

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held on **November 12, 2013** at 7:00 pm at the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, New York.

Roll Call: Edna Wells, Mike Packer, Frederick H. Monroe, Steve Durkish, and Karen DuRose. Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner.

RESOLUTION #168: ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3RD AND OCTOBER 8TH.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mrs. Wells, accept Minutes of the October 3rd and October 8th meetings, as presented.

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Bid opening. Bids were opened for the following:

- 1-8' Snow-Way Plow ~ Minimum bid \$300.
- 1-Wonder Wheel Blower ~ Minimum bid \$200.
- 1-Stihl Back Blower ~ Minimum bid \$75.

Bid received from Rob Dessormeau, Main Street Development:

- Snow Way Plow - \$325.
- Wonder Wheel Blower - \$225.
- Stihl Back Blower - \$90.

Bid received from John Little, with exception, on the Snow Plow \$175.

RESOLUTION #169: ACCEPT BID FROM MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, accept bids from Main Street Development, cash, money order, or certified check only.

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Privilege of the Floor.

Barbara Thomas, NW Chamber, stated that Paul Matson from Garnet Signs had offered to repaint the sign at the bottom of Dynamite Hill. The Chamber is producing a brochure, and wanted to add a picture of Will Jennings, Eagle Scout, next to the lean-to. The new sign would have a logo of a snowman with a bicycle propped in front of him. In one hand he holds a baseball, and in the other, a couple sticks of Dynamite. The sign would read: "Dynamite Hill Recreation Area, Town of Chester." Barbara also mentioned that they would like to improve the Rotary's sign, as it was showing up too "yellowish."

RESOLUTION #170: AUTHORIZE LOGO FOR DYNAMITE HILL & IMPROVEMENT TO ROTARY LOGO.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Monroe, authorize Logo for Dynamite Hill be used for the sign and the brochure for the Chamber, and make improvement to Rotary Logo.

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Mrs. Thomas added that Dynamite Hill is now 50 years old, and the

Chamber has formed a committee to work on a Golden Anniversary celebration. Some new activities are being planned for the fall for this year.

Old business:

Pellet boiler financing. Supervisor Monroe reported that he and Mr. Schachner have been working on this project, and would like to be able to have 15 years instead of 10, to pay for the loan. According to the Comptroller, the Local Finance Law is that we can only do it for 10. Mr. Monroe added that they had met with 2 engineering firms, one that had done a lot of work with pellet boilers, as well as our local engineer, Tom Suozzo, of Cedarwood Engineering. They are considering joining forces, with our local engineer doing the work on the pellet storage, etc., while also working with the engineers that are experienced with the pellet boiler itself.

Renovate. The Renovate application has been completed, and we are just waiting on the final report from the post treatment survey done by the Darrin Fresh Water Institute.

Streetlights. Discussion on location of the new streetlights, with Mr. Packer having studied the situation with Jason. The consensus is to go south of town to just the north end of Stephenson's driveway or to Buckman's. We would need State DOT permits, and Jason suggested that we extend the sidewalks first, laying the conduit, etc. and then installing the lamp bases to the sidewalk heights. By going south, they could use the power from here, and not have to do another power installation. Two streetlights could be installed north of the Town Hall, up to the stone wall. Jason will get DOT approvals. We should also look into putting a crosswalk at the south end of town.

NYSERDA. Mr. Monroe said that Edge Design and Solar Novar had approached him to inform him that NYSERDA had increased the amount of grant money available for Solar projects. By adding to what we already have, we can further decrease our utility expenses.

RESOLUTION #171: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN APPENDIX TO EXISTING CONTRACT FOR SOLAR PANELS.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize Supervisor to sign appendix to our existing contract to add more solar panels.

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New Business:

RESOLUTION #172: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR #2 FUEL, DIESEL AND KEROSENE; ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL CONTRACTS WITH CHAMBER, EMERGENCY SQUAD, FIRE DISTRICTS AND FIRE COMPANY; AND ADVERTISE BIDS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize

Clerk advertise for bids for #2 Fuel Oil, Diesel Fuel and Kerosene; authorize Clerk to advertise for public hearing on contracts with North Warren Chamber of Commerce, North Warren Emergency Squad, North Creek Fire District, Chestertown Fire District and Riverside Volunteer Fire Co., and authorize Clerk to advertise for bids for weekly senior citizen transportation.

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RESOLUTION #173: SET DATE FOR RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, set date for re-organizational meeting for January 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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Schroon Lake Watershed Management.

Supervisor Monroe stated that we had been asked to pass a resolution recognizing the Schroon Lake Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee as an Ad Hoc advisory committee with 2 members from each town and 2 members from each lake association.

RESOLUTION #174: TOWN OF CHESTER RECOGNIZES THE SCHROON LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE AS AN AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH 2 MEMBERS FROM EACH TOWN AND 2 MEMBERS FROM EACH LAKE ASSOCIATION.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Durkish, the Town of Chester recognizes the Schroon Lake Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee as an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee with 2 members from each town (Horicon, Chester and Schroon), and 2 members from each lake association (Schroon Lake Association and East Shore Schroon Lake Association).

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Grievance Day. There has been a request from Greg Klingler, Assessor, to change the Town of Chester Grievance Day to the first Tuesday in June. Now that we are sharing the Assessor with Warrensburg, there is a conflict with both towns holding their meeting on the fourth Tuesday in May. Since Warrensburg is doing all of the other administration, it is reasonable for the Town of Chester to change their meeting date, which must be done by Local Law.

RESOLUTION #175: AUTHORIZE CHANGE DATE OF GRIEVANCE DAY BY LOCAL LAW.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize changing the date of Grievance Day to the first Tuesday in June, to be done by adoption of a Local Law.

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Proposals for 2014 Milfoil program.

Waiting for a proposal for per day cost, and there is a question about paying prevailing wage rate.

Wells House.

Property is under contract for purchase, but prospective buyer is having continuing difficulties with the State Liquor Authority. The agency has been notified that prior owners had a liquor license, and now their controversy is that some of the paperwork shows the Wells House located on the Pottersville/Olmstedville Road, and another shows it on the Minerva Road. They are not sure it is the same place! Supervisor Monroe has been asked to contact Senator Little and get her involved. It was suggested that deeds to the property be investigated for clarity.

Bird Pond Road.

Discussion regarding a claim for car damage due to damaged pavement on Bird Pond Road. A couple other people have had flat tires on the road, and Jeff Konis had called the Highway Garage regarding a problem. Mr. Monroe stated that we can submit the claim to our insurance company, but that we do have a Local Law in place for prior written notice.

Bennett sand and gravel pit.

Highway Superintendent Jason Monroe and an engineer Tom Suozzo went to look at the pit, and Mr. Suozzo believes the estimate of 160,000 yards of product is accurate, and there is room for expansion. An estimate of cost for sand purchase was done based on \$6 per yard times 160,000 yards for an estimated cost of \$960,000. At \$299,000 purchase price for the property, after a period of 5 years, the sand would basically be free to the town. There would also be gravel available. Jason feels it would be the best thing for the town. The yield would be 2.31 tons per yard. Discussion ensued regarding an option conditional on being able to do test boring. It could be done for about \$4,850 and Jason told the owner that if the Town did not purchase it, they would at least share the test results with him so that he could share it with other prospective buyers. There is already an open pit permit in place that could be transferred to the Town, and MSHA training could be done on site. Mr. Monroe suggested a short executive session be held after the meeting regarding this project.

MOAS.

MOAS has requested collection of the bottles and cans from the landfill as a fundraising tool for their annual trip to Washington DC.

RESOLUTION #176: AUTHORIZE MOAS COLLECT BOTTLES AND CANS FROM RECYCLE CENTER.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Monroe, authorize MOAS (Model Organization of American States) collect bottles and cans from recycle center for same duration as last time to aid in their fund raising efforts, following collection by the Boy Scouts in November.

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RESOLUTION #177: APPROVE ABSTRACT AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, approve abstract and claims paid prior to audit:

General Fund	\$42,337.84	(478~526)
Highway Fund	\$38,682.80	(262~290)
C'Town Water	\$ 1,001.43	(45~50)
P'Ville Water	\$ 2,028.04	(45~47)
Loon Lk. Park Dist	\$43,459.70	(51~55)
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Chester Recreation Strategy Advisory Group.

Mr. Monroe explained that we have a grant to do recreation strategy, and he had met last week with Wayne LaMothe and the L.A. Group to brain storm. One of the requirements under the grant is to have an advisory group. Mr. Monroe thought that Steve Ovitt would be good and maybe some people from the Snowmobile Club and the Chamber. The LA Group would do most of the work, and then present it to the committee for feedback.

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, Board went into executive session to discuss the possible purchase of land for a sand and gravel pit, and discuss memo on the CSEA agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, board out of executive session at 8:35 pm.

RESOLUTION #178: AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN SEND PURCHASE OPTION TO MR. BENNETT FOR PURCHASE OF SAND AND GRAVEL PIT, WHICH COULD TAKE UP TO SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE, AND BE ABLE TO DRILL BORE HOLES FOR SAND.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner send purchase option to Mr. Bennett for purchase of sand and gravel pit, which could take up to six months to complete, and be able to do test boring for sand.

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On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Monroe, meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk