

Regular meeting of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on August 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Karen DuRose, Edna Wells, Mike Packer, Steve Durkish, and Frederick H. Monroe. Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner.

RESOLUTION #97: ACCEPT MINUTES OF JULY MEETINGS, AS PRESENTED.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, accept Minutes of July 2nd, and July 8th Minutes, as presented.

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Bid opening.

Pellet boiler.

One bid for the Pellet boiler was received from Trojan Energy Systems, Troy, NY, in the amount of \$152,620.

A second bid had been emailed to Rick Handley of Rick Handley & Associates, but did not qualify for review, as it was not received as a sealed bid.

Discussion ensued. Proposal will be reviewed by Engineer. No action taken.

Truck bid.

Two bids were received for the 2005 Ford F250 pickup truck, to be sold as is, without the plow.

Ricky Monroe bid \$650.

Robert Hill bid \$200.

RESOLUTION #98: ACCEPT BID FROM RICK MONROE FOR 2005 FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK, AS IS, WITHOUT PLOW.

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. Wells, accept bid from Rick Monroe in the amount of \$650 for 2005 Ford F250 pickup truck, as is, without plow.

AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the floor.

Barbara Thomas spoke of the sign that had been put up at the trail head for Dynamite. It is from the Dept. of State and it is mandatory that it be displayed. Mr. Monroe assured her that the sign they had planned for that area can still be put up there, and the State sign can be moved to a different location.

Arnold Jensen stated that it has been a slow year for boating on Loon Lake.

Linda Muench said that comments were favorable at the last Music on Main Street event on how much nicer the Veteran's Memorial looked without the bushes all around it.

Steve Durkish stated that he had been riding his bike around town and around Brant Lake while he had been on vacation, and he commented on how courteous the Highway drivers in both Chestertown and Brant Lake were toward bike traffic.

Old business.

Pellet Boiler financing.

Further discussion on another possible grant for the pellet boiler, as the grant from NYSERDA and the Green Bank did not come through. Basically, we would need to have thermal storage in order to qualify. Then Mr. Monroe received notice that a consultant will be coming up Friday to meet with Rick Handley and Jason, so we might still have a chance to be considered in the grant. If so, they will pay 20% up to \$100,000, and, at this rate, we have the potential of getting \$44,000. We have already passed a bond resolution for purchase of the pellet boiler, so an additional grant would just mean issuance of fewer bonds.

Sand pit purchase.

Closing on the sand pit will be Friday morning at 9:00 am.

Pickle ball court.

Mr. Monroe stated that residents had painted the lines on the tennis court and he has observed people out there playing Pickle Ball.

New business:

Committee reports.

Mrs. Wells stated that Mindy had tried to have a Youth committee meeting, but was unable to arrange it so that everyone could attend.

Abstracts.

RESOLUTION #99: APPROVE WATER RENTS FOR 2014.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve Water rents for 2014. Chestertown Water District in the amount of \$48,442 and Pottersville Water District in the amount of \$24,515. Total warrant, both districts, \$72,957.

RESOLUTION #100: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR MONROE SIGN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RE: FIRST WILDERNESS CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Supervisor Monroe sign the Inter-municipal Agreement re: the First Wilderness Corridor Advisory Committee.

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RESOLUTION #101: CONCURRING WITH WARREN COUNTY LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION FOR WARREN COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, concur with Warren County lead agency designation in regard to SEQRA for Warren County Snowmobile Trail System.

AYE 5 NO 0

National Grid Energy Audit.

National Grid had offered to do an energy audit of the Town Hall, and had come in last week to do a count of lighting within the building and grounds. They offered a proposal of replacing existing fluorescent fixtures with LED lighting, to save money on our electric bill by using energy more efficiently. They mailed a proposal to Supervisor Monroe, as follows:

Estimated job cost:	\$87,414.18
Prevailing wage:	\$ 7,960.80
Lift Charge:	\$ 1,320.00
Est. Customer contribution:	\$73,945.07
Est. Nat'l Grid contribution:	\$13,469.11

The Board decided not to accept the proposal. The work cannot be done in stages, but must be undertaken all at once.

Senior Mealsite floor.

Four Star Flooring had submitted a proposal to replace the remainder of the linoleum in the Mealsite in the amount of \$2,875.47. Department of Health requires that it be done by September 31st. The project had been put out to bid 2 years ago, and Four Star Flooring had been low bidder at the time. They will be able to match the flooring that has already been installed.

RESOLUTION #102: AUTHORIZE FLOOR REPLACEMENT IN MEALSITE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize work be done to replace floor in Mealsite by Four Star Flooring in the amount of \$2,875.47.

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Japanese Knotweed.

Japanese Knotweed is an invasive that has taken root in our community. It is a tough plant resembling bamboo and needs to be taken care of professionally. Supervisor Monroe agrees that we need to do something, as it can cost millions of dollars worth of damage. It can damage home foundations; it can also grow through 2 feet of blacktop. He had gotten a letter from the "Inlet Group" regarding money that had been given to the Town of Bolton to have it taken care of." He would like to ask for a proposal to have certain areas within our Town taken care of, as Pottersville is being overrun with it.

Chestertown Water Tank.

Jason wanted to paint the Chestertown Water tank as it is covered in lichen and the paint is chipping, so he had Engineer Tom Suozzo test it for lead paint. The paint was okay, but the primer analysis showed 20% lead. We had put \$30,000 in the budget to cover this project. The project will no doubt need to be bid out, but we need to get the actual specs first.

Loon Lake Dam.

Supervisor Monroe had signed the contract with Woidt Engineering, and Attorney Schachner had written a letter to DEC asking for an extension to produce a complete engineering evaluation, and an update to our emergency action plan. Just for the engineering, the cost is \$60,000. DEC has seemed to panic since the Hadlock Pond incident, so this is a Statewide issue. We are not in a state of infinite peril as far as the dam is concerned.

Budget.

The Governor started out with a 2% tax cap, and no real help removing unfunded mandates, which is a large problem for the County. The tax cap this year is 1.6%, and Mr. Monroe has talked with Mr. Schachner about steps we must take to exceed that tax cap. With paying for work on the dam, and continuing with road work, we don't believe that we can stay below the tax cap. Mr. Schachner will prepare a Local Law for the September meeting which will then require a public hearing. We should be able to have it in place by the deadline for the final adoption of the budget.

Benches.

We had received the benches for the Healthy Heart program last year, but they have not been installed. Kathy Varney has offered more money to the Town, but she first wants to see that the benches have been installed.

John West told Mr. Monroe that four out of six would be installed by the end of the week. Two will be located by the Town Hall, two by the bank, and two in Pottersville.

Abstracts.

RESOLUTION #103: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize payment of abstracts and claims paid prior to audit.

General Fund:	\$ 41,701.34	(331-392)
Highway Fund:	\$109,607.98	(192-218)
C'Town Water:	\$ 1,604.36	(28-34)
P'Ville Water:	\$ 850.48	(33-39)
Library:	\$ 2,099.40	(29-32)
Loon Lake Park District:	\$ 1,043.01	(16-22)

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On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk