

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2022**

6:00 PM

Supervisor Valentine called the meeting to order at 6:00pm followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Valentine, Councilman Courtenay, Councilman Holdridge, Councilwoman Smith, Absent: Councilman Ardisana,

Supervisor Valentine said the purpose of this special meeting is to adopt the 2023 Town Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

2023 TOWN OF CHESTER BUDGET

Supervisor Valentine said he had incorporated the last changes to the budget. Money was added for a potential planner, but not fixed to this expense. The Town Budget is \$86,556 under the tax cap.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to adopt the 2023 Budget for the Town of Chester.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

M&R ENERGY BIDS

Supervisor Valentine explained that the current electric rates are 100% higher than 2022 rates, based on Indian Point. He said the Town will look into solar options. The recommendation by M&R Energy is to enter into a 1-year contract.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the electric utility contract renewal from M&R Energy through 2023.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

WAIVE SUGAR LOAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FEE

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Holdridge to waive the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center fee for the Orange County Land Trust Sugar Loaf Mountain Fundraiser, date to be determined.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

APPROVE ACCOUNTANT PROPOSAL

Supervisor Valentine explained that the proposal is 3 times more than current services, but is more comprehensive.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to approve the proposal submitted by RBT for accounting services, effective January 1, 2023.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

SENIOR EXERCISE PARK EQUIPMENT

Supervisor Valentine explained that the senior exercise park equipment has been selected to purchase under State bid with grant monies awarded the Town. The installation of rubber flooring will require the Town go out to bid.

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the Supervisor to sign the purchase order documents for the senior exercise equipment.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the Supervisor to sign any associated grant documents.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to authorize the Town Engineer to prepare bid documents with regard to the installation of the senior exercise equipment project.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilwoman Smith and second by Councilman Courtenay to enter into Executive Session at 6:15pm on a matter of attorney-client and litigation.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Holdridge and second by Councilman Courtenay to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:25pm.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Valentine announced the Menorah Lighting by Chabad of Orange County on December 20th at 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and said to stay tuned to upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION OFFERED BY Councilman Courtenay and second by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm, there being no further business brought before the Board. Motion carried 3-0.

VOTE: AYES 4: Valentine, Courtenay, Holdridge, Smith, ABSENT 1: Ardisana

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
2022-11-16