

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **June 13, 2006** at 7:30pm in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY. Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells and Karen DuRose. Mark Schachner - Attorney for the Town. Absent - Mike Packer

Bid openings:

Bids for Milfoil Control - 2006-2008 Project - one bid was received. Adirondack Ecologists, P O Box 515, Crown Point, NY 12928 (Steven A. LaMere, CLM CFD)
2006 bid \$9,600. 2007 bid \$9,600. 2008 bid \$8,800.

Supervisor Monroe has received correspondence from Michael Martin, North American Lake Management Society - Cedar Eden Environmental, LLC, 1519 St Rt 86, Saranac Lake, NY 12983, stating that he would not be submitting a bid. Discussion on project.

RESOLUTION #104: ACCEPT BID FROM ADIRONDACK ECOLOGISTS FOR LOON LAKE MILFOIL CONTROL PROGRAM.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Monroe to accept bid from Adirondack Ecologists, PO Box 515, Crown Point, NY 12928 - Steven A. LaMere, CLM CFD for the Loon Lake Milfoil control program:

2006 Project bid \$9,600 2007 Project bid \$9,600
2008 Project bid \$8,800

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Discussion on Supervisor Monroe contacting Mr. LaMere or Mr. Martin in regards to doing the permit for the milfoil program, at a reasonable cost.

Supervisor Monroe will have Mark Schachner, Attorney for the Town, review milfoil contract.

RESOLUTION #105: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO CONTACT MICHAEL MARTIN OR STEVE LAMERE IN REGARDS TO THE PERMIT PROCESS FOR MILFOIL PROGRAM.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Shaw authorizing Supervisor Monroe to contact Michael Martin or Steve LaMere to do the permit process based on which company is "the quickest and cheapest".

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Bids for decorative street lighting - Pottersville - five (5) bids were received:

Hour Electric Co., Inc, Box 325, Fort Edward, NY 12828 **\$27,009.**
Harold R Clune Inc, 30 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 **\$51,900.**
*Stilsing Electric, Box 27, 555 S.Str., Rensselaer, NY 12144 **\$26,505.**
All Phase Electric, 4 Caldwell Circle, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 **\$23,304.**
*Brunswick Electric, Inc 290 Hoosick St, Troy, NY 12180 **\$29,892.**

***Note two bidders offered credits, if town installed conduit:**

Stilsing Electric less \$1,505 from original bid of \$26,505.
Brunswick Electric, Inc less \$5,700 from original bid of \$29,892.

Bids were passed to Richard Jones, for review and recommendation - **Tabled** until later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION #106: ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY MEETINGS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to accept minutes of the May 9th and 25th Town Board meetings. AYE 4 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Wayne LaMothe - Warren County Planning - informed the Town Board that Warren County has applied for and received Housing Rehabilitation Assistance money for the Town of Chester (charted for 28 homes in the amount of \$480,000). Mr. LaMothe stated that 19 applicants are on file and that assistance will be given to 11 of them, the other 8 either rent, not current on taxes or other issues as to why they do not qualify. Help is needed from the Town to get word out. Program is income eligible, with a sliding scale, and is a two year program or until funds are exhausted. Application forms are available in the Supervisor and bookkeeper's office.

Mr. LaMothe went on to say that two other programs are available: "spot repairs" - emergency assistance and "access" - medical assistance (ramps, generators, etc).

Discussion on advertising. Mr. LaMothe will handle putting ads in papers and leave flyers in the Town Hall.

Jim McDermott - expressed concerns over the "fixed radar - your speed is" sign and what the cost is for these signs and felt that perhaps a red light at the intersection of 8 & 9 is needed. Superintendent Gary Clark stated that he has received notice from DOT that the 8 & 9 intersection will be revamped and plans are for a stop light. Prior discussion on placement was for 2 signs in each hamlet. Supervisor Monroe stated that county has bought several units which are combination and can be used as sign boards.

Old Business:

Valley Farm Rd sidewalks - State will not be building sidewalks. Request has been received from Pottersville residents for sidewalk to the post office. Funds are not available for this year, but will be considered a priority for the 2007 budget.

Lifeguards - Starting date will be Monday, June 26. Hours will be from 10 am to 5 pm, or later - they will use their own discretion. Two lifeguards on for week ends and days off will be Monday and Tuesday and Thursday and Friday. Third lifeguard has not been able to get certification yet.

Discussion on swimming lessons - no one is certified to give lessons.

New Business:

Request for nomination of Town Board member for Loon Lake Park

District Association Board - Supervisor Fred Monroe will accept the nomination and Councilperson Frank Shaw will act as alternate.

Tom & Sandy Lewis request for zoning ordinance amendment of road frontage requirement - Mr.Lewis presented a map and a spread sheet in regards to road frontage issues around Friends Lake. **Tabled.**

Zoning administrator's request for zoning ordinance amendment re: boundary line adjustments - **Tabled.**

Friends Lake Property Owners Assoc. request for zoning ordinance amendment re: mining in the Friends Lake Property Owners Association watershed. Request for clarification - **Tabled.**

***note** - the above three items were tabled - Town Board felt that a full board was needed for discussion.

Peckham Materials request for Planning Board waivers - Peter Simoneau and Wilson Mathias (attorney for Peckham's) gave a brief review of future plans for their Industrial Zone project. They will be requesting three waivers on a subdivision (Peckham property on Rt9).

Nicole Howe request regarding proposed youth center - Mrs.Howe presented to the Board specs for a 40x60 two story building - approximate cost from Lincoln Logs would be \$126,000. Discussion on expansion of the present warming hut building or utilization of other vacant buildings within the Town (hamlet of Chestertown). To move forward with concept the Board needs to establish a project fund (for donations, etc.) subject to permissive referendum.

RESOLUTION #107: ESTABLISH CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR PROPOSED YOUTH CENTER IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Town of Chester does hereby establish a Capital Reserve fund to finance the cost of building/construction of a youth center in the Town of Chester.

The maximum cost of which is to be estimated at \$130,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum. AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #108: ACCEPT BID FROM ALL PHASE ELECTRIC FOR POTTERSVILLE DECORATIVE STREETLIGHTS.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to accept bid of \$23,304 from All_Phase Electric, 4 Caldwell Circle, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 for the Pottersville Streetlight project. AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #109: AUTHORIZE RICHARD JONES ASSOCIATES TO OBTAIN PERMIT.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing Richard Jones Associates to obtain DOT permit. AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION #110: APPROVE REQUEST OF JUDGE AND COURT CLERK TO ATTEND

OSC TELECONFERENCE ON JUNE 19TH.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw 2nd by Mrs. DuRose approving request of Judge McDermott and Court Clerk, Karen Griffen, to attend OSC Teleconference on June 19th at Adirondack Community College. All necessary expenses for same to be a lawful claim against the Town of Chester.

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RESOLUTION #111: AUTHORIZE COURT CLERK TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN CANTON, NEW YORK.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose authorizing Court Clerk, Karen Griffen, to attend the Court Clerk's conference in Canton, New York on July 23 to July 26, 2006. All necessary expenses for same to be a lawful claim against the Town of Chester.

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RESOLUTION #112: REQUEST NATIONAL GRID TO REPLACE STREETLIGHT ON POLE IN POTTERSVILLE.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. DuRose requesting National Grid to replace streetlight on pole 9-L2202-7 at 48 Olmstedville Rd.

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Cost estimates for mobile and fixed radar speed sign - Supervisor Monroe will do further research on signs.

Request for junk ordinance - Tabled.

Authorize advertisement for clerk for assessor's office - Supervisor Monroe will clarify whether or not there is a clerk vacancy in the assessor's office.

RESOLUTION #113: AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR ASSESSOR CLERK.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorize to advertise for assessor's clerk, once it is verified that the present clerk is not going to be able to return.

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Tentative equalization rate - 75% - in 2005 Town was 100%, is now 75% based on sales. Letter received from State Board of Real Property Services stating that a tentative 2006 State equalization rate of 75% was established and if final assessment roll data produces a significantly different rate, the town will be notified.

Pottersville youth problems - Discussion on pursuing a neighborhood watch program. Was also mentioned if a curfew should be put in place. Councilperson Wells had attended meeting in Albany and distributed packets to town board members. She stated that Cindy Hatin, Northend Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, is willing to come and do presentation. Discussion as to when, where and time.

RESOLUTION #114: ADVERTISE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATIONAL SESSION.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to advertise for Neighborhood Watch Informational session, when date, place and time have been coordinated with Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Cindy Hatin. Tentative date - some time the week of July 17th. Advertise in North Creek News Enterprise, Adirondack Journal, and put on web site.

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Harijan request for speed limit signs on LaFlure Lane - Supervisor Monroe stated that this is within the area speed limit of 30 mph. Supervisor Monroe will respond to Mr.Harijan's letter.

2007 Budget guidelines - Library request information/guidelines on personnel budget. Tabled.

Supervisor Monroe has been contacted by Civil Defense in regards to purchasing cots for shelter purposes (price approximately \$40). Town is not interested at this time, school and emergency squad may be.

Councilperson DuRose reported that a resident in the north end of the Town has a 60' tree in their yard that could be considered for Christmas tree project.

RESOLUTION #115: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

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

General Fund	\$ 30,719.89	(231-301)
Highway Fund	\$ 26,419.14	(97-123)
Chestertown water	\$ 1,858.44	(26- 30)
Pottersville Water	\$ 1,110.73	(20- 21)
Library	\$ 2,939.27	(29- 32)
Loon Lake Park Dist	\$ 84.00	(2)
Food Pantry Donat		
Troy Savings	\$ 225.48	(1)
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Supervisor Monroe reported that he had contacted Roger Schroeder in regards to the parking lot lights (constantly blow - repeatedly). Mr.Schroeder examined the light and made repairs. Approximate cost to fix the rest of the lights would be about \$500 plus a lift would need to be rented. Tabled until Mr.Packer is in attendance.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Deputy Town Clerk