

**TOWN OF CHESTER
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2015
7:00 pm**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.
Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilman Murray,
Councilman Valentine

Also Present: Attorney Bonacic, Engineer Fusco, Chief Doellinger, Walter Popailo

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Supervisor Jamieson asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Sylvia Ellefsen who was a former employee of the Police Department and Town of Chester resident.

FRANK PILEGGI (“UNCLE BUCK”)

Mr. Pileggi addressed the Board. He gave his thanks to Anthony LaSpina and the highway crew for all their hard work during the snow storms. Uncle Buck reminded the Town Board of the box that is in the Town Hall to collect cell phones which are collected for the “Cell Phones for Soldiers” program. He explained that for every phone received a cell phone card is sent to soldiers overseas. He said this program has collected over 400,000 phones in a 10-year period. He said the project will continue and if anyone has a cell phone they would like to donate they need not worry about the data because the phones are taken apart and then they phones are recycled to a women’s shelter.

Mr. Pileggi also reminded the Board of the Meals on Wheels programs which is in need of drivers. Their phone number is 615-3703.

Uncle Buck announced that he would be at Shoprite on the upcoming weekend to work on a fundraiser to benefit Catholic Charities.

Frank mentioned that tax preparation services are available for seniors for free at St. Paul’s. If you dial 211, arrangements can be made through AARP.

Mr. Pileggi announced that the food pantry has collected over 71,000 lbs. of food for disabled veterans. He said to call 629-3533 to make donations.

Mr. Pileggi thanked the Board for allowing him to speak about his causes.

Supervisor Jamieson commented that Mr. Pileggi has done a lot to benefit the veterans and the seniors in the community. From the cell phones for soldiers to the food pantry that he has started, Uncle Buck has done a lot of good for the Town of Chester.

Supervisor Jamieson commented that he drove over to the ice skating rink before the snow storm and there were 25-30 people enjoying themselves ice skating. After the snow storm he said he saw 30-40 people sledding at Knapp's View. Supervisor Jamieson commended Walter, Lori, Kaitlin and all the parks department employees for all their work.

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN

Supervisor Jamieson commended the hard work Richard Logothetis has done to give back to the community. Over the years, his Thursday night concerts on the lawn have been a joy. Supervisor Jamieson said it is like the fireworks because as a town divided with all the different school districts, the concerts bring the towns people together. Richard Logothetis told the Board that this is his 11th year of concerts. He came before the Board to request permission to obtain a permit. He has been approved for up to 12 concerts and might put on 8. He said that one month before the concerts he will give a complete list of dates. This is because he must obtain a permit no less than one month prior to the event and insurance cannot be issued prior to the event. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to allow Mr. Logothetis permission to obtain a special use permit for the "On the Lawn Concert" series. Motion carried 5-0.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to approve the attendance of Officer Slaughter to the third in a fourth series of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Service "Advanced Crash Management" course to be held at Westchester County from March 16-20, 2015 at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to approve the annual dues of \$60 p/person for membership of the New York State Building Officials along with the attendance of Joe Mlcoch and MaryAnn McKenna of the building department to the annual conference being held on February 18, 2015 at the Kingston Garden Plaza Hotel at a cost of \$75 p/person. Motion carried 5-0.

HAMBLETONIAN MARATHON

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to permit the 2015 Hambletonian Marathon and Good Time Trotters Relay to traverse the Town of Chester on October 18, 2015 with liability insurance naming the Town of Chester additional insured. Motion carried 5-0.

SURPLUS VEHICLES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to auction the 2010 Crown Victoria with over 130,000 miles, 2005 Chevy Tahoe with over 115,000 and 2007 Dodge Charger with over 90,000 miles on propertyroom.com. Motion carried 5-0.

MISSING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

A discussion ensued regarding the lack of a certificate of occupancy for a home situated at 18 Hidden Drive. The current charge is \$1 per square foot for the building permit. The code went into effect in 1957 and the home was built in 1962. As the home is in the process of being sold, the owner is making a hardship request of the Town to consider a lesser fee than what is in place for buildings built today. Attorney Bonacic commented that in a previous case a nominal fee was charged. He said he would follow up with the building inspector.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith asked about the necessary work on the doors of the senior center. Supervisor Jamieson said he would follow up on the matter this week.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the \$125,000 grant from the County for the building of a new recreation center. Supervisor Jamieson said that project is not moving forward at this time and he would look into the possibility of using the funds for the renovation of the ambulance building to be used by the Police Department. There will be a

total of \$375,000 received over three years.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the status of the house on Meadow Ave. Attorney Bonacic said he has spoken with the building inspector about gaining access to the home as a possible unsafe structure. A continued discussion would be had during executive session.

Councilwoman Smith said she is looking into the possibility of putting solar panels on the Town Hall and Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Langton addressed the Board. She said that the minutes of the budget workshop session held on September 4, 2014 noted that the Library head of circulation was lost to a better salary. She purported that the head of circulation is earning a lesser salary of \$32,760 at the Greenwood Lake Library. She referred the Board to the investigative report conducted by the Town with regard to a library volunteer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to enter into Executive Session at 7:40p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:25p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW LIBRARY HIRE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Murray to hire Heather Terrace as library page. Motion carried 5-0.

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE RECLASIFICATION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to reclassify, Librarian Mary Ann Brand from Head of Circulation full-time reduced-hours to full-time with benefits title. Motion carried 5-0.

CIVIL SERVICE LIST CANVASS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to canvass the civil service list for Librarian 1, full-time reduced-hours. Motion carried 5-0.

TOWN HALL HOURS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilman Murray to rescind the previous motion made on January 14, 2015 with regard to the change in Town Hall hours of operation. Motion carried 5-0.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine to re-appoint Don Serotta to the Planning Board for a term ending December 31, 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to re-appoint Don

Serotta as Planning Board Chairman for a term ending December 31, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business brought before the board A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Zappala
Town Clerk
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