

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **August 8, 2006** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Frederick H Monroe, Michael Packer, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells, and Karen DuRose.

Public hearing - Revised Animal Control law #1 of 1995 - to include cats and other animals.

Supervisor Monroe opened public hearing at 7:30 pm. Reviewed local law which is now to include cats, with the exception of licensing cats, but rabies shots are required.

No comments were received from the floor. Public hearing was closed at 7:33 pm.

RESOLUTION #132: ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2006, AMENDING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1995 ANIMAL CONTROL.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to adopt Local Law #2 of 2006 as drafted by Attorney for the Town. The Local Law #1 of 1995 Animal Control is repealed in its entirety and replaced with Local Law #2 of 2006.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #133: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JULY BOARD MEETING.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose accept minutes of the July 11, 2006 Town Board meeting.

AYE 5 NO 0

Old Business:

RESOLUTION #134: SET PAY RATE FOR LIFEGUARDS AND RELIEF LIFEGUARDS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to set pay rate for lifeguards and relief lifeguards for the 2006 season at \$10 per hour.

AYE 5 NO 0

Milfoil contract - Supervisor Monroe reported that as a result of doing inspections and surveying of Loon Lake it was determined that the amount of work would be considerably less than what was previously thought. Recommending that work be done on a hourly base instead of what was set in the original contract. Steve LaMere, Adirondack Ecologists, has agreed to the revised contract. Attorney for Town of Chester has drafted a revised contract.

Hourly bases estimate would be approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 original contract was over \$9,000.

Further discussion on APA permit that is required.

RESOLUTION #135: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ADIRONDACK ECOLOGISTS ON AN HOURLY BASES.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer authorizing contract for Loon Lake Milfoil, with Steve LaMere, President, Adirondack Ecologists, LLC., P.O.Box 515, Crown Point, NY 12928 on an hourly bases. Contingent on Attorney for the Town approving the revised contract.

AYE 5 NO 0

Report on Starbuckville Dam grand opening - July 27, 2006 -

Supervisor Monroe reported that a plaque was presented to Joe Koch, in appreciation of his time involved with the project.

Radar speed signs - Review of handouts on various styles of signs. Town Board reviewed units and authorize purchase. \$5,000 was budgeted for a speed sign. DOT approval will be required for placement and a break away pole may be needed.

RESOLUTION #136: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ONE TC-500S YOUR SPEED IS SIGN.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing purchase of the TC-500S Your Speed Is Sign, solar. Cost amount \$3,150 plus shipping. AYE 5 NO 0

Status of Housing Rehab Grant. \$480,000. 19 apps. 11 eligible -

Supervisor Monroe stated that the apartment building in Pottersville was eligible.

Proposal from North Warren Chamber for oversize postcard - Proposal was for use of Occupancy Tax money in the amount of \$5750. This would be for a large format post card with views of both Towns and some generic photos.

RESOLUTION #137: APPROVE NORTH WARREN CHAMBER PROPOSAL CONDITIONED ON TOWN OF HORICON APPROVING.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to approve the proposal of North Warren Chamber request for funds, from Occupancy Tax, in the amount of \$2,300 from Town of Horicon and \$3,450 from the Town of Chester. AYE 5 NO 0

New Business:

Approval of water rents - tabled until 8/24/06 special meeting.

RESOLUTION #138: APPROVE REQUEST OF HELPERS FUND FOR USE OF TOWN HALL.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose approving request of Helpers Fund for use of the town board room in the Town Municipal Center on September 15 (7:15pm-9pm) for race registration and on Saturday September 16th from 7 am to 12:30 pm.

Frederick H Monroe - AYE Frank Shaw - AYE Mike Packer - AYE
Karen DuRose - AYE Edna Wells - ABSTAIN

CSEA Mediation scheduled for August 24, 2006.

Procedure to remove properties from the Pottersville Water District

Two procedures can be done to remove properties from the water district:

1. A petition, signed by 50% of the people in the water district, approving of the removal of those requesting not to be in the water district.

2. State Legislation passed by NY State Legislature.

Another option would be to totally dissolve water district and start over.

Determined that if those requesting to be removed from the district want to circulate a petition in favor of them being removed, this can be done, but those requesting such would need to do it.

At this time there are 4 residents (properties) who are requesting to be removed.

Supervisor Monroe will contact those residents as to what the Town Board recommends.

Water superintendent stated that those residents all have drilled wells.

Sarah Dunbar. Claim regarding road tar - Report on claims and complaints on road tar on vehicles.

RESOLUTION #139: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ONLINE CASH MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GLENS FALLS NATIONAL BANK.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign online cash management agreement with Glens Falls National Bank.

AYE 5 NO 0

Loon Lake Park District Association request for monitor and pressure wash station at boat launch - Supervisor Monroe attended the Park District meeting. A request was made to hire and monitor and also install pressure wash station. It was felt to monitor would be a difficult thing to do and numerous other places for launching exist on Loon Lake.

Pressure wash station was discussed and perhaps could be covered in Grant. Grant is for \$10,000 and Town of Chester would need to spend \$20,000.

Supervisor Monroe will check on cost estimates for pressure wash station.

Monitoring of milfoil is also being done on Friends Lake.

County radios. Fixed and mobile. Supervisor Monroe reported that the radios need to be replaced. Radio is needed for contact with various departments on town and county level.

Quote from Adirondack 2-Way Radio is for \$1,368. Portable radio will be checked out at this time and replace battery to see if this is the problem.

RESOLUTION #140: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF COUNTY RADIO IF UNDER STATE CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer authorizing Supervisor Monroe to purchase radio if under state contract.

AYE 5 NO 0

Proposal from Environmental Capital - Supervisor Monroe stated that the County would not be doing anything further with solid waste. Report and estimates from Environmental Capital for transfer station

study and solid waste collection study and implementation. Discussion on the Towns of Horicon and Chester working together on a combined location to save money.

Board felt that perhaps a joint meeting with Horicon to see if they have an interest in a joint transfer station and also establishing a joint reuse center.

Districts could be created for solid waste collection.

Supervisor Monroe will get a second quote in regards to solid waste collection study from Steve Lynch.

Meal site request - Request received from Meal Site for the Town to hire person, who is now under Experience Works. Hourly pay rate is minimum wage. Supervisor will talk to Town of Horicon and Warren County.

Zoning maps - Continue to ask APA for updated zoning maps. If LA Group provides maps cost could be as much as \$3,000.

Assessor clerk - Carol Bleikhardt, Assessor Clerk has returned for limited hours, at this time.

Councilperson Packer reported that a meeting will be set up with Mr.Considene and who ever else is involved in regards to a zoning issue.

Pottersville stone wall - Project is almost completed. Request that the remaining blocks be order, as these blocks are being discontinued. Home owner (George Wescott) for the next session does not want stones replaced with blocks. Discussion as to who owns the wall. In past years no one has claimed ownership (County, etc.). The next session by Howard Farmers needs to be done.

Town Board request that Highway Superintendent measure wall by "old fire house" to see what is needed for blocks.

Episcopal church - removal of burnt structure - Concerns over the burnt structure and the potential of someone being hurt. Supervisor Monroe will contact church and see when the structure can be removed.

Cats on Blythewood Island - problem seems to be resolved at this time. Supervisor Monroe stated that there is a contract with Warren County in regards to such issues.

Request of youth director to use auditorium - Supervisor Monroe Felt that programs could be run at auditorium or at Dynamite Hill hut.

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer Town Board went into Executive session at 8:50 pm to discuss employee employment and health insurance and CSEA contract. Town Board resumed regular session at 9:20pm. No action taken.

Supervisor Monroe reported on West Law statement and a credit is to be issued. West Law Statement is combined with court, assessor's office and supervisor's office.

#141: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2nd by Mr.Shaw authorizing payment of abstract:

General Fund	\$39,226.31	(341-390)
Highway Fund	37,541.40	(145-161)
Library	1,048.90	(39- 43)
Chestertown Water	275.22	(34- 37)
Pottersville Water	214.58	(24- 25)
Loon Lake Park Dist	1,333.72	(3- 6)
Schroon Lk Park Dist	41.89	(1)
	AYE 5	NO 0

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Town Clerk