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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 13, 2022**

7:00 PM

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

Also present: Al Fusco, Fusco Engineering, Town Engineer

PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022, A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 77A ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS" TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

The following is the announcement as published in the Times Herald Record on April 1, 2022.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY
CHESTER, NY 10918**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

The Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled:

**A LOCAL LAW ADDING CHAPTER 77A ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS"
TO THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER**

Be it enacted by the Town of Chester in the County of Orange, as follows:

Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be referred to as, "A Local Law Adding Chapter 77A, Entitled, "Short-Term Rentals", to the Town Code of the Town of Chester.

Section 2. Purpose and Legislative Intent

Due to the increase in tourism over the past years in the Town of Chester and adjacent local areas, there has been an increase in the number of property owners renting to tourists on a short-term basis. Many property owners in the Town of Chester list their properties as short-term rentals on web-based booking sites such as Airbnb or VBRO. These short-term rentals offer many benefits to property owners and residents in the Town of Chester, but also have the potential create health, safety and quality of life detriments to the community. Accordingly, the purpose and legislative intent of this local law is to regulate the use and safety of these short-term rentals so as to further secure and promote the public health, comfort, welfare, safety and peace for residents of the Town of Chester.

Section 3. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Article 16 of the New York State Town Law, which expressly grants the Town Board of the Town of Chester authority to adopt local laws for the purposes of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Chester and its residents. This Local Law is further adopted pursuant to New York Municipal Home Rule Law Article 2, Section 10, which grants the Town Board of the Town of Chester the power to protect and enhance the physical environment of the Town of Chester.

Said public hearing will take place in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

All persons interested in the subject matter may appear 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: March 24, 2022

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to open the Public Hearing at 7:01pm on the matter of Introductory Local Law No. 1 Of 2022, A Local Law Adding Chapter 77a Entitled “Short-Term Rentals” To The Town Code Of The Town Of Chester.

VOTE: AYES (5): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH **ADOPTED**

Tracy Shuh, 94 Pickerel Road, said she is not against the law, although she noted it would reduce housing for vested residents. She added that change is inevitable and the Town needs to take protective measures. She had concerns regarding property maintenance and changing dynamics. She said the situation needs to be monitored and adjust the code timely and as needed.

Howard Cohen, 23 Booth Road asked for clarification since he thought the law was unclear. The Building Inspector explained the law allows owner-occupied residences to rent a portion of the residence for a maximum time of 29 days, as long term tenants are defined as 30 days or more. He said if the property is then rented to the same person it would create a long-term rental. He asked about a mother-in-law clause.

Tom Becker, 163 Lehigh Ave., expressed concern about property line identification and the possibility of exceeding the occupancy of the house and creating more waste.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to close the Public Hearing at 7:10pm, there being no further comments.

VOTE: AYES (5): VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH **ADOPTED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kat Parrella, Sugar Loaf business owner for the past 7 years, spoke on the Sugar Loaf Square Zoning change request. She said the applicant's comments at the Planning Board meeting didn't pass the litmus test. She thanked the Board for the changes made to the Comprehensive Plan to protect Sugar Loaf. She commented that 56 unit, multi-story town homes have no place there. She asked the Board to continue to steward and protect Sugar Loaf.

Tracy Shuh, 94 Pickerel Road, commented that she appreciates the public comments section at the start of the meeting but also advocates it to be added to the end. She announced the upcoming quarterly meeting of the Moodna Creek Council via zoom at 10am on April 28, 2022.

Ed Lynch, 27 Creamery Pond Road, commented that Sugar Loaf needs further commercial improvements, but opined that an apartment complex is alien to the area. He appreciates the Board's focus on smart growth but the representative's comment that the owner hasn't made money in 23 years has no relevance to the change request.

Richard Logothetis, 1405 Kings Highway, Sugar Loaf, had traced the history of 7 properties over the past 40 years and found none had been vacant or unused, so he questions the inability of Sugar Loaf Square to make a living there.

Gary Huntzburger, Sugar Loaf Chamber of Commerce, commented that the emotions of the citizens of the hamlet weigh heavily. He said he has reviewed the forms submitted to the Planning Board and have found inaccuracies, so a long-term SEQRA will be asked for. He added that the current owners of the buildings are not residents of the area.

Ed Mullins stated that while encouraging affordable housing, he thought this was the right project in the wrong place as it would bring excessive traffic to the area.

Nikki Gawronski, 4 Pewter Circle, commented that the added traffic from this project will only hamper the walk-ability of the hamlet.

From: Lydia Cuadros [mailto:lydiacuadros@optonline.net]

Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 12:13 PM

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Subject: Wood Road in Aquifer & Wellhead Protection area as noted in Comprehensive Plan

Dear Town of Chester Board and Planning Board,

The proposed 56 unit townhouse/condo development on 62 Wood Road is not allowed according to the existing Town of Chester Zoning Code. Wood Road is located in SR2 zoning according to the town of Chester Zoning Map. Only single family residences are allowed in Sugar Loaf, two family residences require Planning Board review. Why would you even consider putting in a 56 unit townhouse development? I don't understand why the Planning Board could not deny this application. Can someone explain this to me? This developer was told to go before the Town Board to obtain a "special use permit."

I am asking the Town Board to please deny this application.

According to the Town of Chester Comprehensive Plan, Wood Road is in an Aquifer & Wellhead Protection area, 1500 foot radius protection boundary..... why wouldn't this be enough of a reason to deny the townhouse/condo development? As you are well aware, the Sugar Loaf Water District is already in disrepair. It is only functioning with one good well, adding this multi-unit development would put a huge strain on the existing water supply.

ARTEMIS HILL FARM PRESENTATION

Daniella Nastasi addressed the Board on the 30% increase in suicide since the COVID pandemic and how she became involved with her organization following her own brother's suicide. Her organization helps people with mental health issues

by partnering them with horses from her sanctuary. She announced the upcoming suicide foundation fundraiser to be held on May 21, 2022 at 6pm on her farm at 154 Hambletonian Road.

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the payment of claims in the following accounts.

GENERAL FUND	\$205,208.73
GENERAL - PART TOWN	73,919.19
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	136,956.24
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	4,046.19
FIELDCREST WATER	4,749.01
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	6,040.92
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	3,411.06
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	3,284.17
WALTON LAKE WATER	26,104.81
TRUST AND AGENCY	14,681.28
GARBAGE	<u>92,252.54</u>
TOTAL	\$570,654.14

VOTE: AYES (4) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, SMITH ABSTAINED (1) HOLDRIDGE ADOPTED

ACCETANCE OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to accept the Minutes of the March 23, 2022 Town Board Meeting as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH ADOPTED

KUBOTA SVL-75-2HFWC TRACTOR FINANCE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the financing of the Kubota SVL-75-HFWC Tractor for 4 years in the annual amount of \$22,898.09 and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH ADOPTED

WATER PLANT LIGHTING APPROVAL

Water Administrator Becker provided the Town Board with one quote in the average amount of \$2,000-\$2,600 per district. The matter was tabled awaiting an additional quote.

SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER DISTRICT WELL IMPROVEMENTS

Water Administrator Becker explained that since the P-PHOS test results were good, the next step to develop the e-coli well to possibly eliminate the E-coli would require the removal of the 32 ft., 6-inch casing and re-drill the well and install 8-inch casing. Anything more than 75gpm would require DEC water taking perming. This work would require a bid process.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the evaluation work by WSP at a cost of \$3,600.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

CDBG GRANT 2022 – PROJECT NO. CH-204

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the request for bids for the grant approved work at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center to include paving, ramp and ADA doors.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

PITNEY BOWES MAIL METER

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the upgraded Pitney Bowes mail meter to be in compliance with the Postal Service, at an increase cost of \$5.55 p/quarter and allow Supervisor Valentine to sign the contract.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

FY 2023 CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS OVERVIEW GRANT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge authorization to proceed with the Emergency Generator Grant under FY 2023 Congressional Appropriations Overview.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

NOISE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Supervisor Valentine added this discussion to the agenda because of the requests for changes. Councilman Holdridge commented that he has received feedback from residents that the ordinance should have more restrictions with commercial zone properties and the added lower decibel levels to enhance residential areas. He said Larry Dysinger's suggestions deserve merit. It was Councilman Courtenay's opinion that singling out businesses for noise control will produce legal issues and that we should tread lightly here. In 2021, he reported a total of 76 noise complaints, all of which were resolved or unfounded. Of these, 13% were reported against Camp Monroe, 11% for disputes. Others included loud noise from parties, Tin Barn, and barking dogs. Supervisor Valentine commented that the issues at Camp Monroe is what initiated the local law last year and any changes to it should be considered over time. He added, that to be a good neighbor, Tin Barn will be installing noise meters and a sound barrier. Councilman Holdridge opined that changes are sensible and will match other Towns. Supervisor Valentine said that working the issues out with neighbors should be the first course. Councilman Courtenay added that Tin Barn's action shows their willingness to be proactive with regard to the issue and doubted whether changing the law would have any impact on compliance.

SUGAR LOAF SQUARE PERMITTED USE REQUEST

He asked for the Board's consensus. Councilman Courtenay said he has no interest in changing the zoning. Councilwoman Smith said she didn't think a three story building fit in Sugar Loaf. Councilman Ardisana refuses to see this change as the traffic in the area is ridiculous. Councilman Holdridge agreed with the Board's sentiments as he said it doesn't belong. Supervisor Valentine commented that although, not against mixed use in the hamlet, he believed the project is too big, too tall and over-bearing. He said some commercial and foot traffic there would be helpful.

GRANT UPDATES

Councilman Holdridge requested feedback for the cyber security grant application. He is also looking into possible grant applications for farmland protection with the Village, CDBG, tree grant, watershed protection, firehouse substation, baseball equipment grant, Lowe's hometown grant for playground equipment and EV charging station grant which the Supervisor will be moving forward. He thanked Al Fusco for his quick response on the generator grant.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the attendance of Tanya McPhee to the PERMA conference on May 26-27, 2022 at no cost.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Water Administrator Becker reported to the Board.

At Walton Lake Estates he has gathered all of the information from the work done so far and past history from other wells drilled on the property owned by the Town. He has discussed with Tom Cusack and reached out to the OCHD to propose another drill site close to the well that was drilled that will produce 60-GPM. The OCHD will allow us to encroach into the residential properties along Juniper Lane with part of our 200-foot protection zone around the well. By doing this we can drill directly on-top of a secondary fracture. We have exhausted almost every possibility to find water on this Town owned property. Funding evaluation is to be completed to determine options. He has reached out to another hydrogeologist to review all of the information that we have on Walton Lake Estates Water District. He has suggested a comprehensive review of all of the Towns water districts, Town owned properties and areas of the town that could potentially yield water for the future. This is something that the Town would have to do in part if we need a DEC water taking permit at the Sugar Loaf Water District. He had recently done a review for the Town of Woodbury and they are currently using the information developed to establish new sources of water for their Town. Approximate cost of \$35,000 could be considered for next year to develop potential locations to be considered for future needs. This review could serve as a guide for the Town for PDR purchases in the future that could yield a future water supply.

Supervisor Valentine read from the following reports which are included in their entirety.

Engineer's Development Report

Greens at Chester: SWPPP systems adequate working on silt fence.

Cappelli Sports (Primo Sports): SWPPP working well.

Sugar Loaf PAC: getting drawings and specs ready for ADA.

PAC Playground: doing field work, prepared estimate. Will reevaluate the estimate based on the Towns input.

Dog Park: started field work.

Working on water systems regarding improvements and grant possibilities.

Working on MS4 annual report

Senior Center – prepared specification for generator.

Water Department – March 2022

The water department processed and distributed 6,317,871 gallons of water for the month of March. The districts daily average ranged from 401 gallons to 75,000 gallons. The monthly breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 2,338,000 gal.

Sugar Loaf- 1,470,500 gal.

Surrey Meadows-1,262,300 gal.

Walton Lake Estates- 1,082,500 gal.
Fieldcrest- 152,143 gal. (Distribution only)
Town Hall- 12,428 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 February were submitted on 3/2/21.

Laboratory testing dates were the 2nd and the 16th.

Bi-Annual meter reading conducted at all districts from the 7th through the 15th.

Meter repairs, re-reads, and replacements ran through the 21st.

Chris Cocks took final for Grade D License at the county building on the 22nd

John Mardula took final for Grade IIB License at the county building on the 30th

Chemicals Delivered at Walton Lake on the 24th

Other Business:

Walton Lake Estates was quiet with routine operations and maintenance. Claverack came in to drill for possible back well at the new site on the 17th and 18th, no luck only 10gpm. Well yield is still dropping and is down to 39gpm. Replaced broken Toilet and leaking Sink at plant with new ones. Also fixed the eye wash station to work properly now.

Sugar Loaf was quiet with normal operation and maintenance. Highway came and put milling in for new parking lot and walking path to pump house 21st and 22nd. Fixed the fence and gate so opens better on the 25th. Did a PFAS and PFOS test on the backup well on the 17th.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with normal operation and maintenance.

Lake Hill Farms was quiet with routine operations and maintenance.

Fieldcrest was mostly quiet with normal operation and maintenance.

Police Department – March 2022

During the month of March, 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 March, the police department responded to 229 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 14,784 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 6 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

4	charged with Suspended Driver License misdemeanors
1	charged with Criminal Contempt in the second degree
1	charged with Harassment in the second degree

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:

- 24 medical calls
- 22 residential, commercial and automatic fire alarms
- 15 animal complaints
- 9 reports of suspicious conditions, people and/or vehicles
- 7 domestic disputes, family court matters and other disputes
- 2 motor vehicle crashes with injuries
- 7 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 3 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Officers also issued 75 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

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

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 7 house security checks and 1337 business security checks.

There were two child safety checks/installations completed in March. Sergeant Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, and Stack continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

Officer Santosky-Wright made contact a representative from the Sugar Loaf Chamber of Commerce who advised that their Spring Festival is tentatively planned for May 14th and 15th

Officers Chambers and Calderone continued visiting stores and meeting with businesses in the town to update our contact info as needed and added missing or new businesses as necessary.

Officer Dunlop maintained contact with a representative from the Bellvale Bruderhof Community and discussed handicap park requirements at one of their buildings.

TRAINING

Officer Bird assisted as an instructor on a Child Safety Seat familiarization class taught for employees of the Orange County Department of Social Services in our training room on March 23rd and 24th.

Officer Santosky-Wright and Chief Doellinger attended the Recognizing the Cannabis Impaired Driver course in Goshen on March 29th. Because of his status as a current Standardized Field Sobriety Testing instructor, Chief Doellinger is now state-certified to teach this class also.

Administrative Sgt. Vitale attended the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Manager course in Dutchess County on March 30th.

Monthly training was held on March 8th in our training room. All officers were in attendance except PO Santosky-Wright (sick) and PO Stenta. The training topics were Disorder Control and the OC spray, handcuffing and baton annual refreshers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on March 4th and 18th in conjunction with the NYS Department of Transportation. Twenty vehicles were inspected and four unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

Officers assisted the SRO and school administration with a shelter in place drill and K9 walkthrough at the Chester Academy on March 8th.

Part-time Officer Antonio Stenta resigned in March.

SCHEDULING

There were 134.5 hours of overtime paid in March.

Part-time police officers were used for 167.5 hours of patrol coverage (166.5 regular hours and 1 overtime hour).

Shift Coverage	68.5
Departmental Monthly Training	23.25
Investigations	13.25
Stop DWI Patrols	11
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	8
Town Court Security Details	3.5
Applicant Interviews	3
Late Calls/Arrests	2.25
School Resource Officer	1.25
Vehicle Mechanical Failure	0.5

ARRESTS - MARCH 2022

Date	Age	Sex	Hometown	Offenses
3/2/2022	26	F	Monroe, NY	PL 240.26 01 HARASSMENT-2ND:PHYSICAL CNTACT
3/4/2022	46	M	Wilkes Barre, PA	VTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD
3/12/2022	41	M	Chester, NY	PL 215.50 03 CRIM CONTEMPT-2ND:DISOBEY CRT
3/23/2022	32	F	Wurtsboro, NY	VTL051102A4 AGG UNLIC OPER-2ND:3>SUSPENSNS VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
3/25/2022	39	M	New City, NY	VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
3/31/2022	38	M	Warwick, NY	VTL 0511 01AAGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD

Attachment A CALLS FOR SERVICE - MARCH 2022

911HANGUP CALL	1	HARASSMENT	5
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	14	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	7	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	9
AMBULANCE ASSIST	24	IDENTITY THEFT	2
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	4	INFORMATION ONLY	9
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	11	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	4
ARREST/TRAFFIC	4	LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	1
ARREST/VIOLATION	1	LOCKOUT	1
ASSAULT	1	LOST PROPERTY	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	18	MVC/CAR/DEER	2
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	1	MVC/NO REPORT	1
ASSIST WATER DEPARTMENT	1	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	2
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	1	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	6
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	7	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	1
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	2	NOISE COMPLAINT	2
CIVIL MATTER	3	NOTIFICATION	4
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	3	OPEN DOOR	1
CRIMINAL CONTEMPT	1	PARKING PROBLEM	2
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	PATROL REQUEST	2
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	1	PROPERTY RETURN	3
DISABLED VEHICLE	13	PROPERTY SAFEKEEPING	2
DISTURBANCE	1	RECKLESS DRIVER	2
DOG BITE	1	SCHOOL SAFETY	1
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	4	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	9
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	3	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	5
EQUIPMENT CHECK	1	TREE DOWN	1
FIGHT	1	UNATTENDED DEATH	1
FINGERPRINTING	1	VEHICLE OFF ROADWAY	1
FIRE	3	WELFARE CHECK	7
FOUND PROPERTY	2	WIRES DOWN	2
		TOTAL	229

Animal Control – March 2022

During the month of March 2022, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 15 animal complaints and investigated 3 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 9 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 3 of the calls for service were for an injured or deceased deer
- 2 of the calls for service were for barking dogs
- 1 of the calls for service was for bats in a house

Warwick Valley Humane Society

The monthly report for March 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:	5	0 Police, 5 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	1	3/18 – stray dog Rt. 17M – unclaimed
Number of dogs impounded by Police:	0	
Number of dogs returned to owner:	0	
Number of after hour call-outs:	4	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$0	
Amount of license fees collected:	\$0	
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town	\$0	
Number of hours of enumeration:	10.5	
Number of bite reports received:	0	
Number of bite reports received:	0	
Number of appearance tickets issued:	0	
Number of unlicensed dogs:	12	
Status of unlicensed dogs:	- 12 Notices to Comply prepared for delivery	

Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter: 0

Location of enumeration: Preparation and delivery of 12 Notices to Comply to various addresses; per Town Clerk Enumeration of 3911, 4210, 4512 Whispering Hills, enumeration of Gilmour Way, Trout Brook and Boville Ct.

SNR certificates sold in March: 4

NOTE: SNR certificates are available by appointment only

Note: Shelter is open by appointment only Monday through Sunday, 12-4pm for pre-approved adoptions, return to owners and SNR certificates, visitors and volunteers!

Water Consumption Report

	WATER DISTRICTS' BILLABLE REVENUE & CONSUMPTION REPORT				
	OCTOBER 1, 2021- MARCH 31, 2022				
	WALTON LAKE	SURREY MEADOWS	LAKE HILL FARM	SUGAR LOAF H	FIELDCREST
10/01/21- 3/31/2022	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION</u>	CONSUMPTION	CONSUMPTION
REVENUE	\$49,256.25	\$37,706.50	\$75,767.75	\$28,209.50	\$7,110.00
CONSUMPTION	5,325,000	5,801,000	13,177,000	5,129,000	948,000

Building Department – March 2022

Permits Issued - 29 (printout submitted)

CO & COC's Issued- 28 (printout Submitted) Municipal Searches - 14
Deposits- \$14,695.63

Happy Spring and construction is back in full swing already....

Proposed Short-term rental Law is up for public hearing April 13th

Application has been created, Permit was created in the system, just need to create a registration spreadsheet. There are 3 active court cases with a possibility of 5.

To date no responses or interests on the part-time inspector position.

Melissa has officially moved downstairs, once she is organized, the IPS program onto her computer and start training her in the system. Planning also put into the budget for the module for the system.

1203 Report is was done and submitted to the Department of State and accepted.

Parks & Grounds

Parks & Maintenance

Processing permits for Pavilion rentals as well as field rentals for parks

Creating schedules for maintenance

Ordering supplies and invoicing for all materials needed in the parks

Finalizing details for fireworks show

Working closely with Vet Rep who will be holding their first annual Savage Wonder Festival at the SLPAC on May 29, 2022. The expected attendance is larger than any event to date. It will be an all festival with all performances done by accomplished professionals who are also military veterans.

Assisting at the SLPAC and senior rec center for all events

Maintenance

Weekly setup at Senior Center

Weekly garbage removal for all parks

Clean up in back of PD

Maintenance on JD Tractors

Completed various maintenance requests from all departments
Cleaned and prepped parks for season and PBA Easter Egg hunt on 4/9/22
Built platform for SLPAC signage
Repaired fence at Chester Library

Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center

The Rest of April Weekends are completely full with events.

Dueling Rocking Pianos in the Pavilion has become a hit every other Thursday Night.
Senior Casino Night is April 22 in Pavilion.
Mark Farner April 23 & Judy Collins is April 29.
Paul Ellis' Play Festival in pavilion April 29 & 30.
Hosted our first baby shower in pavilion and it was a success and has led to other party inquiries.
Lighting has been changed in the bar area to more efficient lighting.
Getting bids on pickle board courts for Carpenter Community Park.

Senior Center

Trips:

- 2 casino trips went well
 - Mohegan Sun wasn't as well attended as I hoped, however we listened to the community and tried a weekend trip
 - Wind Creek was a full bus and we had WINNERS
- Villa Roma - Jersey Boys Tribute
 - Great interest we were able to schedule 2 days to accommodate all interested parties. (May 2 and 3, 2022)
 - 55 people going on May 2, 2022
 - 50 people going on May 3, 2022
 - More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people going are Chester seniors, we shared with out of town residents after ample time given to residents and were able to accommodate all interested parties. Out of town resident paid additional \$25/bus seat.
- Niagara Falls 5/31/22-6/4/22
 - FULL going with 45 people
- Kruckers 7/14/22 – sign up will be 3rd week of April
- Lancaster PA trip to schedule for October 2022 – signups will begin in May of 2022

Youth events:

- Youth paint event 3/10/22 at Senior Center was attended by 6 youth.
- Youth paint event 4/12/22 at Senior Center – 11 youth signed up
- Working on a monthly event for children

Senior Events:

- New program added once-a-month Senior Arts and Crafts
 - First class was Bunny Wreath on Tuesday 4/5/22 1-3pm, we had 20 attend
 - NEXT class is scheduled for May 10, 2022, 1:30-3:30pm Fairy Lantern
- Senior Casino Night 4-9pm at Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center (table play with "funny money", prizes, food and music)
 - Valet parking will be available
- Planning future Senior activities and events for the year

Recreation

- Yoga classes now offered on Monday evenings 5:30pm-6:30pm attendance has been great (11 attendees this past Monday 4/11/22)
- New fitness program added Monday mornings 9am-10am, first class started Monday, April 11th, 2022
 - Everyone excited for this class, residents asked and I was able to accommodate with instructor.

Continuing to work on and organize senior and children events for the year, examining all possibilities. Working events and providing support at SLPAC as needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Valentine read the request from Michele Deshler for her attendance at Senior Council meetings.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Michele Deshler at the Spring Luncheon at Kuhl's Highland House on May 16, 2022 at the cost of \$25.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

CARPENTER FIELD PICKLE BALL COURT

A discussion ensued concerning the pickle ball court at Carpenter field, but the matter was tabled awaiting pricing information.

BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION

A discussion ensued concerning the lack of response for the posted position and the consideration of hiring a consultant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orange County Household Hazardous Waste & Operation Safe Scripts Pharmaceutical Collection Event

Saturday, May 7 from 9 AM to 3 PM

Thomas Bull Memorial Park – Picnic Area
90 Grove Street, Campbell Hall, NY

Sponsored by Orange County DPW Division of EF&S., O.C. Sheriff's Office, PaintCare, and County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus, Co-Sponsored by NYSDEC

Latex, Acrylic, and Water Based Paint NOW ACCEPTED!

What to Bring

- Oil and now Latex/Water Based Paints
- Stains and Varnishes
- Paint Thinners & Strippers
- Wood Preservatives
- Resins, Rosins & Adhesives
- Polishes for Furniture, Floor & Metal
- Cleaners for Rug & Upholstery
- Cleaners for Oven, Toilet Bowl & Drain
- Swimming Pool Chemicals

- Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides (including Lawn Care Products)
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Spot Removers
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Lighter Fluids, Camp size propane tanks
- Septic Tank Degreasers
- Full or Partially Full Aerosol Cans
- Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets
- Engine Degreasers
- Carburetor Cleaners, Car Waxes
- Kerosene, Gasoline, Gas/Oil Mixes
- Fire Extinguishers
- Mercury Thermostats, Thermometers
- Pharmaceutical Drugs
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cd) Batteries
- Auto and Tractor Batteries
- Transmission Fluids, Brake Fluids
- Motor Oil & Antifreeze

What NOT to Bring

- Electronics, Computers, VCR's Take to your local Transfer Station
- Home Appliances
- Tires of any kind
- BBQ Propane Tanks
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Household Batteries Throw in Trash

- Smoke Detectors - Contact company on back of unit
- Ammunition
- Fireworks - Call the Police Department
- Explosives
- Medical Sharps - Take back to the hospital
- Radioactive Materials
- Unknown Gases Call (845) 291-2640
- Controlled Substances
- Pathological Material

Supervisor read the notice from the NYS DOT concerning summer 2022 traffic signal transfer switch project at 17M and Kings Highway and 17M at West Ave.

Supervisor Valentine read the notice from the NYS DOT allowing for special dimension vehicles (53' tractor trailers) on portions of Bellvale Road and Lake Station Road, effective April 18, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter into an Executive Session at 8:30pm on a matter of personnel.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:55pm.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Ardisana commented that the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center should be promoted by Orange County Tourism.

Councilman Courtenay announced an upcoming press conference to be scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 11:30am at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center. The purpose of the conference is to announce the first annual film festival of worldwide films. He encourages people to come out and participate for the three dates, to be announced. The films will also be made available online.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to direct Town Clerk Zappala to publish a Press Release announcement for the conference to be held at the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center on April 20, 2022 at 11:30am.

VOTE: AYES (5) VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

Councilman Courtenay said he met with Supervisor Sweeton of the Town of Warwick and Planning Board Chairman Serotta to discuss options for PDR funding and identify the top 30 properties to pursue. He is working with Councilman Holdridge to make a presentation to the public to move the roadblocks in the way of going forward. He asked if the Highway Department could open on a Saturday for brush drop-off. Councilman Courtenay added Senator Martucci would also be in attendance at the Press Conference on April 20th and will be getting a tour of the Town of Chester at that time.

Councilwoman Smith reported there is still some open spaces for Farm Market vendors to enroll. She announced the defensive driving course to be held at the Senior Center on May 6, at a cost of \$26 for seniors and \$35 for others.

Councilman Holdridge announced the Chester Fire Department is in search of volunteers. He reported he had followed up with Lance McMillan from the DOT and was advised a reply had been mailed. He asked the status of the Town of Monroe response for the Oak Woods project. He thanked the Palisades Park Commission for the placement of boulders to block entry where the mattresses were dumped on their property near Laroe Road. Councilman Holdridge said he received a response from the Governor's office regarding the PDR request; namely S1810 – Land Preservation Bill and statewide bill as well as the double library tax affecting Warwick School District residents as well as emergency services bill which there isn't funding as it is not considered essential in NYS. He said he plans to meet with Councilman Ardisana and members of Mobile Life for fact finding. Councilman Holdridge announced and said he would participate in the Kiwanis Clean Up to be held on April 23rd. He said Paul Ellis had suggested the creation of an arts and culture citizen's committee. He added that the recent email phishing suggests a cyber policy is warranted.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2022-04-13