



Town Board Regular Meeting March 16, 2023

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 – Present
Councilman Chris Aiken - Present
Councilwoman Karen DuRose – Present
Councilman Mike Packer – Present
Councilman Larry Turcotte – Present
Deputy Supervisor Marion Eagan – Present
Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner – Present
Town Clerk, Mindy Conway – Present

Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Leggett **opened** the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Turcotte.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Leggett **opened** Committee Reports at 7:01 pm.

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

- Abstract No. 3
- Town Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting February 14, 2023
- Zoning Administrator Activity Report for February 2023
- Planning Board Minutes for February 27, 2023
- Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for February 28, 2023
- Assessors Report for March 2023
- Town Clerk Monthly Report for February 2023
- Town Court Report dated March 1, 2023
- Communications Report March 2023
- Youth Commission Report for February 2023
- North Warren EMS Activity Report for January 2023
- Chester History Today – Winter 2023
- Historian's Report for 2022
- Thank you letter from The Helpers Fund
- Thank you letter from North Country Ministry
- Notice of Order from NYS DOT establishing a 45 mph speed limit on Atateka Road (County Route 74) between County Route 8 and County Route 46

Town Board Reports:

Mr. Aiken reported that he attended a pickleball special meeting, the Brant Lake Winter Carnival, the Krazy Downhill Derby, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Town of Chester GOP Committee Meeting, plans on attending the upcoming APA Meeting in Saranac Lake, and has

had numerous conversations with people about STRs (Short-Term Rentals), the Loon Lake Dam, and attended a Northern Forest Alliance Webinar.

Mr. Packer said he marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and attended the meeting about pickleball.

Mrs. DuRose reported that she contacted Senator Stec's Office concerning the new highway garage project, the Historical Society asked about the status of the Town taking over the Darrowsville Cemetery, the St. Patrick's Day Parade was exceptional. She discussed with Marion enhancements for the Pottersville Playground as well as plans for the Chestertown Playground. She also had several conversations concerning the STRs.

Mr. Turcotte said that he did a lot of work on the highway garage to keep the ball rolling and spoke with the Highway Superintendent during and after the storm to make sure things were running smoothly.

Supervisor's Report:

The following activities occurred between February 14th and March 16th, 2023

- Attended the NW CoC Board meeting on February 15th. Discussed planning for the Krazy Downhill Derby
- Attended the WC Planning Partnership Meeting for Hazards of Concern Risk Ranking with Office Assistant Jessica Leerkes who is working on the details of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Met with Horicon Supervisor Geraci, his bookkeeper regarding financial agreements between the two towns – specifically Youth Commission and Hudson Headwaters Health Center
- Attended the WC BoS monthly meeting on February 17th and Oversight Committee meetings on February 22nd and 23rd, Special Board Meeting on March 2nd, as well Personnel and Finance committee meetings
- Participated in helping the Brant Lake Winter Carnival on February 18th. Good weather and a good turnout. Many visitors from outside of the area were there.
- Attended the W-W Counties IDA annual meeting on February 21st.
- Organized a meeting with a group of Pickleball advocates for February 22nd. Attended with Councilman Packer and Deputy Spvr Eagan. Councilman Aiken viewed live stream. Discussed options for expanding pickleball courts that will accommodate the growing demand. Focused on the option of making new courts at Dynamite Hill. Are looking at grant funding and fund-raising activities.
- Had a meeting with Town Assessor Klinger, Assessor Clerk Eagan, and NYS ORPS rep Khristina Ulmer with her staff regarding the process and procedures for the upcoming town-wide reassessment on Feb 24th
- Attended a retirement party for Sr. Building Maintenance Mechanic, Bill Rowell, on Feb 24. We wish him all the best in retirement and thank him for his 11 years of service to the Town.
- Participated in helping the Krazy Downhill Derby on February 25th. The recent snow helped conditions, but the bitter cold may have kept down the crowd. The kids cardboard sled race was the best attended and will be promoted more for 2024

- Attended the annual NYSAC conference in Albany on February 27th and 28th. I sit on the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee. Attended workshops on Ethics in Government, Building a Green Future in NYS, Reducing County Healthcare Costs, Public Sector Labor Mgt, Leadership Drives Economic Development, Economic Forecast for 2023, and heard Comptroller DiNapoli and Attorney General James speak.
- Attended, virtually, a webinar on Navigating Grant Funding: Municipal Success Stories on March 1st
- Met with the ad hoc Chester Advisory Committee, steered by the Northern Forest Center, on March 1st and discussed branding for the area, housing, trail system development, and historic district designation
- Met with Councilman Turcotte, Highway Superintendent Monroe, Deputy Supervisor Eagan and others to discuss way forward with new Highway Garage construction. Are developing the RFP for Architectural/Engineering services
- Talked with Claude Cormier, Hydrosource Associates, P.C. for identifying potential groundwater sources for the Pottersville Water District. This scope of work is recommended by Cedarwood Engineering, who are doing the Engineering Report for the District. The cost fits into the grant-funded budget.
- Met Councilman Turcotte at the Highway Garage on March 9th and located boundary corners and marked boundary to determine extent of area available for the new highway garage.
- Spoke with a Community Solar vendor on March 10th regarding the opportunity for the Town and residents to gain discounts on electric service charges. Have a call in to another vendor.
- Marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 11th. A good turnout and day. Town Highway and Parks had the area cleaned up well from the morning snowstorm
- Met with LLPDA Officers on March 13th to go over milfoil mitigation, boatwash hours and fees, and lake safety officer
- Attended a virtual meeting regarding WC Hazard Mitigation Plan with Office Ass't Leerkes on March 15th
- Had a call with Samuel Parker, Spectrum Director of Government Affairs and Deputy Spvr Eagan on March 15th regarding buildout of broadband in Chester. Discussed potential for buildout on Landon Hill and Starbuck Hill-Rock Ave, Stock Farm Rd, Potter Brook Rd, as well as other non-connected roads. They hope to have funding from the Connect All program, but that is 2-3 years out.
- Bookkeeper Runyon has closed out FY 2022 and is working on the AUD
- Fielded calls and emails regarding the proposed STR Local Law
- Attended NW Cougars Boys Varsity basketball playoff games. Wish them luck on the semi-finals and finals this weekend at the Civic Center

Public Hearings:

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2023: SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW REGARDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE PARTIAL EXEMPTION ON REAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR ELIGIBLE PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AND TO REPEAL AND REPLACE LOCAL

LAW NO. 2 OF 2012, AND THE CDBG GRANT FOR POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT ENGINEERING EVALUATION STUDY ON MARCH 29, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

WHEREAS, the Town Board scheduled and advertised to hold public hearings for the proposed Local Law Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters, the proposed Local Law to Increase Partial Exemption on Real Property Taxation for Eligible Persons Sixty-five (65) Years of Age and Over and to Repeal and Replace Local Law No. 2 of 2012, and the CDBG Grant for Pottersville Water District Engineering Evaluation Study on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, the Town Municipal Center was without power due to a snow storm;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes a special meeting on March 29, 2023 at 7 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board sets public hearings for the proposed Local Law Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters, the proposed Local Law to Increase Partial Exemption on Real Property Taxation for Eligible Persons Sixty-five (65) Years of Age and Over and to Repeal and Replace Local Law No. 2 of 2012, and the CDBG Grant for Pottersville Water District Engineering Evaluation Study on March 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 49 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

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Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Leggett **opened** Privilege of the Floor at 7:14 pm.

Supervisor Leggett asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak.

Hearing none, Supervisor Leggett **closed** Privilege of the Floor at 7:14 pm.

Old Business:

Supervisor Leggett **opened** Old Business at 7:14 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2023: ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023, REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes from the February 14, 2023, Regular Town Board Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 50 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Discussion ensued about the date for a public hearing for the proposed Short-Term Rental Local Law.

Jenna Cooper asked when realistically after the public hearing, what is the approximate time frame that you could actually get something implemented and in place, because the Zoning Office is going to be swamped. Supervisor Leggett asked the Town Clerk after the public hearing, which we do not have to make a decision at that time, then the Board can take as long as need be to take action if any action at all. Once an action is passed and the Board passes a local

law what is the timeline. The Town Clerk responded that she will need to file the law with the State and it could state in the law a start date. Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner, commented that typically the second to the last line says “this local law shall take effect on _____ (date)” and we usually pick a date where there is enough time for the Clerk to file the law with the Department of State. It does not need to be done that way, but that is how it is typically done.

RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2023: SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED SHORT-TERM RENTAL LOCAL LAW ON MAY 30, 2023, AT 7 PM

WHEREAS, the Town Board has proposed a Short-Term Local Law, and **WHEREAS**, a public hearing is required,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board sets a public hearing for the proposed Short-Term Rental Local Law at a Special Town Board Meeting on May 30, 2023, at 7 pm.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 51 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2023: MODIFY RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2023 TO SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW REGARDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO INCREASE PARTIAL EXEMPTION ON REAL PROPERTY TAXATION FOR ELIGIBLE PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AND TO REPEAL AND REPLACE LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2012, AND THE CDBG GRANT FOR POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT ENGINEERING EVALUATION STUDY ON APRIL 11, 2023 AT 7:00 PM AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the public hearing was not able to be scheduled the same night as the public hearings for the proposed Local Law Regarding Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters, the proposed Local Law to Increase Partial Exemption on Real Property Taxation for Eligible Persons Sixty-five (65) Years of Age and Over and to Repeal and Replace Local Law No. 2 of 2012, and the CDBG Grant for Pottersville Water District Engineering Evaluation Study on March 29, 2023 at 7:00 pm,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board modifies Resolution No. 49 of 2023 to schedule the public hearings for the proposed Local Law Regarding Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters, the proposed Local Law To Increase Partial Exemption On Real Property Taxation For Eligible Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years Of Age And Over And To Repeal And Replace Local Law No. 2 Of 2012, and the CDBG Grant For Pottersville Water District Engineering Evaluation Study On April 11, 2023 At 7:00 Pm At The Regular Board Meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board cancels the Special Town Board Meeting scheduled for March 29, 2023.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 52 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Highway Garage:

Supervisor Leggett commented that they are pulling together an RFP (request for proposal) to put out.

Larry Turcotte said they had meeting to discuss items they want in the highway garage, the size and scope as well. From that we are now drafting a request for proposal, which needs to be carefully crafted, because there is a lot of information that they will need to give us an accurate estimate for the drawings.

Supervisor Leggett commented that he went down and visited the Ft. Edward highway garage, they have insulated steel panels.

Bret Winchip asked about the roof. Supervisor Leggett thought that the roof was panels as well.

Mr. Turcotte said that Supervisor Leggett contacted our Town Engineer to get together a site plan for the highway garage.

John Nick asked if we could get specs from Ft. Edward. Supervisor Leggett replied maybe.

Septic Variance Application #SV2020-03 for Thomas Loonie and Amy Wen:

Bret Winchip, Winchip Engineering, commented that this was a DOH subdivision and at the request of the Town they went to DOH to ask about a holding tank. The Specific waiver engineer from DOH Glens Fall Office came to the site for a meeting. They suggested that the stormwater flow from culvert be directed around the field and that we let soil stabilize through a freeze thaw cycle, so that it can be treated as original grade to eliminate any differential types of options for variances. When on site they were confused why he would ask for a holding tank waiver and he explained that the Town asked him to look into it. Bret had not heard back and called and was told that he needed to file a specific waiver and within several days he received a negative determination. Bret then resubmitted the plan with the revision showing stabilized fill and redirecting the stormwater around which came back with DOH granting a specific waiver.

Supervisor Leggett said then in summary the Department of Health has granted a specific waiver to the design to the on-site wastewater system that we have before us. Bret Winchip said that he removed the catch basin as a variance, it was put in for the stormwater, but is not a specific variance to the wastewater standards.

Supervisor Leggett referenced the proposed variance schedule:

Loonie-Wen #SV2020-03				
Setback	Required Distance	Proposed Distance	Proposed Variance	
			Distance	Percent
Proposed House Sewer to Wetland	50'	33.3'	16.7'	33.4%
Proposed Septic Tank to Wetland	50'	27.2'	22.8'	45.6%
Proposed Effluent Sewer to Wetland	50'	30.3'	19.7'	39.4%
Proposed Pump Chamber to Wetland	50'	27.7'	22.3'	44.6%
Proposed Force Main to Wetland	50'	31.0'	19.0'	38.0%

Proposed Wastewater Absorption Field to Wetlands	100'	56.7'	43.3'	43.3%
Proposed Wastewater Absorption Field to West Property Line	10'	9.2'	0.8'	8.0%
Proposed D-Box to West Property Line	10'	8.4	1.6'	16.0%
Proposed Force Main to West Property Line	10'	7.1'	2.9'	29.0%
Slope of Area for Proposed Wastewater Absorption Field	15%	23.4%	8.4%	56.0%

Supervisor Leggett commented that he did not prewrite a resolution.

Bret Winchip thought the public hearing was still open until he looked back at the minutes and saw that it was closed.

Supervisor Leggett commented that revisions have been made after the public hearing was closed and asked Mr. Schachner if we needed to open the public hearing back up. Mr. Schachner said that it is very common for septic system variances for there to be minor modifications after the close of the public hearing. The key word is minor. If the modifications are minor and you feel they are not substantial, then there is no requirement to reschedule a public hearing. If the modifications proposed are major where you consider them substantial, then you are supposed to reopen the public hearing so that anyone who cares has an opportunity to be heard of what might be a substantially different application.

Supervisor Leggett asked the Board if it was a major change.

Mr. Aiken responded by saying it did not seem like a major change, the design is the same.

Supervisor Leggett asked the Board if they had anymore questions for the Engineer.

Hearing none, Supervisor Leggett asked the Attorney for the applicant if he had anything that he would like to say.

Michael Borguss said that he was prepared to answer any question.

Supervisor Leggett would like help from the Attorney for the Town coming up with the finding of facts for granting the variance before we make a decision.

Bret Winchip said that if the Town grants the variance, it then goes back to the APA. We can't do anything until the APA approval.

North Creek Fire District / North Creek Fire Protection District consolidation:

No updates at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2023: APPROVE THE HIRE OF JEWELL LEONBRUNO FOR THE POSITION OF SR. BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC IN THE TOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 27, 2023

WHEREAS, William Rowell, Sr. Building Maintenance Mechanic, will be retiring on Friday February 24, 2023,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves hiring Jewell Leonbruno for the position of Senior Building Maintenance Mechanic effective February 27, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 53 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

New Business:

Supervisor Leggett **opened** new Business at 8:01 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 of 2023 AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SAND BIDS

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester Highway Department desires to purchase sand for winter road maintenance,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids for an amount of sand set by the Highway Superintendent with a submission date by April 7, 2023, at 2 pm and will be publicly opened and read aloud April 7, 2023, at 2:05 pm at the Town Clerk's office. The Town Clerk will then submit the Bids and the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent to the Town Board for consideration and approval, if any, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, April 11, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 54 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2023: AUTHORIZE WATER SUPERINTENDENT AND DEPUTY WATER SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND THE NY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE MAY 22 - 24, 2023

WHEREAS, education credits are required for the attainment and maintenance of public water supply operators, and

WHEREAS, the NY Rural Water Association provide educational classes each year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes Water Superintendent Jason Monroe and Deputy Water Superintendent Jeff Schaefer to attend the NY Rural Water Association Conference May 22 - 24, 2023 in Lake Placid, NY, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all related registration, travel costs, meals, and lodging will be paid from Chestertown Water District and Pottersville Water District appropriation codes.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 55 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2023: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR LEGGETT, COUNCILMAN AIKEN, JOHN NICK, AND KATHY BILFIELD TO ATTEND THE ADIRONDACK PLANNING & ZONING FORUM IN SARANAC LAKE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

WHEREAS, Planning and Zoning Board members are required to attain at least 4 educational credits per year and appropriations are included in the budget for such purpose,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Leggett, Councilman Aiken, John Nick, and Kathy Bilfield to attend the Adirondack Planning & Zoning Forum in Saranac Lake on Thursday, April 27, 2023, and for the Town to pay for registration and reimburse for mileage. On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 56 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2023: AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MAGISTRATE AND COURT CLERK TO ATTEND A MEETING ON MARCH 29, 2023 AT THE QUEENSBURY TOWN COURT

WHEREAS, the Town of Queensbury will be holding a meeting to distribute the latest Bench Guide to Landlord & Tenant Disputes (5th Edition) and to discuss CPL Article 240 discovery rules and requirements,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Boards authorizes the Magistrate and Court Clerk to attend the meeting at the Queensbury Town Court on March 29, 2023 at 4:00 pm and will reimburse all related travel costs.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 57 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2023: AUTHORIZE SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION FOR LOON LAKE BOAT LAUNCH AND DECONTAMINATION STATION AND ACCEPT THE LOON LAKE BOAT LAUNCH SCHEDULE, FEE STRUCTURE, POLICY, AND PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester operates a public Boat Launch on Loon Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Loon Lake Boat Launch is staffed 7 days a week from mid-May to mid-October in order to carry out aquatic invasive plant inspections, boat decontamination, and management of launching and retrieval of watercraft, and

WHEREAS, the cost of operations for the Loon Lake Boat Launch are supported by the Town General Fund and the Loon Lake Park District through taxation, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board deems it appropriate to set appropriate hours of operations charge a use fee for persons utilizing the services of the Loon Lake Boat Launch in order to offset the costs of operations, and a use fee is endorsed by the Loon Lake Park District Association,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board sets forth the following schedule of operation, launch fee structure, policy, and procedure:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the following schedule for the Loon Lake Boat Launch and Decontamination Station:

2023 Hours of Operation:

- From Mother's Day to June 14th the launch hours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday - 7 am to 6 pm; and
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8 am to 5 pm.
- From June 15th to September 9^h the launch hours:
7 am to 6 pm seven days a week
- From September 10th to Columbus Day the launch hours:
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday - 7 am to 6 pm; and
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8 am to 5 pm.

2023 Launch Fee Structure:

Watercraft Type	General Public	Loon Lake Park District Property Owner
Motorboats over 9 hp and Personal Watercraft	\$20	\$10
Motorboats under 9hp and non-motorized craft (such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, SUPs)	\$0	\$0
Season pass for all watercraft types	\$100	\$50

Policy:

- All watercraft being launched and retrieved at the Loon Lake Boat Launch shall be inspected by Boat Launch Attendants for aquatic invasive species
- Any boats being deemed contaminated shall be decontaminated before being launched. Contaminated boats being retrieved from the Loon Lake may be decontaminated before leaving the Boat Launch area
- All watercraft shall have paid the appropriate fee before launching
- Aquatic Invasive Species inspection and decontamination shall be provided for no fee regardless if the boat is to be launched at or retrieved from the Loon Lake Boat Launch
- Boat Launch Attendants have the authority and ability to collect Launch Fees and issue a form of receipt to the user.

Procedures:

- Boat Launch Attendants shall carry out aquatic invasive species inspections on all watercraft before launching and after retrieving
- Boat Launch Attendants shall decontaminate all contaminated watercraft before the vessel is allowed to launch into Loon Lake
- Boat Launch Attendants shall have a cash box with sufficient funds (“bank”) to make change throughout a typical day of operation. Attendants shall verify the opening and closing balance of the cash box at the beginning and ending of their shift and shall note it on record sheets provided by the Town
- Deposits of cash in excess of the standard cash box bank shall be made at least each Thursday, or more often if the excess over the bank is more than \$100. Deposits will be given to the Town Clerk for handling and recording
- A Boat Launch User will receive a numbered ticket when they pay the appropriate fee. The Attendant shall mark down the number of each ticket sold on a record sheet provided by the Town. There will be separate sets of tickets for General Public, LLPD Property Owner, and Season Ticket with their own numbering sequence.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 58 of 2023 was **ADOPTED.**

AYE 5 NO 0

Community Solar Options:

Supervisor Leggett commented that commercial solar operation fields that get built and then they sell the electricity to communities and there is about a 10% discount on that. There are companies that market these solar fields for the solar developers.

Supervisor Leggett said that he has been approached by one and had a good talk and he has now received notices from two (2) others. He would like to look that over with Chris Aiken, who is on Economic Development Committee. There is no cost to the Town.

Chris Aiken commented that it is open to the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2023: ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-YIELD SITING HYDROGEOLOGIC EVALUATION FOR THE POTTERSVILLE WATER DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR LEGGETT TO SIGN THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HYDROSOURCE ASSOCIATES, PC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,400

WHEREAS, the town of Chester has received a proposal for High-Yield Siting Hydrogeologic Evaluation for the Pottersville Water District, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the evaluation will be covered under the CDBG Grant,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the proposal for High-Yield Siting Hydrogeologic Evaluation for the Pottersville Water District and authorizes Supervisor Leggett to sign the profession service agreement with Hydrosorce Associates, PC for an amount not to exceed \$6,400.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 59 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2023: ACCEPT ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AND AUTHORIZES PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has entered the vouchers for Abstract No. 3 of 2023 of Audited Vouchers, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Abstracts,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board accepts the Abstract of Audited Vouchers and authorizes payment as presented.

No. 3 of 2023	
General A	102,497.94
Highway DA	69,515.87
Library L	757.96
Loon Lake Park District SP	83.12
Chestertown Water SW1	3,756.75
Pottersville Water SW2	2,592.02
Other TA	3,377.32
Total	\$182,580.98

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 60 of 2023 was **ADOPTED**.

AYE 5 NO 0

Supervisor Leggett asked if there was any public comment.

Karen DuRose asked if the new truck was on the road. Supervisor Leggett replied yes.

Karen DuRose commented that there is assistance with water bills through the County.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk

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