

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2015
7:00 PM**

Supervisor Jamieson opened the meeting 7:05 PM followed by a salute to the flag. Members present: Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, Councilwoman Ranni, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Valentine.

Also present: Attorney Scott Bonacic, Engineer Al Fusco

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Valentine and passed 5-0 to approve payment of the bills in the following accounts:

GENERAL FUND	\$35,788.83
GENERAL – PART TOWN	23,119.82
HIGHWAY – TOWN WIDE	74,505.41
HIGHWAY – OUTSIDE	3,134.15
FIELDCREST WATER	420.36
LAKE HILL FARMS WATER	970.29
SUGAR LOAF HILLS WATER	1,100.14
SURREY MEADOWS WATER	659.94
GARBAGE DISTRICT	47,585.34
TRUST & AGENCY	817.25
WALTON LAKE WATER	<u>2,616.36</u>
	\$190,717.89

SUGAR LOAF STREET LIGHTING

Supervisor Jamieson said he met with Mr. Kannon with regard to Sugar Loaf street lighting. Councilwoman Smith said she had been working on this with Richard Logothetis. She reported that there are 25 lights with 18 being in the Sugar Loaf area. There seems to be a few discrepancies about lights throughout the Town and she felt that they were questionable, such as what is on Meadow Ave. and Christine Road by the Castle.

Supervisor Jamieson suggested that an O&R representative come to the next Board meeting. Mr. Logothetis commented that the cost audit seemed to identifying some discrepancies because of wattage differences. Mr. Logothetis said the average cost per light with pole is approximately \$15.00. Specialized lighting is more costly. A Christmas light circuit could be added and paid for by the residents.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the Town Board meeting minutes through January 7, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

TREE CUTTING

Supervisor Jamieson read the notice from O&R concerning tree trimming in the area as preventive maintenance. Nelson Tree Service has been contracted to conduct the work.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Supervisor Jamieson brought the Board up to date with regard to the Comprehensive Plan status. A letter has been received from Orange County Planning stating no evidence of negative impact. Some advisory comments were offered. The Planning Department supports shared parking lots in the hamlet of Sugar Loaf. He said additional comments were given about environmental and agricultural preservation and the Hambletonian Ave connection to the Heritage Trail.

HUDSON VALLEY LABOR FEDERATION

Supervisor Jamieson read the request received from the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation concerning support for a resolution to support the continued operation of the Mid-Hudson P&DC Mail Processing and Distribution Center, located in Newburgh, NY. As a result of this closing, up to 150 jobs could be lost.

EDUCATION REQUESTS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the attendance of Officer Weinstein and Officer Bird to the annual Child Passenger Safety Technician update and refresher course on March 5, 2015 in Goshen at no cost. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Officer Bird to the NYS Tactical Officers Assn. annual training course conference to be held from April 28-30 in Verona at a cost of \$239 plus lodging reimbursable through a grant administered by Woodbury PD. Motion carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to approve the attendance of Kathy Scalia and JoAnn Maraglino to attend the class, entitled "What is Exemption Income" on March 19, 2015 in New Windsor at a cost of \$120.00 p/person. Motion carried 5-0.

IMA FOR SPECIAL POLICE OVERTIME STOP-DWI PROGRAM RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni and passed unanimously:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Daniel J. Doellinger, Chief of Police of the Town of Chester, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Orange County IMA for Special Police Overtime STOP-DWI Program, dated 1/29/2015, change order assignment of up to \$6,000 reimbursable by the County of Orange through a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT MASTER OF BOARDMANSHIP AWARDS

Supervisor Jamieson congratulated Frank Sambits and Sandy Nagler for the prestigious awards bestowed on them by the New York State School Board Association. As long time members of the Chester School District Board, they have done much to be commended for. All their hard work has made for a job well done.

MISSING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Supervisor Jamieson reminded the Board of previous issues and discussions concerning homes without certificates of occupancy. An amount of \$250.00 was suggested for those properties missing certificates of occupancy after 1957. Attorney Bonacic suggested the Board make a resolution to this effect so that municipal

searches could be conducted at the time of sale. Inspections and violations would have to be done and cleared, but this would allow that process to proceed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to set the fee at \$250.00 for homes built post 1957 with building permits. Discussion: Councilwoman Ranni asked if it were appropriate to set the fee for all homes built after 1957. Attorney Bonacic stated that could be handled on an as case basis. Councilman Murray said there was a period that records were not maintained, so that could be the timeline used to apply in these cases. Councilman Valentine said he thought the \$250.00 fee would be just to start the process and not be a definitive. For further clarification, Joe Mlcoch's input was to be sought. As a result of the discussion a vote was not taken.

STERIS BUILDING CHESTER INDUSTRIAL PARK

Supervisor Jamieson read a letter received from Town Engineer, Al Fusco with regard to the expansion of the Steris medical sterilization warehouse. He is asking the Town request to be an interested agency and direct him to represent them in this matter. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Ranni and seconded by Councilman Valentine to authorize Al Fusco, Town Engineer to represent the Town of Chester as interested agency in regard to the 239GML Review of Steris Isomedix Services, Chester Industrial Park, Village of Chester, Chester, New York. Motion carried 5-0.

SUGAR LOAF ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledge receipt of the proposed guidelines submitted by Don Duke on behalf of the Sugar Loaf Architectural Advisory Committee. Mr. Duke is asking to make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting. Councilman Valentine suggested that the Planning Board may want to be involved.

KIPPSTATION CRAFTSMEN, INC. WATER DISTRICT INCUSION

Supervisor Jamieson read the letter received from Pietrzak & Pfau, PLLC. on behalf of Kippstation Craftsmen Inc. with regard to their request to be tied into the Sugar Loaf Water District. Site Plan approval required the connection. Supervisor Jamieson asked Scott Bonacic to draw up a contract for this purpose.

ORANGE COUNTY MUNICIPAL PLANNING FEDERATION

Supervisor Jamieson read the letter received from the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation announcing their spring courses concerning land use. Two hour courses are being held on March 19, 25, 31 and April 15, 2015 and a full day course offered on March 20, 2015.

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Supervisor Jamieson told the Board we have received the spreadsheet from the Orange County Department of Public Works showing the Town's allocation of sewer capacity. At the end of December, 2015 the Town of Chester had 118,000 gallons extra capacity at the Harriman Sewer Plant.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Ranni asked about how she can be informed about emergency situations. Chief Doellinger said Nixle.com is our online registry for notifications.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Ranni to approve the attendance of Supervisor Jamieson, Councilman Murray, Councilman Valentine, Councilwoman Ranni, Vincent Maniscalco, and Linda Zappala. Motion carried 5-0.

FIREWORKS

Supervisor Jamieson stated that our fireworks day, July 11, 2015 will be a full day block party starting at 2 p.m.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilwoman Smith asked about the painting of the senior center. Supervisor Jamieson said he would follow up on this.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the wave air purification system. Walter said we will need 3 units to take care of the area. Supervisor Jamieson directed Walter to get an estimate.

Supervisor Jamieson said that the painter will be working on the ceiling tiles and vents.

Councilwoman Smith said she is working on getting an estimate for the solar panels.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the status of the situation on Meadow Ave. Supervisor Jamieson said that Joe Mlcoch is handling the situation.

Councilwoman Smith asked about the status of the proposed Billboard Law. Supervisor Jamieson said the Town is awaiting comments back from the County.

Councilwoman Smith announced that Simone Ayers was the first female to score 1,000 points at basketball at Chester Academy. She extended her congratulations to Simone.

Councilman Valentine spoke about the problem with the roofs at the Town Hall and Library buildings. The ice dams are causing a hazard to the handicap and entrance ramps. He suggested installing heat cables on the roofs of both buildings to alleviate the problems.

Councilman Valentine asked if a future plan could be developed to allow the hamlet of Sugar Loaf into the water district.

Councilman Valentine stated that since the King Tract land is not owned by the bank, he believes we shouldn't expend any more Town money on the situation. Supervisor Jamieson said it is going through the foreclosure process. Scott Bonacic added that he spoke with the attorney from the bank but is not waiting for a response, pending the outcome with Town Board discussions with the residents.

Councilman Valentine asked the status about a letter concerning violations from the building inspector to a resident concerning a deck and shed violation. The resident was able to show previous correspondence received from a previous building inspector. The resident was instructed that the fee associated with the violation could not be waived and that he would have to go in front of the Town Board. Supervisor Jamieson said that since all the violations were cleared up there would be no reason for the building inspector not to remove the violations on the property. He said he would follow up with Joe Mlcoch on this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Langton addressed the Board. She stated that the Chronicle had published an article concerning the Chester Public Library finances. Ms. Langton said she believed there were discrepancies with regard to what was budgeted. Scott Bonacic, Town Attorney advised the Board that since there is pending litigation, there should be no comments made on this matter.

Edie Johnson asked the status of the Glenmere Dam mitigation work. Attorney Bonacic advised the Board not to speak on the matter since it was the subject of Executive Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilman Valentine and seconded by Councilwoman Smith to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Walter Popailo addressed the Board with regard to the sponsorship of the July fireworks show. He said Mark Mossier of Suburban Propane has indicated their support and are very excited about the new ideas for the day's events. Walter said Richard Logothetis will help with lighting and the selection of bands. Walter said they will be arranging for party sponsors. There will be banners available for a small sponsorship fee. We will have bouncy houses, bands and vendors to line the streets. Kiwanis may provide sausage and peppers and the firehouse will provide hotdogs and hamburgers. Walter said we would be looking for a bandstand.

Supervisor Jamieson acknowledge the great help the Suburban has provided the Town for this event over the years and he will invite them to come at another meeting for their presentation. Supervisor Jamieson said he is excited about it being a full day event. As the event has grown from year to year, the Supervisor said he is certain we will get more support for the event.

Supervisor Jamieson said with all the improvement made by Parks and Recreation, there are so many outdoor activities with the sledding hill and ice skating rink. And he wanted everyone to know there is a basketball and hockey rink under the rink. He said he is sure the spring will bring more use to the courts.

Supervisor Jamieson wanted to commend both the Police Department and Highway Department for all their hard work during the rough weather days of this winter. He thanked both Chief Doellinger and Superintendent LaSpina.

There being no further business brought before the Board, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Councilwoman Smith and seconded by Councilman Valentine to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zappala
Town Clerk
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