

**Preliminary Budget meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **November 8, 2007** at 7:00pm in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, New York.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Frank Shaw, Edna Wells, and Karen DuRose. Mike Packer - absent.

**Preliminary Budget review:** Supervisor Monroe opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm.

No one from the public was in attendance.

Review of budget notes. Supervisor Monroe stated that total increase from 2007 to 2008 is about 3.05%.

Supervisor Monroe closed the public hearing at 7:30pm.

Two changes will be made to the 2008 budget:

1. 2210.1 in General Fund Revenues - the amount of funding received from Town of Horicon for the Cooperative Assessing Agreement. Amount shown in proposed budget was based on increase that was requested. The Town of Chester's portion was based on the 4.1% increase. This amount (\$26,200) may need to be adjusted, when the correct amount has been determined from the Town of Horicon.

2. Reduce 7110.2 Equipment - Parks \$6,000

And increase 8160.1 Transfer Station \$6,000

**RESOLUTION #137: AUTHORIZE ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 WITH THE TWO CHANGES.**

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

WHEREAS, this Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2008, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Preliminary Budget, as amended and revised, and as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted, and that the several amounts stated in the column entitled Schedule A 1 (the amount listed for 1355.1 maybe adjusted upon receiving correct amount from Town of Horicon), Schedule DA 1, Schedule L, Schedule SF 1, and Schedule SW 1, be and they hereby are appropriated for objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages stated in Schedule 5 of such budget shall be and hereby are fixed at the amounts shown therein effective January 1, 2008.

AYE 4 NO 0

Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells Town Board went into Executive Session at 7:30pm to review assessor salary, transfer station vacancy, youth program director, and Redmond sign violation. Motion by Mr.Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose Town Board resumed regular session at 8:15 am. No action taken.

Supervisor Monroe will post the vacancy of the Transfer Station, as required.

Supervisor Monroe reported on Smart Growth Grant Application. DEC is offering this grant, with 1 million dollars being offered for in the

Adirondacks. Supervisor Monroe has been approached by different organizations to apply for this, with the Town of Chester being the applicant. No cost to the Town for being applicant. Adirondack North Country Association will be involved with the preparing of the grant information.

**RESOLUTION #138: TOWN OF CHESTER WILL BE APPLICANT FOR SMART GROWTH GRANT AVAILABLE THROUGH DEC.**

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Wells authorizing that the Town of Chester will be applicant for the Smart Growth Grant available through DEC. AYE 4 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe has set an informational meeting with town employees in regards to health insurance coverage. November 14 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Monroe said that all employees will have a say and non union does not have to go with what union does.

Motion by Mr. Shaw meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Town Clerk