

Town Board Meeting

Town of Chester – Supervisor Brandon Holdridge

August 12, 2026 – Chester Town Hall – 6:45PM

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Agenda

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Resolution to Accept 7/22/26 Town Board Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Summary of Bills** – The Town will be paying bills in the amount of \$641,548.09
- 6. Community Preservation Plan & Fund Presentation by Former Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Ambulance Service Agreement with Empress EMS** – \$1,303,029.43 contract where Empress will provide staff and administrative support while Chester provides the ambulance vehicle and equipment. Chester will receive an estimated minimum of \$786,204 in yearly billing revenue reducing the overall cost of ambulance services. 5-year agreement will lock in 4% increase in services every year
- 9. Authorization to Purchase a 2026 T-350 Transit Type-2 Van AEW AWD** - \$122,215 ambulance vehicle to be owned by the Town of Chester for the purposes of fulfilling the new agreement with Empress EMS. Same model as Empress has in their fleet
- 10. Authorization to Purchase \$2,231.25 UE Scope, \$263.55 Portable Suction Pump, and \$45,498.18 Zoll Monitor/Defibrillator System/Equipment for Future Chester-Owned Ambulance Vehicle** – Paid for by \$48,000 Skoufis Grant. All standard equipment in Empress ambulance vehicles
- 11. Reports** – Supervisor Holdridge's Half-Year Report, Comptroller Meyer's Half-Year Finance Report, Town Clerk's Half-Year Report, CAC Letter of Support on Community Preservation Fund, Moodna, Highway Dept., Town Historian, Police Dept., Animal Control, Parks & Recreation, Water Dept., Award of a \$8,481 dividend check from PERMA

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- 12. Dial-A-Bus IMA with Town of Monroe** - \$812.50 monthly contract with Monroe for Dial-A-Bus services in the Monroe-Woodbury School District area of Chester. 3-and-a-half-year contract that increases \$1000 in cost yearly until the end of 2029
- 13. Budget Amendment** - \$4,100 from A8676.471 (Friendly Visitor Program) to A5630.4 (Dial-A-Bus). Friendly Visitor Program is no longer active in Chester, so the funds are free
- 14. GASB 75 OPEB Report Services Contract** - \$3,450 contract from Jefferson Solutions to compile annual report for the State Comptroller's Office
- 15. Building Department Services** – Lanc & Tully to provide services at \$135/hour for 20 hours per week until a full-time Building Inspector is hired
- 16. Senior Rec Center Generator Project Release of Retainage** – Maintenance Bond can be returned to Gentech, LTD now that the project has been completed and approved by our engineering firm
- 17. Bid Advertisement/Notice for Highway Garage Metal Roof Replacement Project**
- 18. Senior Rec Center Rental Fee Waiver Request** – Chester Historical Society Penny Social on October 4th
- 19. Parks & Rec Dept. Equipment Auction Requests** – John Deere Bucket and John Deere Tractor have both been determined to be past cost efficient to repair and should be auctioned
- 20. Best Buddies International Bike Tour Agreement**– Annual Best Buddies bike tour on October 3rd
- 21. Budget Amendments** – Town Hall Water, PD Building Repairs, Surrey Meadows Water District Lab Testing, Lake Hill Water District Meters & Parts
- 22. Event Request** – Town Historian to attend the Orange County Historical Society's 2026 Annual Meeting for \$35
- 23. West Side Story Parks & Rec Trip Refund Request** - \$175 for Rose Maniscalco
- 24. Bingo Parks & Rec Trip Refund Requests** - \$115 each for Michael Gardner, Chris Johnson, Regina Petrakis, and Frances Verneau

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- 25. Updated 7/1/26 IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate** – Rate increased and must be approved by the Town Board
- 26. Road Closure Request** – Gilmour Way to be closed from 12PM to 10PM for an annual block party
- 27. Executive Session** – Potential litigation, Personnel
- 28. New Business**
- 29. Public Comment**
- 30. Adjournment**