

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Councilwoman Smith

Due to COVID-19 public comments will be accepted via email or regular mail.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2019 - A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 66 ENTITLED, "NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL" TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Supervisor Valentine opened the meeting to public comments.

Larry Dysinger, Odyssey Drive expressed the need to measure the DB level and he said who monitors and checks the levels should be defined.

Seth Peckham, 69 Mountainside Drive asked in the case of excessive noise who would be called to determine loudness. Supervisor Valentine said it would be the Police Department or Building Department depending on the code.

Marion Holdridge, 79 Sunfish asked where the revision could be found and when would the vote happen. Town Clerk Zappala directed her to the homepage of the website under "Proposed Local Laws". Supervisor Valentine said all comments are being considered and it may take some time because the Board wants the law to be done right. He acknowledged other written comments received from Lydia Cuadros, Jeff Hawthorne and Tracy Shuh, all of which have been provided to the Town Board.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to close the Public hearing at 7:05pm.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Smith

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2020 and August 26, 2020 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Smith

ADOPTED

NY TRANSCO PRESENTATION

Shannon Baxevanis of NY Transco presented the Town Board with their plans for transmission upgrades and station work to move renewable energy. The full presentation can be found at RTSupgrade.com. The stretch from Rock Tavern to Sugar Loaf includes 2.5 miles on utility property replacing 95 year old utilities. Slated to start in 2022 to 2023 it will remove 75 ft. tall structures with monopoles that will be 6feet taller and an upgrade to the Sugar Loaf substation will be included in the project. Open Houses are planned for October 7 at 11am and 5pm at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center and virtually, on October 15 at 6:30pm.

Councilwoman Smith asked if there would be any local jobs as a result of the project. Shannon answered they would indirect and an increase of tax revenue to the Town. Councilman Becker asked if there would be any time that there would be a loss of service. Shannon explained that the poles would be erected and put in service prior to the old taken down. There would also be an emergency tie line so no outages should be expected.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL DISTRICTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Becker to set a Public Hearing on the matter of the Special District assessments in the Town of Chester on October 14, 2020 at 7pm. Town Clerk Zappala to public same and notify all property owners by mail.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Smith

ADOPTED

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR 2021

Supervisor Valentine presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk and Town Board. He said the budget for 2021 will be challenging, to say the least.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to set the following budget workshop dates:

September 28, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Chester Senior Center, 81 Laroe Road,
September 30, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Chester Town Hall meeting room, 1786 Kings Highway.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Becker, Courtenay, Smith

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read the following report into the minutes.

Engineer’s Development Report

GREENS AT CHESTER:

The erosion and sedimentation controls are in accordance with the SWPPP. Most areas stabilized. Some catch basins need protection.

RIDGEVIEW:

SWPPP inspection continuing.

HIGHWAY GARAGE:

1. Electric is in progress is almost completed.
2. Applying for insurance funds for alarms and to paint exterior where smoke damage occurred. Recommend possible approval from Town Board to complete pending insurance determination.

JOHNSON ROAD:

Highway grant for Johnson Road – NYSDOT multi-modal approved for signature by Supervisor. Just checking with State for project name.

WELL:

We are locating a second well and getting a proposal from a hydrogeological company to assist. Tom Becker had a reasonable idea to re-drill the existing well to get more water and a short term basis which has merit.

EDUCATION REQUEST

Supervisor Valentine acknowledged the request from Michele for herself, Walter and Kristin to enroll in TIP'S training for alcohol awareness at \$80 p/person. Supervisor Valentine said he thought it would be a good idea for events held at the SLPAC. Councilman Becker was concerned with liability that could be brought against the Town. As the Town Attorney had opined on the matter, it was tabled for further discussion with him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine read the request from the Orange County Transportation Council for input for the West Central Transportation and Land Use Connection Study. The online survey closing on September 30 concerns the Route 94/Academy Avenue corridor.

Leaf Pick up starts October 19th – December 4th. Highway Superintendent LaSpina requests leaves be placed at curbside and not in bags.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith asked about the Park & Rec Departments' Halloween event. Kristen said the tentative plan is to combine the Trunk-or-Treat with Community Day with the PBA and various Town Departments on October 31st. She added, a drive-by Santa for Christmas plan is in progress. Councilwoman Smith said to answer the seniors who have inquired, the Orange County Health Department said they will not be able to reopen until the Governor and State Health Department say it would be okay. She added that at the Moodna Meeting the overall budget was reduced by eliminating funds that were unnecessary. Supervisor Valentine added that there are over 700 residential pump stations in the district and the budget as a whole was minimally increased.

Councilman Becker thanked the residents for their comments concerning the noise ordinance. He has reached out to several bulk potable water companies and is waiting to receive pricing from them. In the first week of October, Turnbull Well Drilling will be at Walton Lake Estates to drill the existing well deeper. Currently this well and the back-up that has elevated level of manganese are being used daily and the pumping hours have been reduced to about 14 hours a day. This is allowing the wells time to recharge during this very dry summer. He said the only downside to this is both filters must be backwashed daily where they were backwashed every other day before.

Councilman Courtenay said he is working on the Sugar Loaf Trail with Walter and the Orange County Arts Council to do fact finding. He said he is looking to do something with grants in the future that will grow the SLPAC as a trailblazer and a committee will be formed. Councilman Courtenay said he is participating in the "Real Men Wear Pink" fundraiser in October to raise \$500.

Supervisor Valentine said that since Michele was unavailable, the meeting will not be live streamed tonight. The Town is currently looking into upgrading equipment to provide live streaming in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm there being no further business brought before the Town Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
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