

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **March 14, 2006** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

RESOLUTION #46: ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to accept minutes of the February 8th Town Board meeting. AYE 4 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor:

Mary Jane Dower reported on the February meeting of the Chestertown Enhancement Committee and offered the following suggestions:

1. A light on the sign at the Rt 8
2. Flower tubs - planting to be done by Chris Stiles (NWCS) and his students and he has also volunteered to make a picnic table for the area of Rt 8 and Landon Hill Rd. Picnic table placed near sign/water. Town would provide the materials and flowers.
3. Decorative street lights - researching the possibility for a grant.
4. Bathroom at Loon Lake Beach instead of the port-a-potties. Will need to check with APA and NYS Board of health.
5. Work needs to be done on the Carolyn Fish trails - suggest that perhaps the prisoners can do some of the work. John West reported that the lights are in use and suggest that the area be logged.

Barb Wilson - Friends of the Library - read her letter in regards to the use of the Community Room by the Friends. This was in reply to a comment from the Feb. board meeting and use of the Community Room, as a "storage room". Mrs. Wilson stated what the proceeds are used for and the amount of money that is raised through the "book sales". Discussion on the room being available to the community. Town board appreciates everything the Friends of the Library has done and is doing in supporting the operating expenses of the Library.

Barb Repp - 1. Request that the pile of snow (on sidewalk), in Pottersville, be removed.

2. Also had concerns over the water run-off / drainage problem in Pottersville (Olmstedville Rd - property now owned by John VanDerwarker). John West stated that prior to the new sidewalk being put in he had requested that Warren County send an engineer up to meet with Highway Superintendent Clark in regards to having a grid drain that would connect to the existing storm drain (between road and sidewalk). Mr. West stated that upon them looking at it, they (Warren County ?) determined it wasn't needed. Supervisor Monroe will contact Warren County DPW.
3. Inquired on the Gamble Beach project. Supervisor Monroe stated that an Eagle scout was working on the plan, but has not presented it yet. John West has been in touch with the scout.

Old Business:

Town Board vacancy - Barbara Repp stated that she is not withdrawing.

RESOLUTION #47: APPOINT KAREN DUROSE TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE TOWN BOARD.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer to appoint Karen DuRose to fill the vacancy on the Town Board of the Town of Chester. Appointment to take effect immediately. Term will end Dec. 31, 2006.

Roll Call vote: Frederick Monroe - NO Frank Shaw - AYE
Michael Packer - AYE Edna Wells - AYE

Karen DuRose was sworn into office at 8:00pm and was welcomed to the Town Board.

Loon Lake milfoil grant application authorization resolution - Grant has been submitted and new resolution will need to be submitted.

RESOLUTION #48: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer:

RESOLVED:

That, Frederick H Monroe, as Supervisor of the Town of Chester is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the Aquatic Invasive Species Eradication Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a State Assistance Contract with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Town of Chester to carry out and comply with the terms of such project agreement.

The actions, of the Town Supervisor in submitting the Aquatic Invasive Species Eradication Grant Program by the February 28, 2006 deadline are hereby ratified.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #49: APPOINT KARIN PEET AS ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER TO SCHROON LAKE PARK DISTRICT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, 2nd by Mr. Shaw to appoint Karin Peet, Pottersville, to the Schroon Lake Park District, as an alternate commissioner for the Town of Chester.

AYE 5 NO 0

New Business:

Capital Financial Group Health insurance presentation - Denise Palyo provided handouts to the Town Board. Capital Financial Group is a subsidiary of Glens Falls National. She explained the program.

RESOLUTION #50: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SAND BIDS.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing clerk to advertise for sand bids. Bid opening April 11, 2006 at 7:30pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

Action on Chamber of Commerce proposals for use of Occupancy tax funds - tabled until prioritize list is submitted by the Chamber.

Supervisor Monroe stated that has had a discussion with the Town of Horicon in regards to the sharing of cost on some items. Town of Horicon is not interested at this time in pursuing a hiking/biking trail but they are interested in participating with Dynamite Hill.

Supervisor Monroe will request quotes in regards to the hiring of a consultant for location and design of trails.

RESOLUTION #51: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR LIFE GUARDS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorize clerk to advertise for life guards. Town will pay for training needed for certification and require applicant to sign an agreement to work for the summer as a lifeguard for the Town of Chester. AYE 5 NO 0

(Advertise in Adirondack Journal and North Creek Enterprise and Town of Chester residents will have priority for life guard positions)

Authorize hiring of summer youth program workers - Tabled

Local law regarding alternative veterans exemption local limits -

Supervisor Monroe stated that Warren County Real Property Tax Committee passed a resolution in favor of adopting a Local Law "providing for the maximum exemption allowable for the alternative veteran's exemption from Real Property taxation". Discussion on setting a date for a public hearing on local law (Alternative Veterans Exemption) before April 10th .

RESOLUTION #52: AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN TO DRAFT LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION ALLOWABLE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 3.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing Attorney for the Town, Mr. Schachner, to draft local law "Providing for the maximum exemption allowable for the alternative veteran's exemption from Real Property Taxation" and to set date of April 3, 2006 at 7:00pm for Public Hearing on such local law. AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #53: DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 4-104 of the New York State Election Law, the Town Board of the Town of Chester must submit to the Warren County of Elections a listing of the polling places in the Town of Chester in each Election District in which elections may be held:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following locations be and hereby are designated as the respective polling places in the Districts as enumerated:

- District 1 - Town Municipal Center 6307 St Rt 9 Chestertown
- District 2 - Pottersville Fire House 20 Valley Farm Rd

Pottersville

District 3 - Town Municipal Center 6307 St Rt 9 Chestertown
And that such locations are accessible to the physically handicapped voter, pursuant to Article 4-104.1-a of the Election Law (unless otherwise noted), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Warren County Board of Elections.

AYE 5 NO 0

Discuss extension of Pottersville Water District main to Route 9 Southwest of Landon Hill Road - as result of the last town board

meeting, water superintendent Jason Monroe, has obtained an approximate cost of \$9100 for the extension. Mr. Finch stated that they all have wells as a result of the line collapsing years ago (this line was a private line from the main to the residents - Smoke Rise, Finch, Hammond, and Stetson). He went onto say that he is in the water district, is taxed for being in the district, but is unable to have town water because of the collapsed line.

Discussion on easements, laying of pipe, or reducing the district in the south end and increasing the district on the north end (Glendale Road), and who (district or residents requesting service) would be responsible for the cost.

Supervisor Monroe will contact Frank Walter in regards to Glendale Rd. Recommends that Mr. Finch meet with his neighbors and then meet with Supervisor as to what they would like to see happen with the water district (to be removed from/reduce size of district or pay the cost of repairs for them to be able to have town water).

RESOLUTION #54: ADVERTISE FOR OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE POTTERSVILLE STREETLIGHTS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to advertise for opening of bids for May 9th, 2006 town board meeting at 7:30 pm for the Pottersville streetlights.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #55: ADVERTISE FOR OPENING OF POTTERSVILLE STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION BIDS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mr. Packer authorizing the advertising for bids for the next section of the Pottersville stone wall. Bid opening to be April 11, 2006 at 7:45 pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe and John West will prepare bid. Further discussion on the drain problem and if the town highway crew can fix correct it. (DPW will need to be contacted)

RESOLUTION #56: AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, 2nd by Mr. Shaw authorizing attendance to Adirondack Park Local Government Days Conference in Saranac Lake on March 23 and 24 to town officials, planning and zoning board members. All necessary expenses for same to be a lawful claim against the Town.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #57: APPOINT DONNA LAGOY AS TOWN HISTORIAN.

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to appoint Donna Lagoy as Town of Chester Town Historian. Starting date will be set by Supervisor Monroe. Paid training period will be determined with Phyllis Bogle, (retiring Town Historian).

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #58: APPOINT GEORGE DOUROS AS SUBSTITUTE BUILDING MONITOR.

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2nd by Mr.Packer to appoint George Douros, Chestertown, as substitute building monitor. Pay rate \$10.00 per hour. Duties would be to open and close town hall and monitor activities.

AYE 5 NO 0

Request to consider appointment of Pat Smith as alternate member of ZBA and Planning Board. Supervisor Monroe stated that Pat also serves as secretary to these boards. There has been times when it has been a problem to get a quorum for meetings - especially in the winter. Mr.Schachner will research to see if there is any conflict in the secretary also being an alternate member to these boards.

RESOLUTION #59: APPOINT PATRICIA SMITH AS ALTERNATE TO ZBA AND PLANNING BOARD.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer to appoint Patricia Smith as alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals and to the Planning Board, if found to be allowable by Mr.Schachner (attorney for the Town.)

AYE 5 NO 0

Kenneth Schwartz - claim for damage to his propeller at Loon Lake - Supervisor Monroe has submitted Mr.Schwartz's claim to the town insurance carrier. Tabled at this time. John will check on buoy.

RESOLUTION #60: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

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

General Fund	\$ 35,756.24	(66 -110)
Highway Fund	\$ 23,192.89	(24 - 50)
Chestertown water	\$ 1,099.27	(8 - 11)
Pottersville Water	\$ 796.42	(4 - 6)
Library	\$ 1,142.35	(13 - 17)

AYE 5 NO 0

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells the Town Board went into Executive session at 9:00pm to discuss job classification change for Brett Hitchcock. Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells Board resumed Regular session at 9:30pm. No action taken.

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

Town Clerk

