



**Town Board
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2021**

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, Chris Aiken and Deputy Supervisor Marion Eagan.

Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:01 pm by Councilman Aiken leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for Septic Variance #SV2021-02 Strait:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Public Hearing with the Town Board acting as the Local Board of Health in the matter of Douglas Strait **Septic System Variance #SV2021-02**, for property located at 49 Clarkson Road, Chestertown, New York, Tax Map #86.19-1-60 at 7:01 pm.

Supervisor Leggett asked the public if there was anyone who would like to speak on this matter.

Bret Winchip, representing Douglas Strait for the replacement of his wastewater system on Clarkson Road said they are asking for one variance, slope variance of 22% where 15% is required. This is the only logical place for the system; it meets all setbacks to lakes and wells. The only other place would be in the middle of their driveway.

Supervisor Leggett asked if there were any questions from the public.

Hearing none, Supervisor Leggett closed the Public Hearing on **Septic Variance #SV2021-02** at 7:02 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2021: ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 13, 2021

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting April 13, 2021, as presented. On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 79 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisor Leggett opened Committee Reports at 7:03 pm.

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

- Town Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting April 13, 2021
- Abstract No. 5 by department
- Zoning Administrator Activity Report for April 2021
- Planning Board Minutes for April 19, 2021
- Assessors Report for May 2021
- Animal Control Report April 2021

- Town Clerk Monthly Report for April 2021
- Communications Report for May 2021
- Chester Town Court Report dated May 3, 2021
- Transfer Station Vehicle Report for April 12 – May 9, 2021
- Youth Commission Report for April 2021
- Loon Lake Park District Association Summer 2021 Newsletter
- Copy of Warren County Connection for May 2021
- Letter from the Planning Board requesting the 1st Monday of the Month for Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and the 3rd Monday of the Month for Planning Board Meetings
- Card from Joel Kristin thanking Jeremy Little for his professionalism
- Letter from George and Theresa Stannard requesting a portion of Fish Hollow Road be changed to Hudson Hollow Road for 911

Town Board Reports:

Mr. Aiken reported that he attended several meetings with the Youth Commission and will discuss more later in the meeting, stopped at the Boat Launch which seems to be well under control, they mentioned people wanting to launch kayaks without paying the \$10 fee.

Mr. Packer is still working with National Grid on street lighting, but nothing to report. Supervisor Leggett commented that the one of the Schroon Lake Park Commissioners had contacted him about getting a street light on the pole next to the driveway at the Schroon Lake Dam, and their insurance company would like to have a light there.

Mrs. DuRose reported that she attended the Planning Board Meeting, the ZBA Meeting, and the Library Board Meetings and also spoke with residents about the boat launch fees. The main issue that she heard was lack of publication. She also had complaints about lack of Zoning Enforcement in Pottersville on Agard Road and Stone Bridge Road. Karen said there were also people questioning her about when we were going to open the Municipal Center fully but to keep the Covid standards up. Supervisor Leggett replied that we are open. Karen said that they want to come in freely as before and sit and wait in line and not have to call for an appointment. Supervisor Leggett commented that you can still pretty much walk in; we do want to do appointment because you don't want people lining up. There are a lot of people not making appointments and just coming in. The Town Clerk commented that most people are just stopping in and she still recommends making an appointment to see Jeremy in the Zoning Office only because of the length of time he spends with each applicant. Supervisor Leggett said the main thing is about contact tracing. The main thing is that we have the big band practicing Tuesday nights, line dancing Wednesday nights; pickle ball during the day, and the Senior Center is open. Mrs. DuRose said she had spoken to Amy in the Food Pantry and everything is going really well there.

Supervisor Leggett reported the following:

- Moment for Norine Shaw, former Town Clerk who passed away in Florida
- Loon Lake Dam application is being worked on
- Loon Lake Bathhouse Water System is being worked on by Cedarwood Engineering

- Loon Lake Boat Launch is open and Wednesday the LLPDA sent out their newsletter explaining the fees

Mark Schachner, Attorney for the Town, joined the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Supervisor Leggett continued with his report:

- Pottersville Wellhouse
- Pottersville Playground equipment will be ordered after we obtain a swing price
- Pottersville Welcome Sign needs a resolution
- Transfer Station Data
- Transfer Station Scales need to go into a bid packet
- Friends Lake APCD access is going back and forth between the landowners and our Lawyers
- Marshall Fish Road land transfer, Mr. Schachner commented that there will be a number of steps that will need to be taken.
- Youth Commission Meetings
- Attended NYSAC Meeting, Inter County meeting, NACO Meeting
- Memorial Day Parade is coming up
- Attended Planning Board and Zoning Board Meetings
- Schroon Lake Park District discussion with Commissioner about water levels

Supervisor Leggett closed Committee Reports at 7:18 pm.

Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Leggett opened Privilege of the Floor at 7:18 pm asking if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak.

Hearing none, Supervisor Leggett closed Privilege of the Floor at 7:18 pm.

New Business:

Supervisor Leggett opened New Business at 7:19 pm.

Septic Variance #SV2021-02 Strait:

Bret Winchip said they were requesting a slope variance request of 22%. Code is 15% and this slope is 37%.

RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2021: APPROVE SEPTIC VARIANCE #SV2021-02 FOR A REPLACEMENT SEPTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM. PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 49 CLARKSON ROAD, CHESTERTOWN IDENTIFIED BY TAX MAP PARCEL # 86.19-1-60

WHEREAS, the Town Board acting as the Local Board of Health has received a completed application and has held a public hearing on May 11, 2021 regarding the Septic Variance #SV2021-02 for Douglas A. Strait, 49 Clarkson Road, Chestertown identified by Tax Map #: 86.19-1-60, and

WHEREAS, according to Section 5.060 -Variances of the Town of Chester On-Site Wastewater Treatment Local Law the Local Board of Health may vary or adapt the strict application of any

of the requirements of this Ordinance in the case whereby such strict application would result in unnecessary hardship that would deprive the owner of the reasonable use of the land involved, and

WHEREAS, no variance in the strict application of any provision of the Ordinance shall be granted by the Local Board of Health unless it shall find the following criteria applicable:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Local Board of Health finds that:

- a) That there are special circumstances or conditions applying to such land and that such circumstances or conditions are such that strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of such land and these circumstances are 1) size of lot, 2) topography of the lot, and 3) access to the lot by machinery;
- b) That the variance is not materially detrimental to the purposes and objectives of this Ordinance, or to other adjoining properties, or otherwise conflict with the purpose or objectives of any plan or policy of the Town and the proposed system is an improvement over the existing system;
- c) That the granting of the variance is necessary for the reasonable use of the land and that the variance, as granted by the Local Board of Health, is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specific unnecessary hardship found by the Local Board of Health to affect the applicant;
- d) The replacement septic wastewater treatment system for Douglas A. Strait, 49 Clarkson Road, Chestertown identified by Tax Map #: 86.19-1-60 as designed and presented by Bret Winchip, Winchip Engineering (Site Plan dated 03-23-2021) to be the minimum allowable variance to the Town's On-Site Wastewater Treatment Local Law based on site conditions, lot size, and potential impact to adjacent private property and common natural resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Local Board of Health grants variance for 22% slope for 37% grade, where the code requires 15%.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 80 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Septic Variance #SV2021-03 Kelly:

Supervisor Leggett introduced Bret Winchip, representing Joseph and Andrea Kelly for a property located at 23 Cunningham Loop, Chestertown Tax Map #: 121.6-1-3.

Bret Winchip said the Kelly's have a failed system that has caved in and there are several existing nonconformities. The first one is the existing system to the well requires 150 ft separation and it is 47.9 ft away, second the system to the house requires 20 ft and the existing distance is 10ft, third the existing system requires the knee high water of the brook and wetlands is 90.8 ft where 100 ft is required. They are requesting to replace this system with a bed system, which will eliminate the knee high water nonconformity.

Supervisor Leggett recused himself, turned the meeting over to Deputy Supervisor Eagan and left the room.

Deputy Supervisor asked if there were any more questions.

Mrs. DuRose asked if the road was maintained by the Town.

Deputy Supervisor Eagan commented that the Town maintains the road.

Mrs. DuRose asked how you measure from the septic to the well, is it a straight line. Mr. Winchip said straight line survey, not around corners.

Bret stated that Jeremy Little made a comment about the one perc test not being in the bed area and Bret said he would bring it to the Town Board to see if they wanted one additional perc test.

RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2021: DEEM SEPTIC VARIANCE APPLICATION #SV2021-03 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23 CUNNINGHAM LOOP, CHESTERTOWN, NEW YORK, TAX MAP #: 121.6-1-3 TO BE COMPLETE AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 08, 2021 AT 7 PM

WHEREAS, Winchip Engineering has submitted a Septic Variance Application (#SV2021-03) for Joseph and Andrea Kelly for a property located at 23 Cunningham Loop, Chestertown, New York, Tax Map #: 121.6-1-3, 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 #SV2021-03 for Joseph and Andrea Kelly for a property located at 23 Cunningham Loop, Chestertown, New York, Tax Map #: 121.6-1-3 to be complete, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, sets a Public Hearing for #SV2021-03 on Tuesday, June 08, 2021 at 7 pm at a Regular Town Board Meeting and directs the Town Clerk to notice the public hearing in the Post Star Newspaper.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 81 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 3 NO 0
Supervisor Leggett - Recued

Supervisor Leggett returned to the meeting at 7:37 pm

Fish Hollow Road:

Supervisor Leggett said we have received a letter from George and Theresa Stannard asking that the Town name the southeasterly branch of Fish Hollow Road to Hudson Hollow Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 82 OF 2021: TOWN BOARD HEREBY DISTINGUISHES THE SOUTHEASTERLY BRANCH OF FISH HOLLOW ROAD TO BE NAMED HUDSON HOLLOW ROAD

WHEREAS, Fish Hollow Road divides into two distinct roads approximately 2,500 ft south of the intersection with Igera Road,

WHEREAS, neither of the two distinct roads are distinguished by name, and

WHEREAS, there are 3 residences on the northwesterly branch of Fish Hollow Road with E911 addresses and no residences with E911 addresses along the southeasterly branch of Fish Hollow Road, and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of safety and accurate E911 addresses for residences along either of these two distinct roads,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby distinguishes the southeasterly branch of Fish Hollow Road to be named Hudson Hollow Road, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to carry out actions necessary to establish and record Hudson Hollow Road as a properly named Town Road, subject to Warren County approval.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 82 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2021: APPROVE WATER WARRANT FOR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has prepared the 2021 Water Warrant for the Chestertown and Pottersville Water Districts, and

WHEREAS, the Chestertown Water District total warrant is \$64,053.23 and the Pottersville Water District total warrant is \$28,984.85,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the 2021 Water Warrant as presented by the Town Clerk so that the water bills may be sent out and revenues collected.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 83 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 84 OF 2021: SET WATER RATES FOR 2021-2022

WHEREAS, the Town Board customarily sets water rates for the two water districts at the time of billing which is for water already used for the previous year, and

WHEREAS, in order to be more transparent to water district customers, the Town Board will now set the water rates for the two water districts at the beginning of year of usage so that water customers have knowledge of the costs at the beginning of the billing cycle, which is May 1st through April 30th of each year,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board sets the Water Rates for the Chestertown and Pottersville Water Districts for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 as described in the following chart:

Town of Chester Water Rates for May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

Chestertown Water District	
Description	2021-2022
Base Rate: Metered Residential	\$178.00
Base Rate: Metered Business	\$178.00
Base Rate: Metered Outside of District	\$295.00
Base Rate: Unmetered Inside District	\$285.00
Base Rate: Unmetered Outside of District	\$490.00
Base Rate: NWCS for 30,000 gallons	\$715.00
Rate per 1,000 gallons for Over 30,000 gallons	\$5.00

Swimming Pool Rate (Res #181-2002)	\$300.00
Hydrant Rental	\$675.00
Turn On / Turn Off	\$20.00
Connection Charge - Standard Install	\$1,200.00
Replace Water Meter	\$170.00
Tax Rate	0.536
,000 Property Value = tax of this amount >	\$99.16
Base Rate Plus Property Tax: Total Cost/yr	\$277.16
Base Rate Gallons	\$30,000.00
Chestertown Water District Assessed Value	\$37,317,034
Property Tax Value per year	\$20,002
Pottersville Water District	
Description	2021-2022
Base Rate: Metered Residential	\$295
Base Rate: Metered Business	\$295
Base Rate: Metered Outside of District	\$470
Base Rate: Unmetered Inside District	\$400
Base Rate: Unmetered Outside of District	\$600
Rate per 1,000 gallons for Over 30,000 gallons	\$3.00
Swimming Pool Rate (Res #181-2002)	\$300
Hydrant Rental (9 hydrants + 2 dry)	\$130
Turn On / Turn Off	\$20
Connection Charge - Standard Install	\$1,200
Replace Water Meter	\$170
Tax Rate	\$2.59
,000 Property Value = tax of this amount >	\$479.71
Base Rate Plus Property Tax: Total Cost/yr	\$774.71
Base Rate Gallons	30,000
Pottersville Water District Assessed Value	\$11,570,327
Property Tax Revenue per year	\$30,001.86

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 84 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 85 OF 2021: APPROVE THE GRANTING OF \$4,250 TO THE NORTH WARREN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING AND PROMOTING A QUALIFIED EVENT ON JULY 10, 2021 NAMED SUMMER FEST

WHEREAS, the North Warren Chamber of Commerce has submitted an application for Summer Fest to be held on July 10, 2021 at the playing fields behind the Municipal Center and to be coordinated with the approved Fireworks display on the same evening,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the granting of \$4,250 to the North Warren Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of organizing and promoting a qualified event on July 10, 2021 named Summer Fest with funds to be disbursed upon receipt of expenses and report of activities.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 85 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Farmers Market:

Supervisor Leggett asked Cindy Mead if she would like to address the crowd.

Cindy Mead said this is our 10th year, which we are very proud of. Cindy asked Craig if he received emails for public comment today about the Farmers Market being on the front lawn. Craig replied that he did not. Cindy said they appreciate their support and are not asking for any money, the only thing they are asking for is permission for this very successful Farmers Market to be back on the front lawn.

Mr. Packer is opposed to having any activity on the front lawn, because he is afraid someone is going to get hit. Cindy asked by what? Mr. Packer replied by anything, car, truck. Cindy asked Mike if he had ever been to Bolton during the summer and seen the bumper to bumper traffic. Mike said no, but people have the right of way in the crosswalk and he doesn't want to see an accident like in Warrensburg. Cindy said in 10 years we have not had an accident. Mike said the rest of the Town Board may not agree but he is opposed.

Angie Mead said that Mike's concerns are legitimate after the accident in Warrensburg, which was absolutely tragic. Angie commented that we would all love to have a crossing guard there. Mike said that we used to. Angie said we did not; we had someone who was walking around the market.

Cindy said they cannot afford a crossing guard.

Dee Beckler commented that they have purchased cones for the road.

Greg Beckler said that the main issue is crossing from there to over here. Greg said that we have other events that happen like Summerfest to parades that have the same issue. Regardless of this event there is a safety issue crossing from there to here. There is a track record and for 10 years

there has not been an incident and there is an issue of increasing the safety when an event like this is occurring.

Lengthy discussion continued on signage and other ways to make crossing safer.

Cindy commented that the Farmers Market should ask the Board for money to pay for a crossing guard.

The Town Clerk read a comment from Zoom, “why is the Farmers Market responsible to provide supervision of a crosswalk in the village? If the crosswalk is dangerous why doesn’t the Town or County do something? Does it become less dangerous when the Market is not in session?”

Angie said she doesn’t think anyone is opposed to more safety.

Supervisor Leggett said he has spoken to the Sheriff’s Department and they are willing to have someone stop by.

RESOLUTION NO. 86 OF 2021: APPROVE THE USE OF THE FRONT LAWN OF THE MUNICIPAL CENTER BY THE CHESTERTOWN FARMERS MARKET FOR THE 2021 SEASON STARTING IN JUNE 16TH AND ENDING IN SEPTEMBER 15TH

WHEREAS, the Chestertown Farmers Market is entering its 10 year,

WHEREAS, the Farmers Market is considered to be one of the best markets in the region and supports dozens of independent business persons and provides goods for tens of thousands of people each year,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves the use of the front lawn of the Municipal Center by the Chestertown Farmers Market for the 2021 season starting in June 16th and ending in September 15th, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, supplemental safety measures for pedestrians crossing will be instituted.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 86 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 87 OF 2021: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR LEGGETT TO APPLY TO NYS DOT FOR PLACEMENT OF A WELCOME TO POTTERSVILLE SIGN ALONG THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF STATE ROUTE 9 SOUTH OF STONE BRIDGE ROAD NEAR THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF BEADLAND RV PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester desires to place a Welcome to Pottersville sign along the southbound lane of State Route 9 that is similar in appearance and size of the Welcome to Pottersville sign that is in place along Valley Farm Road, and

WHEREAS, a suitable site for the sign is south of the intersection of State Route 9 and Stone Bridge Road near the northern boundary of Beadland RV Park, and

WHEREAS, the NYS DOT requires a resolution from the Town Board in order to consider the request to place a sign within the State Route 9 Right of Way,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board requests Use and Occupancy Permit from NYS DOT for placement of a Welcome to Pottersville Sign along the southbound lane of State Route 9 south of Stone Bridge Road near the northern boundary of Beadland RV Park (Tax Map # 36.3-1-12), and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to file for the Use and Occupancy Permit to take actions necessary to complete the approval process.

On a motion Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 87 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Town of Chester Parks & Recreation Department:

Supervisor Leggett read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester has many recreational assets that appeal to a wide range of ages and interests, and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to provide a broad scope of programs and access to all residents and visitors for their enjoyment, to the best of the ability of the Town, and

WHEREAS, welcoming and engaging activities for all ages creates a vibrant community that is attractive to families and adults and benefits the economic development and community strength,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board shall consider the most appropriate form of services and programs that will enable the development of the Town's recreational assets for the benefit of a wide range of ages and interests.

Supervisor Leggett said he brought this up at the last meeting. That's when you look at what we have with our recreation and trail systems, we are pretty well set and anyone will tell you that a small rural community's biggest asset to attract and obtain people is their amenities, like what we have. So it is a matter of really stepping up and organizing it better to be a little more seamless like going right from young kids to old. Right now we have a youth commission that focuses on Kindergarten through sixth grade; we have a senior adult center that focuses on a more mature adult: and we have a variety of great independent instructors. We have yoga, we have pickle ball, we have line dancing as independence and we also have a gym that is used for band practice and there is a lot of interest to keep things going. We are a little shy on the high school side and we have always let the school take care of that, but when school is out of session, who picks up on that. We do some with having Dynamite Hill open and there could be more opportunity to formalize something.

Mr. Aiken asked if the Town would have a bigger umbrella for Park and Rec. Supervisor Leggett replied yes, instigating more events and overseeing them, coordinating people who would carry them out, advertising, making sure there is equipment, and safety plans. What comes to mind is how many people in this area might not know how to swim and how can we help with that. We also have a good partner with the YMCA and together we could offer this community a very strong breath of recreational opportunity, above and beyond what we do now perhaps in a more coordinated fashion.

Mrs. DuRose asked if he was suggesting the Town have a paid coordinator. Supervisor Leggett said yes. Mrs. DuRose asked if it would be from the Parks and Rec. Department. Supervisor Leggett said that it would fall under Parks and Rec.

Mr. Packer said then we would hire someone to coordinate this. Supervisor Leggett said yup.

Mr. Aiken said so the big vision would be to put us more on the map to make us more attractive. Supervisor Leggett said one of the big pushes that makes an area attractive to younger families is the amenities that are available to those families. Child care is a need. What attracts young families? Sports and recreations amenities are important.

Supervisor Leggett said this is good public discussion.

Mr. Aiken commented that the 5K run is a good start and we can brand it as a Town of Chester event. Supervisor Leggett said some of this is just a point person who can help schedule when and where things go, keep things organized, help build up support and engage other community groups to partner with us on some things.

Supervisor Leggett asked the Board their thoughts.

Mr. Aiken said he was all for increasing our presence in the world and attracts people with well run programs.

Mrs. DuRose commented that we are missing from high school age to about 40 years old and we don't want to interfere with what is already successful like our senior group, which is growing and our youth commission which is good so we just need to fill in an area not just have someone take over the whole scope.

Supervisor Leggett commented that he sees Youth Commission actually morphing. Right now we have a nice setup with Chester-Horicon Youth Commission and just thinking for our Town most of the events we carry on are self supporting, money in and money out and we have a Youth Commission Director that coordinates all these items. Just to keep it simple, what if we use that position and expanded on the scope to some degree.

Mrs. DuRose said we used to have a teen center in the downstairs of Dynamite. Mrs. Eagan commented because of what we are doing in this building there could be a number of things that could all go under Parks and Rec. We are doing a lot of it now, look at Dynamite. Marion said it was a good idea Craig.

Mrs. DuRose thinks it's a good idea; she just does not want to interrupt what any of our groups now have. Craig said it would augment an enable. Craig asked Mindy if she coordinates with the Senior Center. Mindy replied yes for every event.

Supervisor Leggett said try to envision having a point person, but then people come up with ideas to do certain things and they get a stipend to run those things.

Mindy reported that she had told Craig that as of May 31st she will be done as Chester-Horicon Youth Director. Craig commented that that would really put us in the lurch, because there is quite a lot of work. If you had seen this place with all the uniforms spread out in the Board

Room and banners being sorted out in the hallway. It requires dedication to pull that all together and I'm not willing to accept the resignation.

Mr. Packer asked Mindy if she was done May 31st. She replied yes. Mr. Packer asked then who is going to do that job. Mrs. DuRose asked Mindy who would do the job. Mindy replied that that was not her decision to make. Karen then asked Mr. Aiken who would do the job since he is on the committee.

Mr. Packer said that Katelyn could do it.

Mr. Aiken commented that he is sure there are a lot of capable people around that could do the job, but he doesn't think there are a lot of people who actually know what Mindy does. It is not going to be good for the kids but I get where Mindy is coming from.

Supervisor Leggett said he could not find an Intermunicipal Agreement that situated the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission. Mr. Packer asked when Horicon started paying. Craig said that the earliest record he has is 2004 which was a letter that Fred Monroe sent to Ralph Bentley. Craig said that he thinks the idea at the time was to service all the kids at North Warren Central School, but when you look at our fee structure others can come and play Minerva and Bolton play and the programs themselves are somewhat self supporting. We take on the directorship and house it here. That is an overhead that we would do whether we have twenty kids from Chester and five kids from Horicon.

Mrs. DuRose asked if maybe the Town did it when we consolidated and built the new school. Ms. Eagan commented that it was before the new school was built. Craig commented that in 1987 the minutes still refer to the Chester Youth Commission and in the early 1990s they said Chester-Horicon Youth Commission.

Mr. Aiken suggested having a Youth Director and then having a person in charge of each program/event. This would help if the Youth Director leaves, which Mindy is trying to do.

Supervisor Leggett commented that it is great seeing the kids out playing after the pandemic and he does not want to accept Mindy's resignation.

Mrs. DuRose said that the Town of Horicon is more involved than they ever have been.

Supervisor Leggett replied, yes they are and they have continued to pay the same amount year after year like with the Health Center. The Town of Horicon has asked what they are getting for their money and maybe they should have more say in what goes on and after thinking it through the Town of Chester should solidify its Recreation Program and the Town of Horicon is more that welcome to come and do these programs.

Mrs. DuRose commented that we cannot dissolve something that is not there, if the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission was not legitimately then we cannot undo something that was never done. Craig said as a Town, Horicon has the opportunity to carry on their own youth commission. Karen said that they worked a long time to bring Pottersville, Chestertown and

Horicon together for the school, is this going to undo any of that work. Craig said that is a good point, anything moving forward should be about strengthening ties between towns and are partners at North Warren. Mr. Aiken said strengthening ties at what cost, at some point it is detrimental to the program. Mr. Packer does not think we should separate, but come more together, there should be one head dog from Chester and one from Horicon. Marion commented that it can't be 50/50 if you're not paying 50/50. Mr. Packer said maybe if it was 50/50 Horicon would chip in more money.

Mindy said that we have always taken kids from other Town if they did not have enough to field a team so that the kids had the opportunity to play. Craig commented that we have who play for Johnsbury and we have kids who play football for Warrensburg.

Mr. Packer said that North Warren is Town of Chester and Town of Horicon and we should keep them together at a young age and they grow up together and that makes them stronger when they get to high school.

Mindy commented that there is talk about going to a private Chester-Horicon Youth Commission. Supervisor Leggett said that Horicon would like the Chester-Horicon Youth Commission to be a separate, stand alone organization that has its own bank account, own Tax ID number, its own accounting system, and receives donations from the Towns of Chester and Horicon to support it. Mark Schachner commented not being part of Town Government. Craig said yes, not being part of Town Government and he doesn't think that is better than what already exists where the Board looks at the vouchers and approves the claims and that all gets entered into the accounting software.

Mrs. DuRose asked who is going to decide that this is going to happen; the Boards. Unless someone else can prove that they are legitimately part of this, even though they have given us money, anyone can give us money, and then it is our Youth Commission. Craig said he does not know the answer to that, the Board would come with a resolution to give up youth commission. Karen commented that then we are splitting children.

Mr. Packer asked where all of this stemmed from, the County. Craig replied no, Horicon. They said they never received an itemized list of what their money was going for. Karen asked now we were. Craig said now we are, they had never asked for them before. Even in 2004 we didn't, the letter said here is what we spent and here is the split.

Mindy commented they have never asked for what they paid for the Health Center. Craig said they never asked to what they paid for the meal site worker.

Supervisor Leggett said let's move on its getting late and we have a lot of food for thought. Mrs. DuRose said and a lot of surprises. Craig asked the Board Members to think about a vision for the Town.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 OF 2021: TOWN BOARD DOES NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSITION TO CONVERT THE WARREN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE

STRUCTURE FROM THAT OF A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THAT OF A COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, persons in Warren County have put forth a proposal to establish a commission to study the establishment of a County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a County Legislature would replace the Board of Supervisors as the legislative body governing Warren County, and

WHEREAS, the number of Legislators would be about 9 persons each elected from districts of equal size in population, and

WHEREAS, areas of sparse population would be larger districts and areas of concentrated population would be smaller districts,

WHEREAS, Town Supervisors would no longer represent their constituents at the County level, and

WHEREAS, the population of multiple towns and partial towns would be represented by a single Legislator, and

WHEREAS, such a governance structure would diminish the voice, access and influence of the rural towns at the County level,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does not support the proposition to convert the Warren County legislative structure from that of a Board of Supervisors to that of a County Legislature. On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 88 of 2021 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 4 NO 0

Darrowsville Cemetery:

Supervisor Leggett said he had a letter from Bernie McCann, President of the Historical Society, asking the Town to take over the Darrowsville Cemetery.

Supervisor Leggett ask Mr. Schachner what needs to be done. Mr. Schachner said it is not real complicated.

Craig asked for a consensus from the Board for the Town taking over the Darrowsville Cemetery. Mindy commented that the Town already mows it. Craig said we mow it once a year and then relatives mow it other times. Mrs. DuRose said we should.

Craig told Mr. Schachner that he will be in touch about the process.

Councilman Larry Turcotte entered the meeting at 9:38 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 89 OF 2021: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS AND PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the bookkeeper and the Supervisor has prepared a chart of the amendments and adjustments, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has entered the vouchers and created an Abstract of Audited Vouchers No. 5 of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the amendments and Abstract No. 5 of 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board accepts the amendments and adjustments and the Abstract of Claims and authorizes payment as presented.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS - MAY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Code	Budget Adjustment-Increase	Amount		Code	Budget Adjustment- Decrease	Amount
A1940.2	Purchase of Land	321.32		A1990.4	Contingency	321.32
0.111	Zoning PS	786.00		A1990.4	Contingency	786.00
A8010.41	Zoning Legal	520.50		A1420.4	Attorney Contractual	520.50
A9040.8	Workman's Comp	1,011.98		A9060.8	Health Insurance	1,011.98
SW2-8320.2	Source & Supply Equipment	17,000.00		SW2-8320.4	Source & Supply Contractual	17,000.00
L7410.410A	Lost Book Replacement	100.00		L915	Fund Balance	100.00
L7410.423	Training	350.00		L915	Fund Balance	350.00
L7410.2	Equipment	500.00		L915	Fund Balance	500.00
L7410.438	Membership	100.00		L915	Fund Balance	100.00
L7410.430	Supplies	500.00		L915	Fund Balance	500.00
	Budget Adjustment- Increase				Budget Adjustment - Increase	
A2001	Youth Fees	3,861.00		A7310.4	Youth Programs Contractual	3,861.00
L2761	Library Grants	4,870.00		L7410.2	Library Equipment	4,870.00
	Decrease Expense				Increase Expense	
A1460.1	Records Mgt	500.00		A7310.12	Youth Programs	500.00
A3310.4	Traffic Control	164.60		DA5110.4	General Repairs	164.60
A3510.2	Control of Dogs-Equipment	149.90		A3510.4	Control of Dogs-Contractual	149.90

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General A	\$143,939.62
Highway DA	\$83,797.52
Library L	\$2,520.40

Loon Lake Park District SP	\$5,173.54
Chestertown Water SW1	\$2,666.14
Pottersville Water SW2	\$15,826.94
Other TA	\$1,608.74
Total	\$255,532.90

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 89 of 2021 was **ADOPTED.**

AYE 5 NO 0

Transfer Station:

Mr. Turcotte said that we do not have enough data for the Transfer Station yet.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Aiken, meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

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