddard used the highway department backhoe to clear obstructions to create a roadway to the well site. This in-house work being done by our Water and Highway departments is helping to reduce costs for this project. John Turnbull will be checking the site to make sure the access is adequate for his well drilling rig, then a date can be set for well to be drilled. Councilman Becker has been researching pricing for a 72-hour pump test and has received one quote from Miller Hydrogeologic of \$23,855.00 for the test. He is now waiting for clarity from the County Health Department as to the DEC requirements. He has emailed the NYS DEC to find out more information on getting a water withdrawal permit for the new well. He has also met with Al Fusco to go over the steps we will be taking to get this project done.

Councilman Courtenay said he has had a 2-1/2 hour zoom meeting with paycom which he finds interesting and employee friendly, although he is still fact finding with two other companies. He is happy to pursue the PDR and thanks Assemblyman Schmitt who is eager to respond and help, and get the signed resolutions to him.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tracy Shuh asked the Town Board to read the Preservation Collective's letter to the Village that was forwarded to them. She said it is the final draft and it addresses important goals of the Town and Village with regard to wellhead protection and preservation. She added that the Village Comprehensive Committee Meeting is scheduled at the Senior Center on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Valentine said the Town will continue to work closely with the Village to do things together.

Steve Keahon said he likes the FB live feed. Supervisor Valentine said that with the new normal, this is a way to reach more people.

There were 12 viewers on Facebook for tonight's meeting. Supervisor Valentine said the Town Board will accept public comments in writing and by email.

Councilman Becker asked about the e-recycling issue with IWS and said they should provide service that is in their contract. Councilman Perez commented that he got the run-a-round when calling there. Supervisor Valentine said it has been an ongoing issue and he will address by letter. Councilman Becker commented that there is also a big issue with the internet access through our cable provider and wished we could get another company to provide competition.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION OFFERED BY** Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting, at 8:05pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala  
Town Clerk  
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