

TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 14, 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: Scott Bonacic, Town Attorney, Al Fusco, Town Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Dysinger, 46 Odyssey Drive, said he liked the upgrade done by the Supervisor to the Town Hall meeting room. He was aware of the letter sent by Orange County Majors and Supervisors to the IDA for incentives in Orange County and asked why the Town of Chester did not co-sign. Supervisor Valentine replied if IDA has something that we will entertain but is not going to sign on with the group. As a taxpayer, Mr. Dysinger mentioned the Town of Goshen moratorium for 6 months with possible extensions on non-completed solar projects, affecting Broadlea and Vivian Lane, to perform size, compatibility, and environmental studies and zoning analyses as a joint decision of the Planning Board and Town Board and suggest the Town of Chester also place a moratorium on non-completed commercial solar projects. Supervisor Valentine replied that the Town is in receipt of a Public Hearing Notice to be held on September 15th on these projects and since SEQR is complete, they must be exempt. Also, Mr. Dysinger suggested the Town Board consider developing standards for decommissioning estimates.

Robert Marina, 56 Mountain View Drive, stated his home is above the water tower. He asked what stage the project was in and why it is in a residential area and if the Town looked at any alternatives. Supervisor Valentine said the Town will be taking action to post the option to lease subject to permissive referendum but will require the project go through the Planning Board process. He added that ARX looked at private property which was just as close but would not allow Town oversight.

Lydia Cuadros, FB, asked why you can have a referendum process before application to the Planning Board. She stated she was in favor of the ethics board being independent, partial and fair and that the public should be allowed to reach them directly.

CHESTER BASEBALL VARSITY PROCLAMATION

***TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER
PROCLAMATION***

HONORING

***CHESTER ACADEMY
VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL TEAM
NYSPHSAA REGIONAL CLASS C CHAMPIONS
2021-2022***

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

WHEREAS, the Chester Hambletonians deserve to be recognized for a tremendous season with a final record of 20 wins and 6 losses; and

WHEREAS, the Chester Academy Varsity Boys Baseball Team proved their excellence as OCIAA Division V Champions with an undefeated league record of 6-0; and

WHEREAS, as Section IX Tournament #1 Seed, the Chester Varsity met Seward in a total 13-0 blowout to advance to the Finals;

WHEREAS, the streak continued against Rhinebeck (8-3) in the Section IX Finals matchup; and

WHEREAS, upon being named Section IX Class C Champions, the Hambletonians defeated Tuckahoe in the NYSPHSAA Regional Semifinals with a score of 4-3; and

WHEREAS, when the team faced Long Island Champs Port Jefferson in the NYSPHSAA Reginal Finals they continued their dominance by a score of 3-0; and

WHEREAS, this win led the Hambletonians to a defeat over Portville 8-1 to be named NYSPHSAA Regional Class C Champions; and

WHEREAS, this victory secured the Chester Hambletonians advance to the NYSPHSAA Finals.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Chester join all members of the Chester community to hereby express their congratulations on a great season to the Chester Academy Varsity Boys Baseball Team as our NYSPHSAA Regional Class C Champions; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on September 14, 2022.*

**TOWN OF CHESTER,
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK**
Robert Valentine, Supervisor

Following the presentation of the Proclamation the Chester Baseball Varsity team and coaches came up to the dais to receive Certificates of Merit for their outstanding performance over the 2021-2022 season. Many family members and friends were in attendance to join in the honor.

ROCKLAND COUNTY POWER

Peggy Kurtz, county Coordinator for Joule Community Power gave a presentation on the benefits of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). As the leading administrator for CCA, Joule provides transition to renewable energy for residents, working with 50 municipalities, including two in Orange County, 2/3 of Westchester County and currently working towards 150 municipalities state-wide, to offer energy to thousands of residents overseen by PSC and DEC. Benefits include clean energy, guaranteed electric costs, strong protections. With the 2019 NYS mandate transformation of 70% of the electric grid to renewable energy and 100% carbon free by 2040. Their collaborative program differs from ESCO which offers low introductory rate then increases. Through CCA there are no contracts, no fees and guaranteed rates. Rate savings amount \$221 over 21 months with 6 communities saving over \$7,000,000. Joule can offer solar or base energy. The process starts with outreach and a packet mailed with opt-out at any time. They negotiate the price and provide customer service at no cost to the Town or consumer. They provide advisory services on renewable energy and solar projects, etc. More information and references are available. The offering is exploratory and non-binding with the passage of a CCA enabling law to establish the program. Every municipality in the program has renewed. Councilman Holdridge asked that she provide references.

POLICE OFFICER CANDIDATE

Supervisor Valentine read the memo from Chief Doellinger concerning a full-time police officer candidate for the Town Board's consideration. The candidate is currently a full-time police officer and has been approved for transfer by the County.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter into Executive Session at 7:35pm 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 Courtenay to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:40pm on a matter of personnel.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to appoint Alexandra Gundermann as a full-time Police Officer for the Town of Chester, effective September 27, 2022.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

BOARD OF ETHICS

Supervisor Valentine explained that the Town Board had conducted interviews with all the candidates that had applied for the democratic seat on the Ethics Board and had chosen who he said was the best candidate.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to appoint David Collins to the Ethics Board.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

GENERAL FUND	\$117,904.24	<u>PREPAID</u> \$87,296.81
GENERAL - PART TOWN	30,223.57	45,965.59
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	29,697.07	
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	32,370.61	27,820.46
FIELDCREST WATER	491.27	236.87
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	5,175.30	3,118.75
SUGAR LOAF WATER	3,270.88	1,808.76
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	5,121.16	2,512.02
WALTON LAKE WATER	7,002.85	3,073.06
TRUST AND AGENCY	57,883.50	.53
GARBAGE		<u>2,573.90</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$289,140.45</u>	\$174,406.75

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings of August 24, 2022 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

ARX TOWER RESOLUTION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilwoman Smith to approve vendor's option to move forward with lease of property subject to permissive referendum.

DICUSSION: Councilman Holdridge asked if Ms. Cuadros' question could be addressed. Supervisor Valentine replied that based on the fact that the resolution is subject to permissive referendum, the people in the area can petition to be put up to a ballot vote. He added that ARX has now decided to exercise their option on the lease.

VOTE: AYES (4) Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Smith, ABSTAIN: (1) Holdridge

ADOPTED

SET PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSESSMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to set a Public Hearing on the matter of the Special District Assessments on October 12, 2022 at the Town of Chester Town Hall at 7:00pm and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

BOARD OF ETHICS DISCUSSION

Councilman Holdridge proposed a change to the current code. He suggested quarterly meetings not to include violations or complaints but to be regular and productive. He suggests a process change to the current chain where the complaint goes to the Supervisor and Town Board, and referral made if deemed necessary. He said we should be out of the process as it is not proper. He suggested that any complaint of code violation go straight to the Ethics Board via a portal on the website or email. He said this would address accountability and transparency concerns. Supervisor Valentine took an informal consensus of the board members. Councilman Courtenay opined that the Board does a good job at transparency but maybe could their homework and take a deeper dive. If there is a complaint they wouldn't want to sit on it. He said it might cause an issue with the go-to person. He added that periodic meetings would be a good change. He said complaint to secretary of Ethics Board...nobody before. Councilman Courtenay said we need to do more legwork to see how it works in other Towns and how many have it. He added refute, take great care, be neutral, unbiased, and deliberate, investigate and recommend. Supervisor Valentine stated the ethics complaints go through the Town Board to filter out frivolous matters. He added that the committee has met one time and asked what would happened if they were unhappy with the decision. Councilwoman Smith was not in favor of the changes as it would make the Boards have power struggles and over time give the Ethics Board more power. Planning Board Chair Serotta asked about whether there would be attorney involvement. Councilman Holdridge said he would like to propose his first change concerning quarterly meetings of the Ethics Board.

2022 INTERMUNCIPAL AGREEMENT WITH CHESTER FIRE DISTRICT

Supervisor Valentine read the memo from Highway Superintendent Reilly requesting the Intermunicipal Agreement for the purchase of road salt be executed.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Chester Fire District for the purchase of road salt at the current NYSOGS award price of \$77.30+/- fuel adjustments and allow the Supervisor to sign same.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

SUGAR LOAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BID RESULTS

Supervisor Valentine read the bid results on the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center ADA, chairlift and parking lot project, opened on September 8, 2:30pm.

A-Tech Concrete

Base (ADA Doors, Chairlift)	\$238,420
Alt I (Parking Lot)	187,000
Alt II (Front entrance & ramp)	340,500

Engineer Fusco advised the Board to reject the bid and re-bid the asphalt portion only.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilwoman Smith to reject the bid received from A-Tech Concrete.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

SUGAR LOAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PROJECT AMENDMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilwoman Smith to authorize the specifications of the re-bid, if necessary, the asphalt portion only.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

POLICE DEPARTMENT AUCTION RESULTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the sale of the 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor VIN #1FM5K8AR3HGD59370 in the amount of \$7,050.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

EDUCATION REQUESTS

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Julie Tiller and Tanya McPhee to the NYS Retirement Employer Education Seminar on October 13, 2022 in Pomona, NY at no cost.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the attendance of Alexa Burchianti to the Tri-County NYSBOC in Kingston from November 15-18th with a registration fee of \$375.00

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

TOWN OF MONROE LEAD AGENCY REQUEST

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the lead agency request by the Town of Monroe for the Homeland Towers and Verizon Wireless project.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to accept the letter of resignation from Robert S. Keating, III due to retirement, effective March 10, 2023.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read the following reports into the Minutes.

Police Department – August 2022

The Town of Chester Police Department remained active in the community last month. We continued to take a proactive stance towards detecting crime and enforcing the laws, while maintaining our overall objective of community commitment. In August, the police department responded to 270 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 14,126 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 7 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

- 1 charged with Driving While Intoxicated
- 1 charged with Possessing a Forged Inspection Sticker and Operating with a Suspended License
- 1 charged with Operating with a Suspended License
- 3 charged with Noise Ordinance violations
- 1 charged with Littering on town property

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:

- 32 medical calls
- 28 residential, commercial and automatic fire alarms
- 23 animal complaints
- 10 reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
- 1 motor vehicle crash with injuries
- 7 motor vehicle crashes without injuries
- 3 motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued 142 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

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

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

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 11 house security checks and 1201 business security checks.

There were two child passenger safety seat checks conducted by our officers in August. Sergeant Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Narain continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations.

TRAINING

Officer Dunlop and K-9 Lou completed Police Explosives Detection Canine Team training in August. Semi-annual firearms qualifications continued in August.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on August 5th and 19th with the NYS Department of Transportation. Eight vehicles were inspected and four unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

Officers monitored traffic and were prepared to assist if needed for the final Tour de Goshen bicycle event that passed through town on August 21st.

An officer assisted with transporting election ballots to the county Board of Elections for the primary voting on August 23rd.

Part-time Police Officers Christopher Donato and Nigel Balgobin continued their field training in August. Fulltime Police Officer Katiria Narain began her field training on August 24th.

SCHEDULING

There were 428.25 hours of overtime paid in August.

Part-time police officers were used for 198 hours of patrol coverage (184 regular hours and 14 overtime hours).

Shift Coverage	351
Stop DWI Grant Patrols	52.5
Firearms Qualifications	6
School Resource Officer Training/School Safety Mtg	5.5
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	4
Court/Hearings	3
Investigations	3
Late Calls/Arrests	1.75
Discovery/Bail Reform	1
Field Training Officer	.5

ARRESTS - AUGUST 2022

Arrest#	Date	Age/Sex	Hometown	Charges
TC-00075-22	8/6/2022	53M	Warwick, NY	VTL051101A AGGRAVATED UNLICOPER VEH- 3RD VTL0306E FALSE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE
TC-00076-22	8/9/2022	19M	Monroe, NY	TO 63 -2 Town Code - Littering Prohibited Generally
TC-00077-22	8/14/2022	41M	Lakewood, NJ	TO 66-5 A Town Code NOISE POLLUTION PROHIBITED ACTS
TC-00078-22	8/15/2022	41M	Lakewood, NJ	TO 66-5 A Town Code NOISE POLLUTION PROHIBITED ACTS

TC-00079-22	8/17/2022	39M	Bronx, NY	VTL 1192 03 DWI-1ST OFFENSE VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00080-22	8/19/2022	41M	Lakewood, NJ	TO 66-5 A Town Code NOISE POLLUTION PROHIBITED ACTS
TC-00081-22	8/29/2022	44M	Middletown, NY	VTL 051102A3 AGG UNLIC OPER2-MANDATORY SUSP VTL 051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD Attachment A

CALLS FOR SERVICE - AUGUST 2022

911HANGUP CALL	3	FRAUD	1
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	14	HARASSMENT	1
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	6	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	4
AMBULANCE ASSIST	32	HOUSE SECURITY CHECK	13
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	16	IDENTITY THEFT	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	6	ILLEGAL DUMPING	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(OTHER DO	1	INFORMATION ONLY	13
ARREST/DWI	1	LARCENY	1
ARREST/TRAFFIC	2	LOCKOUT	2
ARREST/VIOLATION	1	LOST PROPERTY	3
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	19	MISSING PERSON	1
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	5	MVC/CAR/DEER	2
ASSIST WATER DEPARTMENT	1	MVC/HIT AND RUN	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1	MVC/NO REPORT	1
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	7	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	1
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	14	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	6
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	2	NARCOTICS ACTIVITY	1
CITIZEN SERVICE	7	NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	1
CIVIL MATTER	2	NOISE COMPLAINT	14
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	2	NOTIFICATION	1
CRIMINAL CONTEMPT	1	OPEN DOOR	2
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	ORDER OF PROTECTION	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	3	PARKING PROBLEM	1
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	1	PROPERTY RETURN	1
EMOT DISTURBED PERSON	5	RECKLESS DRIVER	2

EQUIPMENT CHECK	2	STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE	2
FAMILY COURT MATTER	3	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	10
FINGERPRINTING	1	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	5
FIRE	2	TRESPASS	4
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	1	WARRANT(ASSIST OT AGENCY)	1
FOUND PROPERTY	2	WELFARE CHECK	7
			TOTAL 270

Attachment B

Animal Control Report – August 2022

During the month of August 2022, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 23 animal complaints and investigated 3 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month is included below:

- 5 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs
- 5 of the calls for service were for injured or deceased deer
- 2 of the calls for service were for bats in a residence
- 2 of the calls for service were for injured birds
- 2 of the calls for service were for sick raccoons
- 1 of the calls for service was for a rattlesnake in a backyard
- 1 of the calls for service was for a barking dog
- 1 of the calls for service was for a raccoon in the drainage system
- 1 of the calls for service was for a cat stuck in a tree
- 1 of the calls for service was for a deceased groundhog on a driveway
- 1 of the calls for service was for a bear in a backyard
- 1 of the calls for service was for a cow in the roadway

Warwick Valley Humane Society

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:	8	1 Police, 7 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	1	8/1 – injured hawk, referred to local rehabber
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by police:	0	
Number of dogs returned to owner:	0	
Number of after hour call-outs:	0	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$0	
Amount of license fees collected:	\$0	
Amount of impoundment fees paid to Town:	\$0	
Amount of license fees paid to Town:	\$0	
Number of hours of enumeration:	2	
Number of bite reports received:	0	

Number of appearance tickets issued:	0
Number of unlicensed dogs:	per Town Clerk
Status of unlicensed dogs:	Notices to Comply delivered
Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter:	1 injured adult cat

Location of enumeration: Delivery of Notices to Comply to various addresses per Town Clerk

SNR certificates sold in Aug.: 0

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 Administrator

At the Walton Lake Estates water district, the number 3D well, that was drilled as a back-up well for the 3A well but only will produce 20 GPM.

We have an option to Zone Frack the well to try and increase the production at a cost of \$6800.00.

I did some online research on the process and it may increase the well by 1 to 10 GPM which is still not as good as we would like. I also asked the Well driller for information from him on past successes he may have had using the process.

At the Sugarloaf water district, we had Turnbull Well Drilling use a camera to clarify the way the well was initially installed. We confirmed that there is only 34 ft of casing in the well,

We are now in the process of getting the well installed correctly, the pit-less adapter on top of the casing had to be removed. This required the excavation of about 6 ft of soil around the pipe, then the removal of the pit-less adapter and an extension piece of casing had to be welded to the existing casing. We are going to attempt to remove that casing and properly install the well to current standards. This was an additional cost of \$2400.00

The original installation of this well was not a quality job, The 8-inch casing inside a 12 inch sleeve was not centered and will make the removal process more difficult. In the event we cannot get the casing out the plan is to drill a replacement well.

I would like to thank the Highway and Water departments for the work they have done to move these projects forward.

Water Dept. - August 2022

The water department processed and distributed 7,233,125 gallons of water for the month of July. The districts daily average ranged from 594 to 82,000 gallons. The breakdown is:

Lake Hill Farms- 2,528,000 gal.

Sugar Loaf 1,797,700 gal.

Surrey Meadows- 1,573,900 gal.

Walton Lake Estates- 1,103,600 gal.

Fieldcrest- 211,521 gal. (Distribution only)

Town Hall-18,404 gal.

Distribution sampling by us as well as random sampling by Orange County DOH showed adequate disinfection levels, and tested negative for any type of bacteria.

Monthly DOH 360 forms and test results for 7/2022 on all districts were submitted to DOH on 8/10/2022.

Laboratory testing dates were 7/3 & 7/17.

Mowing dates at the plants were 7/11.

Had a class in Wallkill for credits on 8/11.

Had Under Water Solutions come in and do tank cleaning and inspection at Surrey, Sugar Loaf and Lake Hill farms storage tanks. The highly suggested we replace the Anodes that are completely gone at Sugar Loaf and Lake Hill Tanks.

Other Business:

Sugar Loaf was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 8/19 the Tank feet radio had stopped working and had to manually turn on and off wells for a week till Tam came and fixed it on 9/1 and replaced the radios, antenna and the transducer in the tank. 8/24 we located the 10" main and well line on Richards Locathetise property for easement with help from highway backhoe and Jamie with the Vac truck. 8/30 Darrel Quackenbush came and pulled the well at the back up well site for preparation to re drill and case the well for Frey well drilling. 8/31 Turnbull well came and camera well site at back up well and confirmed only 30ft of casing.

Surrey Meadows was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance.

Lake Hill Farms was mostly quiet with normal operations and maintenance

Walton Lake Estates was mostly quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 8/2 Vac out shut off at 129 LRB. 8/4 Replaced shutoff key at 129 LRB with help from backhoe from highway dept. 8/5 went over new well site with Tom and Claverack. 8/16 cleaned up around the C2 well site of falling trees and brush. 8/17 helped highway clear trees from new well site. 8/26 Kode electric installed new generator plug at the plant. 8/30 & 8/31 Claverack Drilled new well at Walton down by the good well and came up with only 20gpm, no good for use.

Fieldcrest was quiet with routine operations and maintenance. 8/12 located all service line shutoffs at all houses.

Highway Report – September 14, 2022

Good evening. Below is a summary of some of the recent activities for the Highway Department.

We have finished up with the drainage and shoulder work in Sugar Loaf Heights.

Milling of the roads in Sugar Loaf Heights is scheduled for September 29th and 30th. Paving will begin October 3rd through the 7th. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ROADS DURING THIS TIME.

We are transitioning to fall and winter weather prep. We continue to do road side mowing. The trucks are being serviced.

The 2023 budget has been completed and submitted. We await a budget meeting date to review the budget requests and ARPA fund requests.

Assistance continues to the Water Department for water break issues and project support.

Leaf season is around the corner! The Highway Department will officially start picking up leaves on October 24th and will conclude on December 2nd. Leaves should be piled curb side, not in the road, and un-bagged. Please do not put sticks, branches, rocks or debris in the piles. This will damage the leaf machine. This service is dependent upon the weather.

Senior Center Update:

- Classes continue to be very well attended for fitness and yoga.
- Worked with Sup Valentine and Councilman Courtenay to recognize the Golden Age Club for 50 years in the community on Sept 7th.
- Discovered all veterans, surviving spouses of a veteran, or dependent children of a veteran are entitled to \$20 of farmers market vouchers under Fresh Connect Program regardless of income; began collecting Voucher Packet. Acceptance Forms at the center and bringing to Goshen Veterans Services office and bringing vouchers back for distribution or mailing. To date 25 veterans or family members have taken advantage of this and never would have known otherwise.
- Discovered that there are many services available to Veterans and their families I am working on creating a Veterans corner at the Center that will offer information on programs and services available to Veterans.
- Speaking with Christian Farrell Director of OC Veterans Service Agency for a date he could come down to Center and discuss with interested Veterans what's available to them.
- Working on a Senior Information - Health Fair for Senior Center.
- Speaking with Cornell Cooperative Extension to bring some crafting programs to the Center.
- Working on another program for the Center that will be a separate fee (Judo class).
- Working on getting our monthly craft program back.

Trips:

- Our trips for the year are full or almost full (Working on 2023).
- Final trip will be the all-time favorite Casino trip.

Working with Parks on Trunk or Treat

Ordering a bench for in front of Senior Center

Working on Camp 2023

Maintenance & Parks update - September 2022

- Routine Maintenance in Parks
- Maintenance department responding and completing work from several different internal departments.
- 9/11 memorial received attention... landscaping cleaned up, tree trimmed for the light on the flag, bricks were leveled and lights put in to shine on the monument... Lowes donated mums this year (a special thank you to Councilman Bob Courtney and former Councilman Orlando Perez for arranging all of the work done at the memorial site in Carpenter Park).
- Temporary Pickle ball nets placed on courts for public to use. If you do not have a paddle and balls contact the parks dept. 845-469-7000 Ext 3 to sign out these items with a \$50.00 refundable fee once items are returned (checks only payable to the Town of Chester).
- Carpenter field back in use for Little League fall ball... Opening Day was Saturday 9/10/22.
- Chester Commons hosted the first Chester UFSD Varsity football game of the season on Friday 9/9/22 (Chester 34 vs. Roundout Valley 6.) The next game will be this Friday 9/16 at 7:00pm against Johnson City.
- Chester Soccer Club of NY enjoyed their opening day on Saturday 9/10/22.
- Pavilions at both parks continue to be rented.
- Plans for annual trunk or treat event are being finalized and a flyer will be available for the next board meeting.
- Participation in planning and execution of Recreation activities and bus trips as well as events at SLPAC.

Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center – September 2022

- OME has refurbished the bar area and is now selling beer & wine at the theater.
- West Point Band was amazing at the theater on Aug 21 for a FREE concert.
- Comedian Jim Breuer was presented by OME and sold out the entire theater Aug 25.
- Aug 27 had our first wedding (Castro-Rotundo). Family absolutely loved the venue.
- OME presented Lee Greenwood on Sept 2.
- FREE Fall Concert started this passed Thursday with "BackStage Pass".
- FREE Fall Concert continue with "JACK" 9/15, The Nerds 9/22 & Parrot Beach 9/29, Ladies of the 80's 10/7.
- All Concerts are FREE inside the theater.
- Town of Chester PBA Comedy Night Fundraiser is Friday 9/16. Support your local police. Tix at www.sugarloafpacny.com.
- Sugar Loaf Film Festival is Sept 22, 23, 24. Tickets available at PAC Website. Check out the submitted movies on SLFFNY.COM
- Sugar Loaf Film Festival purchased a movie screen for theater with help from OME.
- Blues singer/Guitarist Slam Allen Sunday 9/18/22.
- Knights of Columbus "Knight at the Races" Saturday Night 10/1.
- Danny Mulvey Cornhole Tournament 10-8.

Building Department – August 2022

Permits Issued - 44 (printout submitted).

CO & COC' s Issued- 53 (printout Submitted) Municipal Searches - 16

Deposits - \$71,745.86

We have been extremely busy downstairs, getting ready to start implementing more in the IPS system and still building the database.

Working on scheduling a meeting with Camp Monroe regarding the noise complaints this year and address the issues at hand.

Reviewing a few local laws regarding "Field Changes" that Brandon forwarded to me. I am drafting a few edits and will submit when finally done. Another law I'm trying to review is regarding "private roads" unfortunately I don't have enough hours in a day but will do my best to issue my recommendations for that also.

I don't know where the town stands regarding Well permits or creating a well permit law but I would suggest we put one on the books. After going through our code book for a few things, I do find a lot of laws are antiquated or in conflict. Does the board plan on re-forming the zoning committee? If so I would like to be involved.

There are currently 4 court cases 3 of which should be resolved soon.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine announced suspension of the Open Meetings Law to conduct meetings by zoom, effective on September 12, 2022. Local municipalities can adopt a revision to allow member remote access in certain circumstances.

Supervisor Valentine read the notice from NY Transco prohibiting recreation vehicle in the transmission corridor on the Rock Tavern to Sugar Loaf Project (RTS).

Supervisor Valentine read the Public Hearing notice from the Town of Goshen, which follows below.

TOWN OF GOSHEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE BROADLEA ROAD AND VIVIAN LANE SOLAR FARM PROJECT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, the 15th day of September, 2022, at 7:30pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, there will be a Public Hearing conducted by Town of Goshen Planning Board at Goshen Town Hall, 41 Webster Avenue, Goshen, New York 10924, to provide an opportunity for public comment on the site plan application for the Broadlea Road and Vivian Lane Solar proposed solar facility. The Applicant, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., proposes to build a 10-megawatt (AC) solar facility, on properties located within the Town of Goshen, as shown on the Tax Map thereof as Section 9, Block 1, Lots 4, 5.21, 5.22, 5.23 and 6.2, and two properties within the Town of Chester, as shown on the Tax Map thereof as Section 2, Block 2, Lots 12 and 20. Said property consists of approximately 297.2 +/- acres and is located along Broadlea Road in the Town of Goshen, and Vivian Lane and Ridgefield Drive in the Town of Chester. The properties in the Town of Goshen are located within the Rural (RU) District with AQ-3, Scenic Road Corridor, Stream Corridor & Reservoir Watershed, and Floodplain & Ponding Area Overlay Districts. This application requires a special use permit from the Town Board and site plan approval from the Planning Board. The Applicant has also requested several area variances from the setbacks and fencing regulations applicable to the property from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This matter has been classified as a Type I action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and the Town of Goshen Planning Board is serving as the Lead Agency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to enter into Executive Session at 8:35pm on a matter of labor relations.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Ardisana to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:00pm.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Holdridge said the attorney he has been in contact with is working on the Ward System plan. He is to have further discussions with the County Planner. He has followed up with the Governor's office in reference to the legislation and all statements, emails, and letters are under review until possibly December. Councilman Holdridge reported that a representative from DOT is scheduled to come out on September 21, 2022 to look at the 17M bridge.

Councilwoman Smith attended the Moodna meeting and reported the budget had passed. She commented on the need to obtain an estimate for pickle ball nets. She asked if a budget had prepared for Summer Rec. She commented that the remodeling of the Town Hall meeting room was not done by contract, but done in-house.

Councilman Courtenay thanked Supervisor Valentine for all the work he did on the meeting room. He announced the upcoming Film Festival which has received 400 submissions so it should be very successful. The schedule will be posted on facebook and there will be a red carpet event on September 25, 2022. Councilman Courtenay noted the Golden Age Club's 50th Anniversary celebration which he attended.

Councilman Ardisana announced the Octoberfest at the sugar Loaf Engine Company on Saturday, September 17th. He congratulated the members of the Chester Varsity Baseball team and thanked the parents for their commitment.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm, there being no further business brought before the Board.

VOTE: AYES (5): Valentine, Ardisana, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2022-09-14