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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

May 26, 2021

7:00 PM

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 MS4 ANNUAL REPORT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to open the Public Hearing at 7:08pm on the matter of the 2021 MS-4 Annual Report.

The following is the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on May 12, 2021.

TOWN BOARD OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HGIHWAY
CHESTER, NY 10918

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a Public Hearing on the 2021 MS4 Annual Report pertaining to Stormwater Protection. Copies are available at chester-ny.gov.

Said public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY.

All persons interested in the subject matter may appear virtually, in person or by agent. All written communications should be addressed to the Board at the above address.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF CHESTER**

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
Dated: May 5, 2021

Supervisor Valentine asked if there were any public comments.

Tracy Shuh, Preservation Collective offered the following comments and submitted the attachments to Town Clerk Zappala.



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May 26, 2021

Chester Town Board
1786 Kings Highway
Chester NY 10918
(to be submitted to Town Clerk)

Re: Public Hearing
MS4/Stormwater Education

To Board members:

This letter is being submitted for the public hearing on the MS4 stormwater program. As you know, the annual compliance certification report has a section for public outreach and education. In addition to the efforts already in progress by the Town to raise awareness about stormwater management (via Town meetings and printed materials), we would like to see you utilize the Town website to reach more citizens.

Stormwater can lead to pollution, erosion, flooding and other environmental and health issues, if not properly understood or maintained.

This runoff can come from roads, new construction sites as well as existing residential and business properties. Rainwater (or melting snow) that doesn't soak into the ground can flow off pavement, buildings and lawns collecting pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, litter and other potential pollutants that can wind up in your local bodies of water. This means the health and function of your streams and wetlands are at risk.

There are other communities which have a dedicated page on their website about stormwater management that can guide you in the type of content to consider. We have included some examples:

What does MS4 stand for?

MS4 is short for, "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System". which refers to a collection of structures designed to gather stormwater and discharge it into local streams and rivers. The word "Municipal" refers to a unit of local government responsible for the administration of a developed area.

What is Stormwater?

[see the Town of Walkill's website content attached along with other municipal websites as references]

Want to learn more? New:

Free webinar recording - **Stormwater Management: A basic introduction to stormwater pollution and how people have tried to manage it including modern green infrastructure approaches.** [Conservation and Land Use Webinars - NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#) *[webinar link will be emailed to Town Clerk]*

Annual MS4 Reporting: *[include most recent documents]*

In addition, if residents witness a stormwater pollution incident, then they would need to know who to contact. If your stormwater officer is not available 7 days a week, then we recommend including the NYS DEC:

The NYS DEC Division of Law Enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOS ([1-844-332-3267](tel:1-844-332-3267)).

Please note, even houses that are not beside a stream or wetland can contribute to problems. Storm drains, ditch systems and pipes are designed to move runoff from the neighborhood to the nearest body of water. Therefore, your website as an opportunity to educate residents about having “water sense” around the house with proper disposal of grease and wipes that can cause problems with sewage management, which can lead to drinking water quality issues.

With increasing development, we believe the Town can improve the public education component of the MS4 requirements to help safeguard your natural resources and encourage the community to become better stewards of the environment.

We hope this information proves helpful.

Sincerely,

Tracy Schuh
President
TPC, Inc.

SEE ATTACHED – websites links below:

Town of Wallkill: <https://www.townofwallkill.com/departments/dpw/745-stormwater-program.html>

Town of Wawayanda: <https://www.townofwawayanda.com/ms4-stormwater-program.html>

City of Newburgh: <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/stormwater>

Town of Hamptonburgh: <https://townhamptonburgh.digitaltowpath.org:10051/content/Stormwater>

Village of Otisville: <https://villageotisville.digitaltowpath.org:10202/content/Stormwater>

MS4 Stormwater Program

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that doesn't soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. As the runoff flows over the land or impervious surfaces (such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops), it may accumulate debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality in the receiving waterbody.

Polluted runoff may impact lakes, rivers, wetland and other waterways in a variety of ways. For example, transported soil may cloud the waterway and interfere with the habitat of fish and plant life. Nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen (that are often found in fertilizer) can promote the overgrowth of algae, deplete oxygen in the waterway and be harmful to other aquatic life. Toxic chemicals from automobiles, sediment from construction activities and careless application of pesticides and herbicides threaten the health of the receiving waterway and can kill fish and other aquatic life. Bacteria from human and animal wastes can make nearby lakes and streams unsafe for wading, swimming and the propagation of edible fish.



According to an inventory conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), half of the impaired waterways studied are affected by stormwater runoff originating in urban/suburban areas and construction sites. Stormwater management, especially in urban areas, is the focus for seeking further reductions in pollution in waterways.

For more information on Stormwater, please click the links below:

- [DEC Stormwater Homepage](#)
- [US EPA Stormwater Homepage](#)
- [Stormwater Pollution Sources and Solutions \(887 KB\)](#)

Did you know that pet waste can affect water quality?

[Click here to learn more.](#)

For stormwater complaints please contact:

Stormwater Management Officer:

Louis Ingrassia, Jr.

99 Tower Drive, Building A

Middletown, NY 10941

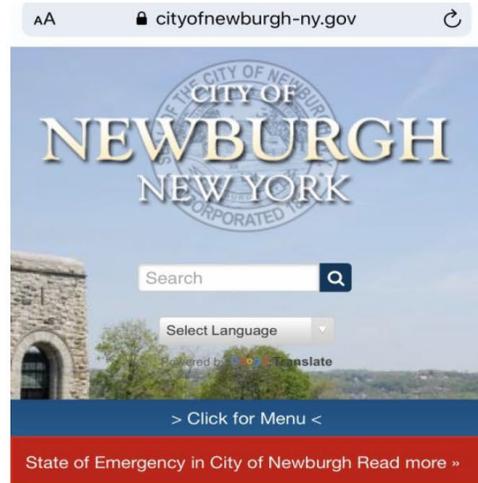
(845)326-1435

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Town of Walkill Annual MS4 Reports:

- [2020 Annual MS4 Report \(897 KB\)](#)
- [\(867 KB\) 2019 Annual MS4 Report \(867 KB\)](#)
- [\(867 KB\) 2017 Annual MS4 Report](#)
- [\(1.98 MB\) 2016 Annual MS4 Report](#)
- [\(1.24 MB\) 2015 Annual MS4 Report \(2.01 MB\)](#)

Please [Click Here](#) to e-mail us with any questions or concerns regarding our Annual MS4 Report.



For more information on Stormwater please click the links below:

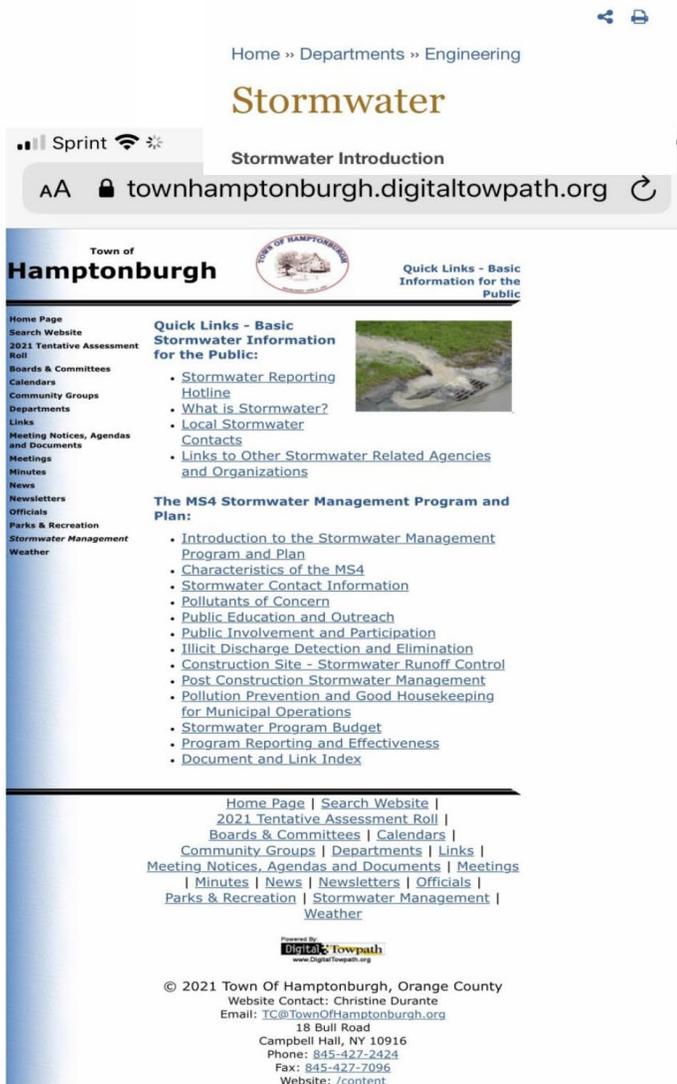
[DEC Stormwater Homepage](#)

[US EPA Stormwater Homepage](#)

For Stormwater complaints please contact:

Stormwater Management Officer
 Charles White
 80 Ridgebury Hill Road
 Slate Hill, NY 10973
 ☎ (845) 355-5700, Option 7
 ✉ Email

Town of Wawayand Annual MS4 Reports



Home » Departments » Engineering

Stormwater

Stormwater Introduction

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Town of Hamptonburgh  Quick Links - Basic Information for the Public

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Quick Links - Basic Stormwater Information for the Public:

- [Stormwater Reporting Hotline](#)
- [What is Stormwater?](#)
- [Local Stormwater Contacts](#)
- [Links to Other Stormwater Related Agencies and Organizations](#)

The MS4 Stormwater Management Program and Plan:

- [Introduction to the Stormwater Management Program and Plan](#)
- [Characteristics of the MS4](#)
- [Stormwater Contact Information](#)
- [Pollutants of Concern](#)
- [Public Education and Outreach](#)
- [Public Involvement and Participation](#)
- [Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination](#)
- [Construction Site - Stormwater Runoff Control](#)
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Ms. Shuh also suggested links be added to the website to educate the public.

Engineer Fusco said he appreciates public participation as the subject is talked about at meetings and pamphlets have been made available at Town Hall. He has been trying to hire someone to establish an education program in the schools.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to close the Public Hearing at 7:15pm.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Becker to authorize Supervisor Valentine to sign the MS-4 Annual Report.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

PROCLAMATION – SHARON CONKLIN

Supervisor Valentine read the Proclamation honoring Sharon Conklin upon her retirement from the Town of Chester, as of May 31, 2021. He said he would like to install a “red phone” in her house if her husband permits.

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING SHARON CONKLIN
UPON HER RETIREMENT AS
BOOKKEEPER AND BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR
FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTER**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chester wishes to recognize Sharon Conklin upon her retirement from the Town of Chester; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Conklin, is an outstanding citizen who has contributed so much during her 33 years as an employee of the Town of Chester; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has been a lifelong resident of Chester; and

WHEREAS, Sharon began her career at the Town of Chester as Payroll Clerk on February 1st, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Sharon was promoted to her position as Bookkeeper and Benefits Administrator on January 1st, 1992; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Bookkeeper and Benefits Administrator, Sharon has always been ready to help the employees and retirees of the Town of Chester; and

WHEREAS, Sharon served under the administrations of Clark J. Holbert, Harry “Tim” Diltz, Margaret Grumbach, E. Stephen Shortess, William J. Tully, Stefan M. Neuhaus, Alexander Jamieson and Robert Valentine; and,

WHEREAS, during her employment with the Town of Chester, Sharon worked in the office of the Supervisor and closely alongside Town Clerks Barbara Spina, Elizabeth A. Reilly and Linda A. Zappala; and,

WHEREAS, Sharon has been honored to receive the 99th Assembly District Women of Distinction Award, in part, for her contributions to the Town of Chester; and

WHEREAS, Sharon will be dearly missed by her colleagues and co-workers as she retires as Bookkeeper and Benefits Administrator on May 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Chester joins the Town Clerk and other Elected and Appointed Officials, employees, retirees and members of Town of Chester community in extending their congratulations and best wishes to

Sharon Conklin upon her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Proclamation be spread upon the Minutes of the official proceedings of the Chester Town Board meeting this 26th day of May, 2021.

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

PEDDLER'S PERMIT APPLICATION

Supervisor Valentine addressed the application submitted to Town Clerk Zappala for a Peddler's Permit from Southwest Advantage, a book and app sales company that would go place to place. As it has been the consensus of the Board to prohibit this type of permit due to the issues surrounding the COVID pandemic, the Board considered the application.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to deny the Peddler's Permit application filed by Southwest Advantage due to the COVID pandemic.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

APPROVE BID FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine reported the results of the quotes received for the repurpose of the tennis courts and other related work. The following are the bids received.

A-Plus Striping, Inc.	\$10,025
Superior Surfacing Systems	\$10,060
US Outworkers	\$10,153

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the low quote received from A-Plus Striping, Inc. in the amount of \$10,025.

AUTHORIZE PARKLAND FUND EXPENDITURE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the transfer of parkland funds in the amount of \$10,025 to pay for park improvements.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

SEWER CONNECTION – 5 WOOD ROAD

Supervisor Valentine addressed the Board concerning an email request he received from Loehman Getz, Engineer for 5 Wood Road to tie into the Town's sewer district due to a problematic septic. They are an outside user and would be responsible for the cost of the tie-in and pro-rated back charges.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to authorize the tie-in to the sewer district of 5 Wood Road, Chester, NY.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to amend the previous motion to make it subject to an outside user agreement in the proper form to be approved by the Town Attorney.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

BORREGO SOLAR AGREEMENT

Supervisor Valentine said there is still some language in the agreement that needs review so the matter was tabled. The one site of 7.4 megawatts is located on Vivian Lane, in a multi-pronged solar array with multiple owners. Attorney Bonacic opined that the memorandum of understanding allows an option for a lease agreement with payments to be made during an 18-month period. He said there are other moving parts and it takes time to decide on what is best for the Town. Power is sold to the power company and provides revenue to the Town.

MILLENIUM STRATEGIES GRANT WRITER AGREEMENT

Supervisor Valentine stated that the funding available post pandemic would be a disservice to our residents if not pursued. He said the one-year contract is a simple boiler-plate which has been reviewed by the Town attorney. He said it is time sensitive and \$18,000 could be pulled out of the budget this year to pay.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Becker and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the agreement with Millennium Strategies.

DISCUSSION: Councilman Courtenay suggested that during the budget season, we can see if there is money coming back for next year.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Millennium Strategies.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

FIREWORKS CONTRACT

Supervisor Valentine said there are some legal glitches to work out with the attorney, but he'd like to ready the contract for signing. He said the \$15,000 contract cost will be reimbursed by sponsor, Suburban Propane.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the fireworks contract, pending legal review and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

RURAL WATER SEWER INFILTRATION CAMERA INSPECTIONS

Supervisor Valentine said he has discussed this work with Councilman Becker for Rural Water to do exploratory INI inspections. Councilwoman Smith asked if there were other companies who perform the work. Councilman Becker explained that there are other companies who do this at a higher cost. The work has been scheduled for September 1st and 2nd at the very inexpensive rate of \$200 p/day. He added Rural Water would work with Moodna to select the 2,000ft. areas to view each day and Moodna would clean the sewer main ahead of the inspections.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Becker and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the sewer infiltration camera work to be performed by Rural Water at the sewer system in select areas of Surrey Meadows in the amount of \$600.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Becker and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Highway Superintendent Reilly to attend the 2021 Virtual Highway School on June 7 to June 10, 2021 at a cost of \$25.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Tanya McPhee to Introduction to Governmental Accounting School and Accounting Principles and Procedures on October 5-7 and October 20-21, 2021 at a cost of \$170.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine gave an update on Parks and Recreation.

Dance studios have booked a lot of May, June and July.
New guidelines allow up to 250 spectators in the theater.

Summer Concert Series at the PAC front lawn starting July 16.

July 16 - Am Gold Yacht Rock
July 23 - Hillbilly Parade
July 30 - Country Fresh
Aug 13 - Skye Jazz
Aug 20 - Larry Chance & The Earls
Aug 27 - Jimmy And The Parrots

Monday Movie Nights On Lawn In July And August (Dates TBA)

Fireworks Show - July 10 (Sponsored By Suburban Propane) Festivities Begin Approximately 5pm. Food Trucks, Music And Fun.

Casino Bus Trip - June 16 Wind Creek Bethlehem

Leann Rimes Moved To Sun Sept 19 6pm Start.

Chair yoga being held at the Senior Center, \$10 for residents, \$25 for non-residents.

Supervisor Valentine read the following reports into the minutes.

Highway Report – May 26, 2021

Good evening.

With the Law 284 in place, the plans to crack fill and micro surface have been finalized and will begin mid to late June and conclude sometime in late July. The men are prepping, patching and getting ready for these items and conducting normal yearly maintenance.

Larger culvert/drainage projects have been completed on Meadow Avenue and Ayr Rd.

We have continued to assist the Building and Grounds Department with the T-ball field and the Water Department with service repairs and water breaks.

I have been meeting with the Girl Scouts regarding the bridge that they will be installing at the Commons Park. They are assembling and painting the bridge at the Highway Department and a few days before dedication, we will move the piece to its specified area. The lift in the shop failed its yearly inspection because the block wall is deteriorated in areas and pushing the frame inward. We are in the process of collecting quotes for the repair.

The road mower that is used for road side and intersection trimming is out of service. The mower is a 1991 and we have requested assistance directly from Alamo, who is the manufacture of the cutting apparatus and they advised us that the unit is too old to provide replacement cutting apparatus that would be adaptable to the mower or parts to repair the current issues. We will report further after we collect all of our information.

Thank you
John Reilly

Engineer's Development Report

GREENS AT CHESTER:

Working on sewer lines. Stormwater facilities adequate. Stabilization looks good.

WALTON LAKE WATER DISTRICT AND SUGAR LOAF WATER DISTRICT:

Looking to submit to be on NYSEFC Drinking Water Intended Use Plan for both projects prior to 6/16/21 deadline.

MS4

MS4 complete. Needs authorization for Supervisor to sign – due 6/1/21.

CDBG:

Community Development CDBG 2022 applications coming due in June. Need to solidify project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Orange County Chamber will host the Chamber Run and Walk at Thomas Bull Park on May 16th, 8:30-11 am.

Supervisor Valentine announced notification that a check in the amount of \$384,000 is on its way, plus interest of approximately \$19,000 should be negotiated from Allied World with regard to the insurance claim for the Greens of Chester litigation.

Supervisor Valentine announced the denial of our Consolidated Funding grant application for Walton Lake Estates Water.

Supervisor Valentine said the rally on the PDR held last Friday was supported by a letter from the Greens of Chester developer as part of the litigation settlement, which was to be released upon the 40th building permit, but has been released after 37 permits were issued. The letter follows.

EXHIBIT B

Case 7:19-cv-06770-PMH Document 192-2 Filed 02/25/21 Page 1 of 2

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The Greens at Chester
491 Route 208, Suite 319
Monroe, NY 10950

January 29, 2021

Supervisor Robert Valentine
Town of Chester
1786 Kings Highway

Chester, New York 10918
Re: Town of Chester Community Development Preservation Fund

Dear Honorable Supervisor:

We support the concept of preservation of open land in the Town of Chester through various means, including but not limited to encouraging cluster developments, high density zoning with accompanying allocations for open and/or public space, and the judicious and non-discriminatorily applied use of public tax revenue to purchase open land to be preserved for public use. If such legislation were to be presented to the Office of the Governor in the future we would support his approval of this legislation.

Very truly yours,
The Greens at Chester

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith congratulated Sharon Conklin and Michel Deshler as honorees of the 99th Assembly District Women of Distinction awards for their hard work for the Town and Village. She stated that the PDR rally indicates how when the Town had interest in buying land, it is now seeing it being developed. The community needs to contact the Governor, Assembly and Senate to show support.

Councilman Becker commented on the letter received from the engineer for the Broccoli Patch distillery. He said the main wells production in the Sugar Loaf Water District is at 75 gallons per minute and so far for May the average daily usage have been 56,000 gallons with the pump running 13hrs a day. The highest daily produced amount was 85,000 with the pump time at 19 hours. The total this well can produce is 108,000 gallons in 24 hrs. which we never want to reach on a daily basis. During an average year this well can currently support the needs of the district but like many other districts during a dry year or during drought conditions production may be reduced resulting in strict water restrictions. The backup well continues to test positive for E Coli bacteria. This well is rarely used because of the risks associated with operating with the E Coli bacteria. In the past when this well was used it created other issues with increased chlorine residual for safe disinfection which has resulted in customer complaints of chlorine smell. With higher residual chlorine you also risk higher THM (Trihalomethanes) and HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids) that are considered carcinogenic. There are two other wells that the Town has access to but they are close to one mile away from the water plant with no piping in place to them and the quality of these wells is unknown. For our board to make a decision to allow out of district water costumers onto the system we will need as much information as possible and if we are considering to allow this, we should have a contract that protects the district with stipulations controlling use, higher rates for higher usage amounts and strict on time payment requirement. This Board should know that the Tin Barn Brewing was the most recent out of district addition and has not paid a water bill yet and owes \$1,150.

He reported that at Walton Lake Estates, Bill and Chris cleared trees for access to get the well driller to the site and with the help of the Highway department a pit was dug to catch water and debris from drilling. John Turnbull had issues last week that prevented him from getting the exploratory well drilled but we are on schedule for the work to take place tomorrow. He also reached out to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission again in reference to the letter we had requested many months ago allowing the Town to use their property as part of our well head protection zone and they are still moving forward to give us that authorization to satisfy the OCHD.

The new door has been installed for the new EMS room and the rear outlet toilet has been purchased. When Bill finds time, he will move the baseboard heating and install the new sewer line out to the existing piping behind the building so this project can be completed.

The Greens of Chester has sent out letters to the Village of Chester and residences around their project to create a list of locations to be monitored during the 72-hour pump test they must do as a requirement of DEC for obtaining a water taking permit.

Councilman Courtenay congratulated Sharon and wished her a happy retirement. He said he had opportunities to meet with her and she schooled him on the workings of the Town budget. He said the Kiwanis is holding its annual 5K race

this Saturday and there is still time to sign up. He thanked the residents who participated in the rally and those who have sent in comments. He said we are all in this together. He acknowledged that as a member of the Knights of Columbus he met Cardinal Dolan who came to bless the cemetery, playground and parish hall of St. Columba's RC Church.

Councilman Ardisana said he has particular interest in the marijuana tax act and would like to assemble a group of individuals including the Police Chief to see if the opt-out would be a good idea. As a doctor, he said the medical benefits are good for illnesses such as cancer but it has adverse effects on the brain and is a cause of bronchitis. He is to head the task force.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brandon Holdridge said he was happy to see the PDR rally and the letter from the Greens as the bill has passed in the Senate and encourages residents to call and lobby the Assembly to get bill A05761 passed.

James Peterson thanked Councilman Courtenay for holding the rally and hopes the bill passes. He asked for support of the Chester Presbyterian Church fundraiser on June 12th. Please call 469-4877 to place your chicken bbq with sides order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter into an Executive Session at 8:10pm on a pending litigation matter.

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Valentine said no action would be taken coming out of Executive Session.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:30pm.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

VOTE AYES 5: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, BECKER, COURTENAY, SMITH **ADOPTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2021-05-26