

**Special meeting** of the Town of Chester Town board was held on **November 7, 2013** at the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, New York. The purpose of the Special meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the 2014 proposed budget.

Roll Call: Edna Wells, Mike Packer, Frederick H. Monroe, Steve Durkish and Karen DuRose.

Supervisor Monroe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Before budget hearing, the Board agreed to discuss the Health Insurance agreement with the Union. The Union had dealt with the non-medicare retirees, and had agreed to CDCHP 25/25. The employee contribution will increase an additional \$20 per month, and the HRA will remain the same, and kept in place until the end of the contract in 2015.

**RESOLUTION #163: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH UNION.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Supervisor Monroe sign Memorandum of Agreement with the Union for Health Insurance, as discussed.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Budget hearing.**

Supervisor Monroe distributed information regarding the changes that were approved for the preliminary budget. Reason for the big changes were due to the huge bill that we had received from Lycott for work done in Loon Lake, which involved payroll for the Lake Steward's and Boat Wash attendants, as well as hiring Darrin Fresh Water Institute for the Post treatment survey, etc. As it stands, Loon Lake Park District has been increased another \$45,000, but the General Fund has been reduced \$22,000. Staying within the tax cap, combined General and Highway will be \$1.34 thousand, and County taxes should be less this year, as well. Any surplus that we have would either help us to stabilize taxes, or it can be used for some budget need to keep taxes level. It is also needed for cash flow purposes. By using \$10,000 from Occupancy tax for the Loon Lake Park district for the milfoil treatment, the total tax levy for the District would be decreased from \$114,375 to \$104,375. Highway paving could then be increased to \$210,000 for paving, instead of \$200,000.

Under the General Fund for the Assessor, the budget indicates \$25,000 revenue for the Assessor, which Mr. Monroe thought we would be getting from the town of Warrensburg under the coordinated assessment agreement. However, that is not the case. Therefore, \$25,000 would be removed from revenue, and be added to sales tax distribution, keeping the bottom line the same.

**RESOLUTION #164: APPROVE 2014 BUDGET WITH NOTED CHANGES.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, approve 2014

budget with noted changes of reduction in code A2210.1 by \$25,000, and increase of \$25,000 to code A1120.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Bird Pond Road.** Dave Tyrell had requested a 30 mph speed limit be posted on Bird Pond Road, now that it has been re-paved, complaining that traffic was going even faster than before. Highway Superintendent Monroe did not believe that it was warranted. John West will get the 911 addresses of the area where Mr. Tyrell has indicated the speed reduction should be, and the town will put in a request to the State DOT.

**RESOLUTION #165: AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON BIRD POND ROAD.**

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize request for a reduction in speed limit to 30 mph on Bird Pond Road for an area to be determined by specific 911 addresses.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Pot Holes.** Highway Superintendent Monroe explained that Darrin and Julie West had hit a pot hole on Bird Pond Road causing \$934 worth of damage to their vehicle, along with \$40 in damage from broken pavement, blowing 2 tires and bending 2 wheels on their vehicle. Supervisor Monroe stated that under the Prior Notice Local Law in place in the Town, the Town is not liable for damage due to defects in the Highway unless we have prior written notice regarding same. An invoice was presented to the Board, and the Supervisor will give it to the Attorney for the Town to review, and the Insurance company, liability to be determined.

**Bennett pit.** Highway Superintendent Monroe has been working with Tom Suozzo, Cedarwood Engineering, regarding the Bennett sand pit. Calculating the price of sand, projected over a 10 year period, of 160,000 yards at \$60 /yard will cost the town \$960,000. Mr. Bennett is asking \$299,000 for the property, and the Town would like to consider purchasing it, but would like to do borings to determine what product is, in fact, available. Any subsequent contract would be conditional on being able to do so.

**Highway truck.** Superintendent Monroe has gotten a quote from Western Star for a new dump truck. Cost for the truck and body is \$118,107. The dump body, plow and wing from Viking is \$67,571. This is a price that was from 2010, and they will still honor it. We have a 1995 truck that they will take in trade with an allowance of \$6500 bringing the price down from \$187,678 to \$179,178. The dump body, plow and wing would cost \$77,962 from Arrowhead). The total cost of \$179,178 is \$17,000 less than we paid in 2012. The truck itself is under State contract. NY Truck and Equipment has requested a letter of intent that after January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be purchasing a new truck.

**RESOLUTION #166: AUTHORIZE LETTER OF INTENT FOR TRUCK PURCHASE.**

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, have Supervisor write letter of intent for a new truck to send to NY Truck & Equipment.

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**Recycling.** John West asked Supervisor to sign contract with JGS Recycling and Hauling, 26 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Waterford, NY, 12188 for taking our recyclables for free. They will also take all of our electronics for free.

**RESOLUTION #167: SIGN CONTRACT WITH JGS RECYCLING AND HAULING.**

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize Supervisor sign contract with JGS Recycling & Hauling to pick up our recyclables and electronics for free.

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On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk