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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

October 12, 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, Esq., Town Attorney, Fusco Engineering

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSESSMENT

Supervisor Valentine read the notice as it appeared in the Times Herald Record on September 21st, and 30th and mailed to all taxpayers in the Special Districts.

**TOWN OF CHESTER
1786 KINGS HIGHWAY, CHESTER, N Y 10918**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL DISTRICTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Town Board of the Town of Chester will hold a public hearing at the Town of Chester Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for the purpose of reviewing, pursuant to Section 202-a of the Town Law, the assessment rolls prepared for the following special districts within the Town: Walton Lake Estates Water, Surrey Meadows Water, Lake Hill Farms Water, Sugar Loaf Hills Water, Fieldcrest Water, Refuse District, Benefit Area 1, Benefit Area 2, Benefit Area 1A, Consolidated Sewer District 1, Consolidated Sewer including Operation & Maintenance, Consolidated Sewer Benefit, Sewer District 4A, Sewer District 4A Benefit Area, Sewer District 4A Operation & Maintenance, Sewer District 5, Sewer District 5 Benefit Area, Sewer District 5 Operation and Maintenance, Lake Region Sewer District 7, Lake Region Sewer District Operation and Maintenance, Sewer District 8, Ashford Estates Drainage District, Fox Hill Drainage District, Eagle Crest Drainage District, Warwick Ridge Drainage District, Woodridge Drainage District, Chesterdale Drainage District and any other special districts within the Town of Chester.

Copies of the special district assessment rolls are on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY and may be inspected there during normal business hours by any interested party.

The Town Board will hear all persons who desire to comment either in favor of, or in opposition to, the adoption of said rolls at the time and place set forth herein. Persons may appear in person or by agent. Written comments should be addressed to the Town Board, Town of Chester, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, NY 10918 or may be delivered to the Town Clerk at, or prior to, the hearing.

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

Linda A. Zappala, Town Clerk

1786 Kings Highway
Chester, NY 10918
September 15, 2022

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to open the Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

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

ADOPTED

Supervisor Valentine asked if there were any comments.

There were none.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gloria Bujno, 18 Madison Circle, addressed the Board concerning a dead bear behind 22 Madison Circle on Town property which has been decaying and attracting coyotes. Supervisor Valentine said the Highway Superintendent will go out and see what can be done about the issue.

Tom Becker, 163 Lehigh Ave., announced the funding procured through Senator Skoufis in the amount of \$130,000 for Walton Lake Estates Water District that is on its way to cover expenses to tie in the well to the main.

Lydia Cuadros, via FB, stated that the Sugar Loaf Hills Water District has one good well with an e-coli back-up well and asked how the district will support the Broccoli Patch planned usage of over 1,000,000 gallons of water. Supervisor Valentine said he will get back to her personally and the Town is doing improvements, at this time, in Sugar Loaf.

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to accept the Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2022 as presented by Town Clerk Zappala.

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

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

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

		<u>PREPAID</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$109,389.23	\$56,630.21
GENERAL - PART TOWN	63,257.88	44,829.42
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	2,189.02	
HIGHWAY – PART TOWN	22,167.19	27,820.46
FIELDCREST WATER	6,101.08	220.75
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	3,197.30	2,214.69
SUGAR LOAF WATER	25,384.28	1,547.50
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	5,157.42	2,174.85
WALTON LAKE WATER	19,521.54	2,244.75
TRUST AND AGENCY	3,999.00	2,573.90
GARBAGE	46,167.25	
TOTAL	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">\$306,531.19</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">\$140,256.53</div>

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

2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Valentine said he made some changes bringing the budget \$43,000 under the tax cap and by utilizing \$445,000 of fund balance, which has been built up over the past few years, to offset increases in potential retirement costs and the increases in the highway budget due to needed road repairs. Also, summer camp has been added back into the budget. The total budget is coming in at \$15,513,000 and the tax cap allows a 1.004% increase. Councilman Courtenay commented that AARPA money has not been included which could potentially offset some increases.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adopt the Preliminary Budget.

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to set a Public Hearing on the matter of the 2023 Preliminary Budget on October 26, 2022 at 7pm at the Town of Chester meeting room and direct Town Clerk Zappala to cause to publish same.

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

WATER DISTRICT RELEVIES

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Ardisana to approve the relevy of the following unpaid water district charges onto the 2023 Town/County tax roll.

1) Walton Lake Water District:	\$ 17,562.75
2) Surrey Meadows Water District:	11,293.50
3) Lake Hill Farms Water District:	21,516.00
4) Sugar Loaf Hills Water District:	6,602.00
5) Fieldcrest Water District	<u>2,415.00</u>

Total: \$ 59,389.25

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

CDBG 2021 GRANT EXTENSION

Supervisor Valentine explained that the County has agreed to extend our funding eligibility under the 2021 CDBG Grant to 12/31/22.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to allow the Supervisor to sign the required documents regarding the 2021 CDBG Grant Agreement Extension.

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

SEWER DISTRICT REQUEST

Supervisor Valentine addressed the sewer connection request from 952 Lakes Road. He said that due to the very limited capacity the only requests that have been granted were as a result of hardship. The matter was tabled.

POLICE SERGEANT APPOINTMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to appoint Officer Bruce Chambers as full-time Police Sergeant for the Town of Chester.

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

Town Clerk Zappala administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Chambers.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT AUCTION RESULT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to accept the bid offered through Auctions International for the 1997 International Dump truck in the amount of \$5,200 and allow the Supervisor to sign the required documents.

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

INCREASE FOR HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the increase of \$5,200 in DA5130.2 for the purchase of a new backhoe.

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

SUGAR LOAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER USE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the use of the SLPAC by the Danny Mulvey Foundation for the Corn hole Tournament on October 8, 2022 at no cost.

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

CODE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Councilman Holdridge spoke on the matter of the Ethics Code amendment that was introduced by him on September 14, 2022 and his desire to change the procedure in which the complaints are addressed. He would like them to go directly to the Ethics Board not the Town Board, as is currently the procedure, which he said could cause a conflict of interest and is not a good and efficient way of dealing with the process. He said after he was asked to do research, he looked into other Town and Village codes. The Town of Monroe offered that there has not been a large influx of/or anonymous complaints since their code was implemented and there are only usually two or three complaints a year. The Board Chair in Town of Newburgh has not received a complaint in two years. New Windsor utilizes a form and Cornwall-on-Hudson and Montgomery also use this process. Language is available that can be contorted to our needs. He said it would be a big improvement and does not think it would be an abuse of power since the Ethics Board doesn't make decisions, but makes suggestions to the Town Board who decides and moves forward. He asked for approval to have the Town Attorney draft a local law. Councilman Courtenay opined that Councilman Holdridge's proposal was based on opinion, not fact and any email or messages he received should be shared with the Board. He said he has no interest in changing how it is handled because you don't need to fix what is not broken. He added that the Board is elected because they are ethical. Councilman Holdridge said people have expressed concerns of conflict of interest and if there are no concerns then why would the Board be afraid to change the procedure. Councilwoman Smith said she is not in favor of having complaints changed from filing with the Town Board to the Ethics Board. Councilman Ardisana said we shouldn't give the Ethics Board that much power. Supervisor Valentine said if there was reform it should be to change something broken and if there are no problems there is no need to fix as there has been no real ethics violation.

complaints submitted in ten years, with the exception of a question requiring determination. Councilman Holdridge opined that they may not be submitted due to the process or the Board involved.

Councilman Holdridge made a motion to the floor to direct the attorney to draft a local law to address the matter. There was no second to the motion. The matter was tabled.

BROCOLLI PATCH WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Supervisor Valentine said he was in receipt of the plan and letter from the project engineer to re-route the water main that dead ends at Creamery Pond Road. He said this is problematic with the water main that creates stagnant water that increases organics. Supervisor Valentine has been in contact with the town engineer to work with plan designer to reroute to back of SLPAC parking lot to the end of the water main at Creamery Pond Road. As this is part of a bigger plan to bring water down Kings Highway, the water department placed a stub for fire suppression. He said there will be no action on that tonight as we are waiting on redesign. The Town is in the process of acquiring the road from the County and since approved by the County Exec, it is now in legal review. He said we can then take the main through Sugar Loaf and bring the loop to the front. Councilman Holdridge asked if it is a stipulation of Planning Board approval. Supervisor Valentine said the Town has granted approval for an outside water agreement but is not fully executed, awaiting plans. He added the loop is part of an integral design from 1996 never completed.

1360 KINGS HIGHWAY

Supervisor Valentine addressed the County's taking of Scotts Meadows on back taxes. The 26 acre lot has been subdivided with two buildings sitting on a ½ acre. The Town has the option to purchase said lot for back taxes less fees and penalties for a cost of \$149,926.34. He said this is a big score for the Town since it has a multitude of uses, which could be torn down for parking or create a welcome center for the Chamber and public restrooms.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve the transfer from reserve funds in the amount of \$149,926.34 for the purchase of 1360 Kings Highway, which may be targeted for AARPA.

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

DOG PARK DISCUSSION

Supervisor Valentine discussed the Pond Road property being considered for a dog park which would include 7,000 s.f., (40x156) area as low impact with 100ft. buffer flagged by DEC not requiring permits, required grading and fencing, and allow for parking with road frontage.

REPORTS

Supervisor Valentine read the following reports into the Minutes.

Engineer's Development Report

1. Greens at Chester: SWPPP working well. Discussing Transportation Corporation with developer and getting ready to do the submittal to Orange County. Waiting for mapping from developers Engineer.
2. Capelli Sports (Primo Sports): we have a monthly SWPPP which is acceptable.
3. Contacted NYSDEC on the dog park. We have developed a sketch of an area that doesn't need a permit if we require a deeper area then we will need NYSDEC permit. See attached.
4. Chester PAC CDBG: Rebid soon hope to have ready for next meeting's action. We had 6 contractors at the Pre-Bid.
5. Working on MS4 outfalls.

6. Reviewing Health Department approval for 10" DI water line through PAC. Request changes from design submitted.
7. Game Time "Grant" is a discount not a grant. Must be authorized with deposit by October 27, 2022. They are not on the state bid as we cannot provide them within the next 2 weeks, maybe next year. Their equipment looks interesting for the site.

Police Department – September 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 September, the police department responded to 268 calls for service. Officers patrolled for 15,508 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 11 arrests during the month. A summary of the arrests is as follows:

1	charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated and Leaving the Scene of a Crash
1	charged with Driving While Intoxicated
2	charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property
5	charged with Operating with a Suspended License or Operating with a Suspended Registration
1	charged with Trespass
1	arrested on an active warrant for parole violations

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:

25	residential, commercial and automatic fire alarms
19	reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or activity
20	medical calls
17	animal complaints
2	motor vehicle crash with injuries
12	motor vehicle crashes without injuries
2	motor vehicle crashes involving deer

Please refer to Attachment B for complete details.

Officers also issued 122 uniform traffic tickets during the month.

SEX OFFENDERS

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

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 no house security checks and 1282 business security checks.

There were three child passenger safety seat checks conducted by our officers in September. Sergeant Dugan and Officers Bird, Weinstein, Stack and Narain continue to remain available for child passenger safety seat checks and installations. Officer Narain also participated in a safety seat checkpoint on September 17th in Kingston that was required to maintain her certification.

TRAINING

All officers except PO Weinstein attended mandatory training at the Senior/Recreation Center on September 13th. The training included the PESH mandatory topics of Sexual Harassment awareness, Right to Know, Response to an Active Shooter, HazMat awareness refresher, as well as Stop the Bleed and AED overviews.

Officer Dunlop and K-9 Lou attended their monthly K-9 training on September 15th.

Chief Doellinger attended training sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Association of Chiefs of Police in Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement. It was presented by attorneys Lance Klein and Jacqueline Goldberg in Poughkeepsie on September 22nd.

Officer Calderone assisted with firearms instruction at the Basic Course for Police Officers training at the Port Jervis range on September 29th and 30th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commercial vehicle enforcement details were held on September 2nd and 16th with the NYS Department of Transportation. Fifteen vehicles were inspected and four unsafe vehicles were taken out of service with major violations.

Chief Doellinger attended the annual community 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony hosted by the Chester Kiwanis. The event was moved indoors to St Columba Church this year due to rainy weather.

Officers provided foot and UTV patrols during Chester Varsity football games at the Chester Commons Park on September 9th, 16th and 24th.

Part-time Police Officer Christopher Donato completed his field training on September 4th. Part-

time Police Officer Nigel Balgobin continued his field training in September.

Full-time Police Officer Katiria Narain continued her field training in September.

Full-time Police Officer Alexandra Gundermann started her field training on September 27th.

A letter of thanks was received from the City of Newburgh police chief for our response to a major incident in the city on September 30th. Officer Deluca responded to the scene to assist with the Tactical Response Unit.

SCHEDULING

There were 457 hours of overtime paid in September.

Part-time police officers were used for 330.25 hours of patrol coverage (308.75 regular hours and 21.5 overtime hours).

Shift Coverage	294.5
Stop DWI Grant Patrols	45.5
Monthly Training	28
Police Traffic Services Grant Patrols	26
School Resource Officer Details	19.75
HS Football Game Details	17
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Detail	16.25
Investigations	4
Late Calls/Arrests	3
Tactical Response Unit Callouts	3

ARRESTS - SEPTEMBER 2022

TC-00082-22	9/4/2022	35M MONROE, NY	VTL051101 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER MV-3RD VTL0512MV VIOL:REGISTRATIONSUSPENDED
TC-00083-22	9/10/2022	71M HOMELESS	CPL 120.60 01 EXECUTE WARRANT OF ARREST
TC-00084-22	9/11/2022	33M OTISVILLE, NY	VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD
TC-00086-22	9/12/2022	29F NEWBURGH, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00087-22	9/16/2022	44M POUGHKEEPSIE, NY	VTL 0512 MV VIOL:REGISTRATION SUSPENDED
TC-00088-22	9/19/2022	17F MONROE, NY	PL 165.40 CRIM POSSESSION STOLN PROP-5TH
TC-00089-22	9/21/2022	17M GOSHEN, NY	PL 165.40 CRIM POSSESSION STOLN PROP-5TH
TC-00090-22	9/23/2022	56M CHESTER, NY	VTL 1192 2-AA AGGRAVATED DWI:PER SE-NO PRIOR VTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE VTL 1192 02 OPER MV BAC.08 OF 1% -1ST OFF VTL060001A OPER LEAVE SCENE PROP DAM ACC
TC-00091-22	9/23/2022	40M MIDDLETOWN, NY	VTL 1192 03 DWI- 1ST OFFENSE VTL 1192 02 OPER MV BAC .08 OF 1%-1ST OFF
TC-00092-22	9/28/2022	29M MIDDLETOWN, NY	PL 140.05 TRESPASS
TC-00093-22	9/29/2022	21F MONROE, NY	VTL 051101A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER VEH-3RD

Attachment A

CALLS FOR SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 2022

911 HANGUP CALL	1	FRAUD	2
ALARM-COMMERCIAL	11	HARASSMENT	3
ALARM-RESIDENTIAL	9	HAZARDOUS CONDITION	4
AMBULANCE ASSIST	20	IDENTITY THEFT	1
ANIMAL COMPL(WILDLIFE)	11	INFORMATION ONLY	27
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(DOG)	5	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT(OTHER DO	1	LARCENY	2
ARREST/DWI	1	LOCKOUT	2
ARREST/TRAFFIC	6	LOST PROPERTY	3
ARREST/WARRANT	1	M/V COMPLAINT	2
ASSAULT	1	MISSING PERSON	2
ASSIST ANOTHER AGENCY	11	MVC/CAR/DEER	1
ASSIT FIRE DEPT	4	MVC/HIT AND RUN	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1	MVC/NO REPORT	2
ATV COMPLAINT	1	MVC/PERSONAL INJURY	2
AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM	4	MVC/PROPERTY DAMAGE	10
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	14	NOISE COMPLAINT	9
BURGLARY/IN PROGRESS	1	PARKING PROBLEM	2
CHILD SFTY SEAT FITTING	3	PROPERTY RETURN	2
CITIZEN SERVICE	6	RECKLESS DRIVER	1
CIVIL MATTER	1	SCHOOL SAFETY	5
COMM VEHICLE ENF DETAIL	1	SHOTS FIRED	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	5	SUBPOENA SERVICE	1
DEPARTMENT DETAIL	3	SUSPICIOUS COND/MV/PERSON	19
DISABLED VEHICLE	6	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	9
DISTURBANCE	1	TRAFFIC CONTROL/DIRECTION	1
DOMESTIC COMPLAINT	5	TREE DOWN	4
EQUIPMENT CHECK	3	TRESPASS	1
FAMILY COURT MATTER	2	WELFARE CHECK	6
FOUND PROPERTY	3		

From: Geraci, Anthony <AGeraci@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov> Date: Mon, Oct 3, 2022 at 11:08 AM
Subject: Thank You Message

As you know, Friday night we had a shooting with multiple victims at NFA Main campus, as the Football game versus Warwick High School was letting out. It was an extremely stressful and chaotic incident for our agency to handle especially a day after we had a 5-year old shot in the crossfire as an adult male was murdered. I was beyond impressed with the regional response and the support many of your agencies provided; we had over 100 personnel on-scene representing law enforcement, (15) K-9 teams, emergency management, and emergency medical services. I especially want to recognize Chief John Rader who met me on-scene and stayed with me for the duration of the event.

The footprint that had to be secured was enormous, the area to be cleared was equally large and the canvassing for evidence and witnesses was a monumental task to say the least. We were beyond stretched thin with our resources and could not have physically done this alone. Additionally, some of our officers were freed up from the scene once it was contained to answer calls for service. One of those CFS included a 'man with a gun' which resulted in a foot pursuit and recovery of a loaded gun.

It has been clear since the Police Commissioner and I've been here in the City of Newburgh, that when we call for help it doesn't matter what patch is worn or what is says on the side of the police car, you and your agencies respond! Truly humbled by your continued support and beyond proud to serve as member Orange County Law Enforcement family.

Animal Control Report

During the month of September 2022, the Town of Chester Police Department responded to 17 animal complaints and investigated 2 motor vehicle crashes involving a deer. A breakdown of the complaints for the month included below:

5 of the calls for service were for cows in the roadway.
4 of the calls for service were for loose, lost or found dogs.
3 of the calls for service were for bear sightings.
2 of the calls for service were for injured or deceased deer.
1 of the calls for service were for a barking dog.
1 of the calls for service were for an injured raccoon.
1 of the calls for service were for a suspicious group of raccoons.

Warwick Valley Humane Society - August 2022

All totals include calls for 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:	9	2 Police, 7 other
Number of times ACO dispatched to calls:	1	9/26 – stray dog Kings Highway
Number of dogs impounded by ACO:	0	
Number of dogs impounded by police:	2	9/8 stray dog brought to shelter by PO #21100 9/20 – stay dog brought to shelter by PO #21111
Number of dogs returned to owners:	2	
Number of after hour call-outs:	0	
Amount of impoundment fees collected:	\$100	#21110, 21111
Amount of license fees collected:	\$0	
Number of hours of enumeration:	8.5 hrs.	

Number of bite reports received: 0
 Number of appearance tickets issued: 0
 Number of unlicensed dogs: per Town Clerk
 Status of unlicensed dogs: Notice of Comply delivered
 Number of Chester cats admitted to shelter: 0

Location of enumeration: Preparation and delivery of Notices to Comply to various addressed per Town Clerk.
 SNR certificates sold in Sept: 0
 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.

Highway Department

Milling is complete in Sugar Loaf Heights. The paving has begun and are hoping to be finished no later than Thursday, the 13th.

Crack filling will be performed on some of the roads starting the last week of October.
 Catch basins are being inspected and repaired as necessary. Drainage is continually being monitored and new pipes are being installed.

The 2023 budget meeting was September 6th. As we discussed at that meeting, we would like permission to issue a P.O. to order a replacement truck for the 1997 International that has frame issues.

Assistance continues to the Water Department for water break issues and project support, such as Fox Hill Rd and well roads.

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.

Water Administrators Report - October, 12 2022

We are continuing to move forward with improvements to the back-up well at the Sugarloaf water district.
 Also, at Sugarloaf we still have to finish locating the water main that goes to Pewter Circle from the pump house so an easement can be finalized.

Water Consumption Report

		TOWN OF CHESTER			
		WATER DISTRICTS' BILLABLE REVENUE & CONSUMPTION REPORT			
		APRIL 1, 2022-SEPTEMBER 30, 2022			
	WALTON LAKE	SURREY MEADOWS	LAKE HILL FARMS	SUGAR LOAF HILLS	FIELDCREST
04/01/2022-9/30/2022	CONSUMPTION	CONSUMPTION	CONSUMPTION	CONSUMPTION	CONSUMPTION
REVENUE	\$54,316.00	\$49,725.00	\$87,727.75	\$38,527.50	\$9,405.00
CONSUMPTION	5,872,000	7,650,000	15,257,000	7,005,000	1,254,000

Maintenance & Parks update

Routine park and building maintenance:

responded and completed several maintenance requests (PD window, desks moved and new ones put together town hall, painted front walkway entrance @ SLPAC, replaced 2 swings in parks, replaced hand towel dispensers in bathrooms at parks, installed office blinds @ senior center).

Parks seasonal employee Stephen Smith resigned as of 9/23/22.

Parks seasonal employee Mark Bono's last day will be 10/26/22.

Clerk:

Routine ordering and invoicing of supplies for Parks & SLPAC.

Weekly correspondence and scheduling with teams using town parks for fall sports.

Working with Code Electric to get an estimate on replacing lights at Chester Commons to LED (possibly today).

Assisted Recreation for Senior Ice Cream Social 9/19. Covered Rec vacation opening and closing Senior Rec Center.

Assisted for all events at SLPAC including Sugar Loaf Film Festival, TOC Free fall concerts, and TOC PBA comedy fundraising event.

Represented TOC and volunteered on Danny Mulvey foundation committee to plan and execute the yearly event.

Planning Town of Chester Recreation Basketball...registration is currently open for grades 1-4...Create an account on www.chesterrecreation.com go to view programs and activities tab under sports tab will be registration... no money is due now continue without payment. More information to follow.

**** Town of Chester 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event is on! The Town of Chester is joining forces with the Chester Fire Department, Town PBA, and Village PBA on Sunday, October 30, 2022. All costumed trick or treaters (accompanied by an adult) will line up at Walton Fire House between 11:30-11:45am and parade down to Carpenter Community Park where treat filled trunks await. Trunk or Treat portion is 12:00-2:00pm**

We are in need of more trunks!! If interested in having your business, organization, partners, etc. participate with a decorated trunk, please call Kristin in the Parks Dept. at 845-469-7000 Ext 102.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine read the following announcements.

Orange County Planning Department 3rd and final public meeting for the presentation of the Orange County Climate Resilience Plan to be held Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6-7:30pm via Zoom.

Orange County Household Hazardous Waste on November 5, 2022, 9am-3pm, OC Transfer Station #1 Maintenance Garage, 21 Training Center Lane, New Hampton, NY A complete list of acceptable and not acceptable items appears in the notice on chester-ny.gov website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Holdridge asked about the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival transportation matter. Gary from the Sugar Loaf Chamber addressed the Board with his request to reimburse half of the total cost of \$1,575.00 for bus transportation from the parking area on Bellvale due to the scheduling conflict at the SLPAC. He requested to avoid this in the future, that his submitted dates of booking be confirmed. Supervisor Valentine asked him to email Walter and copy him to confirm.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilman Holdridge to approve 50% of the cost of bus transportation for field parking at the Sugar Loaf Fall Festival.

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

ADOPTED

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Valentine commented that he received a distress call from Ken Delmonico of Mobile Life concerning derogatory comments posted on social media and as a result was instructed to remove the ambulances and staff from the Town of Chester. He told Mr. Delmonico the comments are not the opinion of the Town Board and asked that Mobile Life reconsider their decision. Supervisor Valentine explained that since 2014 when the VAC disbanded with a 20% response rate the agreement, at no cost in lieu of space and electricity, was entered into with Mobile Life. He added that the current overbilling issue was not intentional but due to glitches in the billing caused by State changes. He reported that Mobile Life has responded to 745 ambulance calls to date in Chester, at an average response rate of 10.15 min. for emergency and 14.2 min for non-emergency calls. Councilman Courtenay said the isolated incidents of long wait time is not indicative of their overall service. Councilwoman Smith stated that the perception of some people who are anxiously awaiting an ambulance can make two minutes seem like ten. Supervisor Valentine addressed the comments made by Councilman Holdridge on his FB page, as liaison, to look into the billing matter and have residents call him directly with complaints as he is open to changing services. Councilman Holdridge said the posting addressed the news situation and said he would look into and get back to residents about the story, but was not yet prepared to report on the matter with the Board. He added it was a perfectly reasonable response with no definitive statements made and no sole power over Mobile Life as it is completely up to the full Town Board to pull out. Councilman Courtenay said his actions were reckless and the comments would put the residents in jeopardy if Mobile Life were to pull the ambulances out of the Town. He stated Councilman Holdridge, once again, made a decision not based on facts and any comments he received should have been shared with the Board. Supervisor Valentine read the post by Councilman Holdridge on his Town Councilman Facebook page, but assured the residents that Mobile Life will continue to service the Town. He added that the service they provide has been exceptional with staffing and new ambulances and fly cars stationed around the clock at Town Hall.

Councilman Ardisana said he agreed with the comments made that in an emergency we wouldn't want to be short on ambulances and with this service we are covered.

Councilwoman Smith announced the bus trip to Lancaster on October 19 & 20, 2022, the Bellvale Fall Fest at 2pm on October 15th and the Chester Fire Department breakfast at Walton Hose on October 30 ahead of the Halloween Parade.

Councilman Holdridge said he was at the Chester Academy to register 21 new voters. He was happy to report the repaving of 17M at the bridge after the Town Board complained on two separate meetings with DOT. He added it was nice that it was done without any construction planning. He asked for Christmas decorations for the Sugar Loaf Community Foundation to help defray expenses. He announced he has helped at the Chester food pantry and asked others to consider helping if they have the time. He thanked Al Fusco for the good plan drawn for the dog park, and thanked Supervisor Valentine for implementing the dog park.

Supervisor Valentine set he met with the DOT a half dozen times over the 17M bridge who said it couldn't be milled or paved but now, 30 days before an election, it is done. He said it is wrong and a mistreatment of the residents of Chester.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, there being no further business brought before the Town Board.

VOTE AYES 4: VALENTINE, ARDISANA, COURTENAY, HOLDRIDGE, SMITH

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2022-10-12