

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **February 13, 2007** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Frederick Monroe, Michael Packer, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells and Karen DuRose. Mark Schachner - attorney for the Town.

RESOLUTION #12: APPROVE MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting. AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Nicole Howe - thanked Town Board for their support and Mr. Monroe, Mrs. DuRose and Mrs. Wells for attending the opening of the new youth Center at Dynamite Hill. Town Board in turned thanked Mrs. Howe for all her work and also the work of Jason, Howard and John in the construction and building of the new space.

James AuClaire - request that his property also be removed from the Pottersville water district. He has concerns as to what can be done with the old water storage tank that is on his property. Supervisor Monroe felt that research of easements, to see what the legal situation is.

Request to have Mr. AuClaire meet with Supervisor and water superintendent to review the maps of his property.

RESOLUTION #13: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ADD ANY NECESSARY ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT, THAT ARE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH WEST END OF THE POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT AND ARE NOT SERVED BY THE TOWN WATER MAIN.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorize Supervisor Monroe to add any necessary additional properties to be removed from the Pottersville Water District, that are located at the south west end of the Pottersville Water District and are not served by the Town Water Main. Any new properties are to be included in the special legislation that is required to remove properties from the Pottersville Water District.

AYE 5 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe has instructed John West to hire temporary help for Dynamite Hill ski hut attendee and also for the operation of the tow rope.

Nicole Howe stated that she had been left a note, by Parks and Recs that lights at the bottom of the hill are not working.

Outside light by the library entrance is either not working or is very dim. Will have Jason look at it and will consider putting up another light.

Letter received from John Nelson, Executive Vice President, Word of Life Fellowship, Inc requesting that the Town Board consider having

"Sam" Sewall be a member of the Schroon Lake Park Commission, as an official representative of Word of Life. Town Board has already appointed a commissioner and an alternate. It was determined that the position should be held by someone who is within the Park District. Supervisor Monroe stated that the meetings are public and input can be given. Will have town attorney review the rules.

Old Business:

Solid waste study report - tabled to March meeting. Town Board will review the report.

Chestertown water tank encroachment - Supervisor Monroe reported that Lauren Pereau is willing to workout an easement with the Town, in regards to the fence that needs to be put around the tank. The road may need to be relocated a few feet.

New Business;

RESOLUTION #14: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE POSTING OF TOWN ROADS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer authorizing town clerk to advertise posting of town roads. (Post Star and The News-Enterprise).

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #15: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN LARAC GRANT AGREEMENT AND SEAGLE COLONY CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing Supervisor Monroe to sign LARAC Grant Agreement for the performance on July 14, 2007 and also the Seagle Colony Contract.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH WARREN COUNTY AND OTHER COMMUNITIES FOR ACTIONS RELATING TO CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST WILDERNESS HERITAGE CORRIDOR.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Du Rose:

WHEREAS, as part of the continued implementation of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Plan, the Town of Johnsbury applied for and received grant funds for and received grant funds from the NYS Department of State Coastal Resources Program in the amount of \$150,000 in which matching funds will be provided in the form of administrative salaries, in kind services and County project funds, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester wishes to participate with the Town of Johnsbury's efforts to further the effort initiated with the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Plan, and

WHEREAS, a municipal resolution is required for Town of Chester to enter into an Extension and Amendment Agreement of the 2003 Intermunicipal Agreement (authorized by Resolution -- of 200- between Warren County and participating municipalities), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor of the Town of Chester be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an Extension & Amendment Agreement to the March 2003 Agreement with Warren County and participating municipalities to continue to implement the First

Wilderness Heritage Corridor as defined under the 2006 grant work program executed by the Town of Johnsbury.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #17: ACCEPT CHESTERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT DONATION OF THE QUICK ATTACK TRUCK.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to accept the donation of the 'quick attack truck' from the Chestertown Fire District to the Town of Chester.

AYE 5 NO 0

Acknowledge public a receipt of \$481 donation for stage lighting maintenance from Stratford on Hudson. Money will be used towards the replacement of the dimmer packs.

Lifeguards - Councilperson Wells reported that no one has expressed an interest in doing the swimming lessons. Interest has been shown for part time work (couple of days a week/relief). At this time no one is available for full time. Councilperson Wells will contact "Liz" (? Elizabeth Aiken) to see if she has an interest in the full time position. Councilperson Wells will put a notice up at NWCS.

RESOLUTION #18: AUTHORIZE TOWN OF CHESTER TO PAY FOR COST OF LIFEGUARD TRAINING FOR THE 2007 SUMMER SEASON, PROVIDING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WORKS FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR ONE YEAR.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose authorize Town of Chester to pay for lifeguard training for the 2007 summer season and that the lifeguards agree to serve as lifeguards for the Town of Chester for a minimum of one summer season in exchange for the Town's agreement to pay for their lifeguard training.

Authorize prepayment for course, if required.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #19: AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO ORDER NEW TANDEM TRUCK UNDER WARREN COUNTY CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing Highway Superintendent Clark to place order to Tracey Equipment, through Warren County contract, for new 2008 Sterling LT 9500 tandem truck for Town of Chester highway department. Cost \$159,916.

AYE 5 NO 0

Alder Brook bridge replacement - Highway Superintendent Clark stated that as the result of work that is being proposed to be done, by the County, on the Trout Brook bridge on the Alder Brook Road, he has concerns over the "little" bridge, just beyond the Trout Brook bridge. Inspections have done and has been determined that repairs are needed on the Alder Brook bridge. County officials have looked at the bridge with Gary. Gary will meet again with officials on February 21 at 11:00 am.

Needs to be determined as to who has the responsibilities in respect to repairs of bridges in the Town of Chester - town or county.

Attorney for the town will check into this, as there is other small bridges in the Town of Chester that may need repairs. Gary felt that the "little bridge" does need attention and request that a weight limit be posted ASAP. He will post it at 3 ton weight limit. Gary also stated that traffic will probably be increasing due to Beckler sub divisions and also that one property owner plans on doing some logging in the near future. Superintendent Clark stated that funding for the bridge repair could come out CHIP money, but this would affect his paving schedule for 2007.

RESOLUTION #20: AUTHORIZE A THREE TON WEIGHT LIMIT FOR THE ALDER BROOK BRIDGE AND REQUEST TO HAVE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN RESEARCH OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARDS TO BRIDGES.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer authorize the posting of a 3 ton weight limit for the Alder Brook Bridge on Alder Brook Road and authorize Attorney for the Town of Chester to research ownership responsibilities in regards to bridges in the Town.

AYE 5 NO 0

99 Sterling truck (C-8) diesel engine problems - Superintendent Clark reviewed the 3 options for the repairs to the 99 Sterling truck engine.

RESOLUTION #21: AUTHORIZE REPAIRS TO 1999 STERLING TRUCK ENGINE.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing the repairs to the 99 Sterling C-8 truck engine at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Will include a 3 yr/ 300,000 mile warranty.

AYE 5 NO 0

Request that Gary put together list of his highway equipment with the year, hours on equipment, and mileage.

Discussion on the problems that have been on going with payroll deposits. Town Board request that should employees find that their direct deposits are not being posted on time, they need to notify the Town Board. Glens Falls National bank has requested that the Town do their own coding.

In regards to the legislation for removing properties from a water district, Mr. Schachner reported that special legislation is needed on the state level. Supervisor Monroe will work on the property descriptions/deeds on those properties requesting removal.

RESOLUTION #22: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing payment of abstract and approve claims paid prior to audit:

remaining vouchers for 2006:

General fund	\$11,699.80	(633-647)
Highway fund	1,062.61	(269-270)

Chtwn water	49.00	(71)
P'ville water	49.00	(54)

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General Fund	\$171,602.26	(13- 67)
Highway fund	\$ 66,479.64	(1- 20)
Chtwn Water	\$ 1,013.55	(1- 5)
P'ville Water	\$ 210.50	(1- 3)
Library	\$ 5,938.76	(1 - 10)
No. Creek Fire Dist	\$20,000.00	(1)
Riverside Fire Dist	\$ 7,000.00	(1)
Chestertown F. Dist	\$ 5,000.00	(1)

AYE 5 NO 0

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells Town Board went into Executive Session at 9:00pm to discuss Word of Life assessment litigation and also Maxam litigation. Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer Town Baord resumed regular session at 10:00. No action taken.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Town Clerk _____