



Town Board

Regular Meetings

July 9, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Chester convened at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York, at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Craig Leggett, Karen DuRose, Mike Packer, Larry Turcotte, Steve Durkish, Deputy Supervisor Marion Eagan and Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner.

Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Larry Turcotte leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION NO. 124 OF 2019: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2019

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 11, 2019 as presented.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 124 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Public Hearing:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Public Hearing for comments on the improvements and needs for the Hamlet of Pottersville Public Water System and Submission of the Community Development Block Grant Application administered by NYS Office of Community Renewal for an amount of \$750,000 at 7:02 pm by introducing Wayne LaMothe, Warren County Director.

Mr. LaMothe said this was a required Public Hearing and he handed out to the Board Members a copy of the applicable Rules and Regulations. Wayne state that the Town has complied with the requirements for the Public Hearing at least upon his review, times of Public Hearing Notice, locations of the Notice, and used the boiler plate language for the Notice. Wayne confirmed with the grantor agency that the survey conducted last year is still eligible. The minimum requirement is that 51% of the people must fall below a certain income level established by HUD. Wayne believes that the survey showed Pottersville Water District at 72% which means that the same survey process is used for Rural Development and for the Environmental Facilities Corporation. Wayne pointed out that there is a statutory limitation of \$750,000 which is what the County will prepare the application for and the application must be submitted by 4 pm on Friday, July 26th by an online submission. In the packet give to the Board Wayne pointed out that there are different types of funding allocations that are available and this will be going under Public Infrastructures. There is 20 million dollars available in the program so it is a competitive program. More than likely they will probably only be able to find 1/3 of the applications based on the number of submittals they will receive. The proposed activities are from the end of the line on County Route 19 (Olmstedville Road) down past the Wells House. This came to light in 2015 we secured funding to do an assessment of both the Chestertown and Pottersville Water Districts. This was one of the recommendations from the Pottersville Study, to replace the old pipe. Through a different grant program we have been working on the Pottersville Well House, so this is a natural tie in. Wayne asked if there were any questions.

Supervisor Leggett asked when the Town would know and when would we be able to start. Wayne replied that it would probably fall right before elections and if the application is successful there will be a letter, Notice of Funding Award, which would start the date that expenses could be incurred against the grant. Wayne recommended waiting for a contract before work is started because it may spell out special conditions that if you don't comply with those anything you spend may not be eligible. From the date of the Funding Award letter you have two (2) years to complete the project, if you need an extension you could probably get one for one (1) year but you need extenuating circumstances. The County will provide administrative assistance and hopefully we can secure some funding.

Rick Bump asked if it would go up to Landon Hill Road. Wayne replied no, it would stop by the Black Bear at Valley Farm Road. Wayne commented that from the Wells House up Route 9 to Glendale was new ten (10) years ago along with new pipe from the well house to the end of Gambles Beach Road. Rick asked if the Town could get an estimate from the Wells House to the Pottersville Water Tank on Landon Hill to see how much the extra cost would be. Wayne said one of his first projects when he came to the County thirty-eight (38) years ago was the Landon Hill Tank, so from that tank down to Route 9 is new pipe. High-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe will be use for the grant project and will be bid out.

Supervisor Leggett closed the Public Hearing for comments on the improvements and needs for the Hamlet of Pottersville Public Water System and Submission of the Community Development Block Grant Application administered by NYS Office of Community Renewal for an amount of \$750,000 at 7:15 pm.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Leggett opened Committee Reports at 7:15 pm.

Town Clerk reported the following documents were emailed to all Board Members:

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers dated July 9, 2019
- Town Board Minutes for June 11, 2019
- Zoning Administrator Activity Report for June 2019
- Planning Board Minutes for June 17 and 27, 2019
- Zoning Board Minutes for May 28 and June 25, 2019
- Zoning Enforcement Officer Report for June 2019
- Assessor's Report for July 2019
- Animal Control Monthly Report for June 2019
- Town Clerk Monthly Report for June 2019
- Town Court Report dated July 9, 2019
- North Warren EMS Report dated July 9, 2019
- Friends of the Library Summer 2019 Newsletter
- Tri-Lakes Business Association Minutes for June 14, 2019
- Bathing Beach Inspection Summary Report for the Loon Lake Park District Beach
- Letter from the APA in reference to the Strutton Septic Variance Application #SV2019-02 stating that no further Agency review is required

Mrs. DuRose reported that she attended the Loon Lake Park District Association Meeting with Craig and it was very well done.

Supervisor Leggett reported the following:

- The updated the dock survey is done but have not tabulated anything.
- Chestertown Water District Tank has been painted.
- Attended the YMCA Annual Meeting with Counsel Woman DuRose at the Highland, they were very appreciative on what the Town has provided them with the Wellness Center.
- Ferris Road was paved today and the on to Maple Lane and Panther Mountain. Later this month they will mill Riverside Drive, from the bank to the big chicken.
- Touched base with Kevin Hajos, from Warren County DPW, Landon Hill Road, from William Hill to the light is on the books for getting paved. Olmstedville Road to the County Line is still on if they have time and money for a top coat.
- New well at the beach.
- Pottersville sidewalks have been put in place and Jason Monroe, Highway Superintendent will add the striping and Warren County will produce the signs.
- Spoke to State DOT about the knot weed next to the Black Bear and they stated it was on their list to do.

- With the big storm a few weeks ago where we got over three (3) inches of rain the culver going under the causeway at Loon Lake plugged up. Lance Cleveland and Craig were able to unplug it to get the water off the road.
- When to the opening of Frontier Town.
- Adirondack Foundation Grant awarded the Town \$1,000 to buy equipment for the gym. Thank you Marion.
- Received a price of \$3,550.00 from Garnet Signs for a Pottersville Welcome sign on Route 9.
- We have people interested in the theater lighting.

Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Leggett opened Privilege of the Floor at 7:26 pm by introducing Tom Thorsen, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer to speak about the implementation of the Property Maintenance Local Law (Local Law No. 1 of 2019).

Tom Thorsen said that the new Property Maintenance Law is for junk, abandoned buildings, poorly maintained properties and general blight that have grown into problem. In general, under the new Law, enforcement has two options if voluntary compliance is not achievable, civil or judicial enforcement. In civil enforcement under this Law the violation is brought to the Town Board where they can decide to arrange for the clean up and bill the owner for the costs. If the payment is not made to the Town, it will be added to the County Tax Bill for the property. In judicial enforcement the problem is brought to the court where clean up could be enforced and additional fines and penalties are possible. Please know that potential violators will not be dragged into court or dragged into the Board right away. There is ample time for them to discuss, argue or barter. We want to gain compliance in the best easiest way possible. Some of the important considerations here are that one person's junk is another's treasure and that much of the problem has been around long enough to be considered acceptable. Unfortunately, its very acceptable too often. We have like all community situations that we don't like, which again is in the eye of the beholder, all the way up to some serious health and safety hazards. For that reason, we need to go a step further and reach out to the community as a whole to develop a momentum of personal and community pride. We have four (4) basic segments of our population that can each contribute to creating momentum:

1. Individuals would provide the grass roots effort.
2. The Business Community could provide a source for distribution of information as well as leadership in making their business attractive and clean to visit.
3. Then we a great number of Community Organizations that can provide volunteers, create literature, and creative concepts or new ideas on way to solve some of these problems that will educate and motivate everyone else.
4. The last one is our government which has the ability to do much more than just enforcement. We need to look for ways in which we could make it easier for people and especially those who have limited abilities of resources for doing what needs to be done.

One example would be the possibility of a cleanup day, which others have suggested. Tom asked if there were any questions that he could answer.

Roger Peet asked if this was in place now. Tom replied this is enforceable now. Roger asked if it was approved by the Board. Supervisor Leggett said it was at last month's Town Board Meeting. Roger commented that it sounds very threatening. Tom said that it is really not going to be threatening. Someone asked who decides what's junk and what's treasure? Tom said we are really going to be cautious on that, if someone has a real mess, parts, lawn mowers that don't work, cars that are unlicensed in their yards. If someone has decorated their yard or house in a way that I don't think is good that's not going to have any barring at all. Someone asked about the bicycles at Dynamite Hill. Is that junk or decoration? Tom replied that in his mind that is decoration, whether I like it or I don't like it, it is decoration. Doug Peet said there are a lot of people struggling in this area. Tom commented that we are going to take that into consideration moving forward. This is not something that we are going to shove

down somebody's throat. Supervisor Leggett said that this was all prompted from residence of the community and it wasn't necessarily transplants that come up here that got things started and rolling on it and the Town Board picked up the ball from community input, by saying what you are going to do about this. Doug said he drives all over this community and others and there are a lot of poor people with stuff in their yards. Tom said we are not going to pick on them. Right now Tom said he has a backlog of about 50 to 100 different places that he could go to but he will not be able to reach all of them at once, it will take time and he will be getting this going.

Supervisor Leggett asked if there were any more questions for Tom. Hearing none, he thanked Tom.

Supervisor Leggett introduced Harry Brundage with the VFW. Mr. Brundage, Commander of the Glendale Post 5513, said that he would like to institute the Hometown Heroes Program. This would be to recognize and honor residents and their families who served or are serving the United States Armed Services. It has nothing to do with the VFW or the American Legion, it is strictly veterans. As long as you are honorably discharged on your DD-214 and show proof that you are a resident of the Town can fill out an application. There will be a five (5) member review board. The program is not political and non partisan and is intended to serve as a living memorial to those serve men and women from the Town of Chester and Horicon. Banners will be 20" x 60" and families will be asked to sponsor the banners and brackets for \$225. This is strictly voluntary. Ticonderoga already has the program in place and we have taken a lot of info from them. The Sun will be having a home interest story about this. Harry asked the Town if it would be appropriate to start the banner here in Chestertown and in Pottersville. Supervisor Leggett said that the banners could go up around Columbus Day until around Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Leggett asked if the Board had any questions for Harry. Supervisor Leggett said he reached out to the Attorney for the Town to see what permissions were needed. The Attorney for the Town said a written description of the activity and a resolution would be appropriate.

Supervisor Leggett asked the Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner what is the jurisdiction over the utility poles. Mr. Schachner asked if he was referring to poles that the Town owns. Supervisor Leggett said the poles that we have banners on now and he would not say that we own them. Mr. Schachner asked if they were National Grid and if so it would be appropriate to get permission from National Grid if they are their poles.

RESOLUTION NO. 125 OF 2019: SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE VFW WITH THEIR 'HOMETOWN HEROES' BANNER PROJECT AND APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF BANNERS UPON UTILITY POLES WITHIN THE HAMLETS OF CHESTERTOWN AND POTTERSVILLE, ON POLES APPROVED BY NATIONAL GRID AND THE TOWN OF CHESTER WILL PUT UP AND TAKE DOWN THE BANNERS FOR THE VFW IN CELEBRATION OF VETERANS DAY AND IN A PERIOD BETWEEN COLUMBUS DAY TO THANKSGIVING.

WHEREAS, the VFW Post #5513 proposes a "Hometown Heroes" project whereby the VFW promotes and provides funding for the purchase of banners and banner brackets to be placed on utility poles in the hamlets of Chestertown and Pottersville,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board supports the efforts of the VFW with their 'Hometown Heroes' banner project and approves for the placement of banners upon utility poles within the hamlets of Chestertown and Pottersville, on poles approved by National Grid, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Chester will put up and take down the banners for the VFW in celebration of Veterans Day and in a period between Columbus Day to Thanksgiving.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Resolution No. 125 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Supervisor Leggett introduced Ava Ashendorff regarding a senior center. Ava started out by saying because of her particular problems that she has everything hurts and stops her from doing a lot of things

she like to do. She said she has a lot of time to think about it and we need a senior center in Chestertown. Ava would like to request permission from the Town to start an exploratory committee and if there were any volunteers to be on the committee. Ava will leave a folder with the Town Clerk for people to sign up for the committee. Supervisor Leggett asked Ava to come tonight to take the lead. Linda Taverni commented that it is hard to get people to come out at night. Supervisor Leggett thanked Ava and said the Town would do what the can.

Rick Bump thanked the Board for the work they did up at the playground and the lights and all the men who did the work on the sidewalks.

Roger Peet said he was there because of Mr. Thorsen's letters that seem very threatening to him and that Pottersville Garage does a lot for the community and the Town should be pushing to have more businesses. Tom Thorsen commented that he does not mean to be threatening. He has not gotten one reply. Roger said they have gotten rid of over forty (40) cars and have donated cars for training. Doug Peet asked how the Town follows up. Mrs. DuRose agrees with Roger that he does a lot for the community and for Pottersville. Doug asked about an unregistered car for a project. Tom said you are allowed one.

Supervisor Leggett closed Privilege of the Floor at 7:42 pm.

New Business:

Supervisor Leggett opened New Business at 7:42 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 126 OF 2019: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF WARREN-HAMILTON COUNTIES' OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2020

WHEREAS, Warren County is authorized to contract with public, private, nonprofit and voluntary agencies to provide service for the Warren-Hamilton Counties' Office for the Aging, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester is capable of assisting the County in fulfilling the responsibility to operate and maintain programs and services for the elderly pursuant to Warren County Local Law No. 1 of 1973, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester has provided and continues to provide for transportation services for eligible seniors from their homes to various locations in Glens Falls and Queensbury each week, and

WHEREAS, Warren County has provided an AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN acting for and on behalf of WARREN-HAMILTON COUNTIES' OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND TOWN OF CHESTER describing duties and obligations of the Town for providing transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the Town has contracted with Warren-Hamilton Community to provide transportation services and has budgeted \$10,900 (budget code A6772.4) for the service, and

WHEREAS, the County will reimburse the Town up to \$3771 (budget code A2351) for providing transportation services according to the AGREEMENT from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign the AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WARREN acting for and on behalf of WARREN-HAMILTON COUNTIES' OFFICE FOR THE AGING AND TOWN OF CHESTER for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 126 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 127 OF 2019: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO HAVE BID DOCUMENTS FOR TRASH COMPACTOR REPLACEMENT PREPARED IN ANTICIPATION OF PUTTING THE WORK OUT TO BID AT THE AUGUST 13, 2019 TOWN BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester established a Trash Compactor Capital Reserve fund in 2016 in anticipation of replacing the aging trash compactor at the Transfer Station, and
WHEREAS, the Trash Compactor Capital Reserve fund has a balance of more than \$80,000,
BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to have bid documents for trash compactor replacement prepared in anticipation of putting the work out to bid at the August 13, 2019 Town Board meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Resolution No. 127 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 128 OF 2019: TOWN OF CHESTER REAPPOINTS GREG KLINGLER AS SOLE ASSESSOR FOR A 6 YEAR TERM STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND THE TOWN OF CHESTER WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE THE SERVICES COST OF SOLE ASSESSOR WITH THE TOWN OF WARRENSBURG, AS COVERED IN A SEPARATE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDED FOR IN BUDGET CODE A1355.4.

WHEREAS, the Assessor is an appointed position with a 6 year term ending December 31, 2019, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Chester has found it beneficial to contract with the Town of Warrensburg to share the services of an Assessor, and

WHEREAS, Warrensburg has reappointed Greg Klingler as their sole Assessor for a 6 year term starting January 1, 2020,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Chester reappoints Greg Klingler as sole Assessor for a 6 year term starting January 1, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Chester will continue to share the services cost of sole Assessor with the Town of Warrensburg, as covered in a separate agreement and provided for in budget code A1355.4.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Resolution No. 128 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 129 OF 2019: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A LOCAL PRESENTER CONTRACT WITH THE SEAGLE MUSIC COLONY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500 TO BE PAID FROM BUDGET CODE A7310.4

WHEREAS, the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission engages the Seagle Music Colony to provide one performance of Monkey & Francine in the City of Tigers on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at the Chester Municipal Center at 10:30 AM for the sum of \$500,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a Local Presenter Contract with the Seagle Music Colony for an amount not to exceed \$500 to be paid from budget code A7310.4

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 129 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Loon Lake Dam:

Mrs. DuRose asked if they had talked about sharing the cost of the dam with the Loon Lake Park District. Supervisor Leggett replied that they did which is part of the reason they are looking for grant funding.

Mr. Turcotte asked if we needed an engineering design first. Supervisor Leggett said correct and asked Marion Eagan to give an update on available grants. Marion reported that next year FEMA will be authorizing funding for dam rehabilitation. Mrs. DuRose asked what would happen if we don't get a funding because that is a lot of money. Craig said there is bonding and bake sales. Marion said there are other grants out there. Craig said the in 2015 DEC did a dam report and to be in compliance because it is a Class C, High Hazard Dam we need to make steady progress on rehabilitation.

RESOLUTION NO. 130 OF 2019: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH GZA GEO ENVIRONMENTAL/CIVIL DYNAMICS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR LOON LAKE DAM REHABILITATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$99,860 AND NO MORE THAN \$3,500 FOR 2019 FROM BUDGET CODE SP7110.2

WHEREAS, Town Board Resolution No. 47 of 2019 directed GZA/Civil Dynamics to proceed with construction and cost analysis of Recommended Alternative B1, according to their Preliminary Alternative Analysis for the Rehabilitation of Loon Lake Dam, and

WHEREAS, GAA/Civil Dynamics has submitted an updated Alternative Analysis Summary Report dated May 10, 2019 with preliminary cost estimates of \$440,000 for construction and \$95,000 for the design and permitting phase of the rehabilitation and updated proposal from July 8, 2019,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with GZA Geo Environmental/Civil Dynamics for engineering design work for Loon Lake dam rehabilitation for a sum not to exceed \$99,860 and no more than \$3,500 for 2019 from budget code SP7110.2, when in a form acceptable to the Attorney for the Town.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 130 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2019: APPOINT TOM SLIVA TO A FIVE YEAR TERM ON THE TOWN OF CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BEGINNING JULY 01, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, Tom Sliva has finished an unexpired term (held by Al Muench) on the Town of Chester Public Library Board of Trustees as of June 30, 2019 and is able to begin his own five-year term as of July 01, 2019,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board appoints Tom Sliva to a five year term on the Town of Chester Public Library Board of Trustees beginning July 01, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 and instructs him to take an oath of office at the Town Clerk's office within thirty days of appointment.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 131 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Climate Smart:

Supervisor Leggett said the next step in the process for a Climate Smart Community requires the Town to establish a Climate Smart Community Task Force of relevant stakeholders for a term beginning at appointment and ending December 31, 2021. Craig asked the Board if anyone was interested. Mrs. DuRose said she would think about it. Marion said that the Task Force would pick out a project and complete it. Mindy and Marion said they would like to be on the Task Force.

Septic Variance Application (#SV2019-03):

Supervisor Leggett introduced Tom Hutchins from Hutchins Engineering who is representing Thomas Loonie & Amy Wen for a property located at 68 Birchwood Drive, which is seven tenths of an acre parcel. They have asked the APA to identify the jurisdiction wetlands and there is a sizable amount as shown on the map presented. The proposed waste water system that will be located seventy-one feet from the wetlands and it has gone to the APA in a jurisdictional inquiry form. Supervisor Leggett asked if there was a topo on the original lot. Tom replied that the slope is 8% in the area where the test hole was done. Tom reported that they had the APA on site and they brought their soil scientist. Craig asked if they own the neighboring property. Mr. Hutchins replied yes they do and they have been separate lots since before APA days. Supervisor Leggett asked the Board if they had any questions about the completeness of the application.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2019: DEEM SEPTIC VARIANCE APPLICATION #SV2019-03 FOR THOMAS LOONIE AND AMY WEN AT 68 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE, CHESTERTOWN, NEW YORK TO BE COMPLETE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 7 PM AT THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AND IS REFERRED TO CEDARWOOD ENGINEERING FOR REVIEW ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH WITH THE COST OF REVIEW TO BE BORNE BY THE APPLICANT

WHEREAS, Hutchins Engineering has submitted a septic variance application (#SV2019-03) for Thomas Loonie & Amy Wen for a property located at 68 Birchwood Drive, Tax Map #: 86.13-2-19, and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, has reviewed the septic variance application and is satisfied with its completeness,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, deems septic variance application SV2019-03 for Thomas Loonie and Amy Wen at 68 Birchwood Drive, Chestertown, NY to be complete, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as a Local Board of Health, sets a Public Hearing for #SV2019-03 on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7 pm at the regular Town Board meeting and instructs the Town Clerk to notice the public hearing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Loonie and Wen Septic Variance Application #SV2019-03 is referred to Cedarwood Engineering for review on behalf of the Local Board of Health with the cost of review to be borne by the applicant.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Resolution No. 132 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.
Mr. Turcotte recused himself. AYE 4 NO 0

Public Sewer System:

Mr. Turcotte said that he has heard a lot of comments from the public about Town sewer in the Town of Chester. They are very expensive, both on the installation and the maintenance, but he thinks we owe it to the public to at least search and basically the first step of the project is to have the engineer for the Town do a feasibility study. This would identify a particular area of where the sewer district would be and the approximate cost for the installation and maintenance. Many of the things people are asking for in Town require septic systems, which there is not enough land for the lots in Town to put the appropriate size septic system that you need for these items that are on the punch list that people have responded they want in the Chamber survey. If you want a laundry mat, car wash or bakery you need to have a DEC or DOH compliant waste water system and they are large and there just isn't the space. Mr. Packer asked if they had done a study before. Mrs. DuRose replied they had and there were not enough places interested in having a public sewer system. Supervisor Leggett said he had something from Cedarwood from January 23, 2017 about a Chestertown map, plan and report estimate. They had a price of \$34,200 for phase 1, the feasibility. Craig spoke to Cedarwood to look more specifically toward the commercial users. It would be a matching grant where we provide twenty- five percent match to seventy-five percent of grant funding for this. The Attorney for the Town said that the map, plan and report will give the options for ways to set up the district along with prices. Craig commented that the cost for Cedarwood to pull together an application for the grant to do a further study is \$1,500. Mr. Durkish said he would like to see the Town move forward and the sewer would be the cost of doing business and if we want to grow Chestertown on a responsible way we should at least get some numbers. Karen asked about the hamlet of Pottersville. Craig said there is no call for it yet.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2019: AUTHORIZE CEDARWOOD ENGINEERING TO APPLY FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT THROUGH THE CFA PROCESS FOR A GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000 AND FOR A COST TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500 AND TO BE PAID FROM BUDGET CODE A8510.42

WHEREAS, the lack of a public sewer system for the hamlet of Chestertown has been identified as a limiting factor in for future commercial development, as noted in the Town's Economic Development Initiative meetings and in various reports and studies through the years, and

WHEREAS, there is Consolidated Funding Application grant funding available to produce a feasibility study for the creation of a limited public sewer system to service the core business district of the hamlet of Chestertown,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes Cedarwood Engineering to apply for a feasibility study grant through the CFA process for a grant amount not to exceed \$30,000 and for a cost to prepare and submit the grant application not to exceed \$1,500 and to be paid from budget code A8510.42.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 133 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.
AYE 5 NO 0

Short Term Rentals:

Supervisor Leggett presented the Board with a copy of the Town of Warrensburg's Local Law pertaining to short term rentals. Craig said the overall concern is to make sure that building and fire codes are in place for these buildings as well as parking, garbage and contact information in case of emergency. Mr. Turcotte asked the Attorney for the Town if he had any good or bad interactions with short term rental local laws. Mr. Schachner replied that so far they have been utilized reasonably effectively is there impression. Craig stated that Countywide the Board of Supervisors has modified the occupancy tax to include short term rentals. The County Treasurer is working with the County Attorney to come up with contracts with the short term rental services to be able to collect occupancy tax. Arnold Jensen said this should really be taken seriously. Craig asked the Board to review the Law from Warrensburg for discussion at the next meeting.

Mrs. DuRose asked if the MOA was signed for the CSEA Contract and if she could have a copy. Supervisor Leggett replied yes to both.

Karen asked about the property on Starbuck Hill Road. She received another phone call. Tom Thorsen said her was looking into it. Lauren Pereau said it was a State Right of Way and recommended calling the State. Karen asked if the State would come and remove the brush. The Attorney for the Town said that if it is State property or right of way then that would be the right avenue to take. Mr. Schachner said he is not hearing that this is a Town issue or responsibility.

Mrs. DuRose asked about Section 9.05 of the proposed Zoning Local Law. Supervisor Leggett said that he would like to have a special meeting to hear comments. Craig said that after the APA has their official review there will be another public hearing. Mr. Schachner said there is a required public hearing after the APA has their official review to approve the proposed amendments.

RESOLUTION NO. 134 OF 2019: SCHEDULE A SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019 AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN OF CHESTER MUNICIPAL CENTER, 6307 STATE ROUTE 9, CHESTERTOWN, NEW YORK TO HEAR COMMENTS ON THE ZONING LOCAL LAW REVISIONS

RESOLVED, to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York to hear comments on the Zoning Local Law Revisions and any other business that may come before the Board.

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 134 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 135 OF 2019: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the Abstract of Claims accounting requirements:

2019	
General A	\$154,875.18
Highway DA	\$86,813.83
Library L	\$1,551.95
Loon Lake Park District SP	\$16,952.54
Chestertown Water SW1	\$70,678.35
Pottersville Water SW2	\$11,189.97
Schroon Lake Park District SX	\$375.00
Other TA	\$1,736.20
Total	\$344,173.02

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 135 of 2019 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, the Board went into Executive Session at 9:08 pm to discuss the medical, financial or employment history of a particular person. (ss105.f. Conduct of executive sessions).

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, the Board exited Executive Session at 9:26 pm.
No Action taken.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Durkish, meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk