

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **April 9, 2013** at 7:00 pm in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

RESOLUTION #48: ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, the Minutes of the March 12th, 2013 meeting were accepted, as presented.

AYE 5 NO 0

Bids. Legal Notice to Bidder's was read by the Town Clerk. Bids were opened by the Town Clerk, received from Gilma Enterprises, an unknown source presumed to be from the Walter's pit in Wevertown, and one from Adirondack Construction Enterprises. Due to MSHA regulations, Gilma will only be able to provide processed sand by the cubic yard. MSHA requires certification, and every pit is subject to their regulations. The unknown source bid screened sand at \$2.75 per ton, and Adk. Construction offered to donate the bank run sand remaining to be recovered, estimated at approximately 5,000-6,000 cubic yards, with stipulations. Following discussion, the Board decided to reject the bids that had been received, and to re-advertise for sand bids, making a couple changes to the criteria.

RESOLUTION #49: REJECT ALL SAND BIDS, AND RE-ADVERTISE WITH CHANGE IN WORDING.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, reject all sand bids and re-advertise for bids to be opened on April 22nd at 7:00 pm, changing the wording to require screened sand and that the operator or facility is certified by MSHA.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #50: RE-APPOINT HAROLD ELLSWORTH TO PLANNING BOARD.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, re-appoint Harold Ellsworth to the Planning Board for another seven year term. Term to expire April 30th, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Monroe ~ Yes

Mr. Packer ~ Yes

Mrs. Wells ~ Yes

Mr. Durkish ~ Yes

Mrs. DuRose ~ Abstain

RESOLUTION #51: DESIGNATE MUNICIPAL CENTER AS POLLING PLACE.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mrs. Wells, designate the Town Municipal Center as the Polling place for all three (3) voting Districts.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #52: APPROVE SIGNING OF SEAGLE COLONY CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, approve signing of the Seagle Colony contract for performance of the children's Opera "The Three Little Pigs", to be performed on July 27th.

AYE 5 NO 0

Old business.

Lycott contract. Supervisor Monroe stated that the APA had unanimously approved the Town's application to use Renovate OTF on the milfoil in Loon Lake. Environmental Group called the Adirondack Council had opposed it and wanted APA to hold a public hearing. Our Attorney for the Town had countered with an 8 page letter which held sway with the Park Agency's approval. DEC Region 5 director Bob Stegman would like additional notification sent to those individuals on the Schroon River between Exits 24 and 25. Since this would now involve 4 towns, Chester, Horicon, Warrensburg and Bolton, Mr. Stegman will get back to us regarding notification to only the Towns of Chester and Horicon. There is no concern regarding the impact to people with the use of Renovate, which is safe for drinking at a concentration of 50 parts per billion, but it is much lower for plants which is 1 part per billion. They are concerned over people watering their gardens downriver. We want to use this Renovate in the South bay area of the Lake, so this area will be closed for a period of from 7 to 10 days. We will need to post buoys as the curtain will be a navigational hazard and people will have to launch any boats from the Marina during that time. The Lycott contract states that they will also continue doing the physical management, building of this custom transparent curtain, hand harvesting, and placing of the benthic mats, along with the Renovate application to the 15 acres of the south basin of the lake. Removal of the curtain can be done by volunteers along with samplings to be sent to SePRO. If Lycott does it, we will be billed an additional 15%. The cost of the contract will amount to \$39,250.

Lighted buoys will need to be placed so that anyone boating at night will be aware to avoid that area, and a sign should be posted at the launch warning of the presence of the curtain, and to launch their boats at the Marina. Roman Numeral I of the contract will be changed to read "Engagement of Lycott", rather than "Employment of..."

RESOLUTION #53: APPROVE SIGNAGE, BUOYS, NOTIFICATION OF PEOPLE ON SCHROON RIVER, AND SIGNING OF LYCOTT CONTRACT WITH NOTED AMENDMENTS.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, approve signage at the boat launch, placement of buoys, notification of individuals on Schroon River, and signing of the Lycott Contract with the noted amendments.

AYE 5 NO 0

LED Streetlights. Mr. Monroe explained that one of the existing

streetlights would be sent to Sternberg for modification from Sodium Vapor to LED. Lamp will be returned along with kits to modify the remaining lamps.

Pellet Boiler. Rick Handley from Rick Handley & Associates will be meeting with the Town Board members tomorrow (Wednesday, April 10th), to take a trip to the North Country School to see the Pellet boiler there. All who can will go.

Lifeguards. Six applications have been received, with five of the applicants having worked last summer. For those not yet certified in waterfront instruction, town will pay for their time and certification.

RESOLUTION #54: APPROVE HIRING OF SIX LIFEGUARDS AND PAY FOR TIME AND TRAINING.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve hiring of the six applicants for lifeguards, and for those working on certification for instruction, pay for their time and certification.

AYE 5 NO 0

Fish Hollow Road. Mr. Monroe stated that George Stannard, having previously presented to the Board the request to discontinue maintenance of Fish Hollow Road beyond the culvert, has rescinded his request.

Cans and bottles. Samantha Hitchcock has requested the returnable bottles and cans from the transfer station for the months of May, June and July for the Girl Scout Troop #3408. They are trying to raise money for an overnight trip at an Aquarium in Vermont, and a service project to earn money for fleece squares for the babies in the Albany Med. NICU, as well as collecting the tabs from cans for the Ronald McDonald House in Albany.

RESOLUTION #55: APPROVE GIRL SCOUTS RETRIEVE BOTTLES AND CANS FROM TRANSFER STATION.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, approve Girl Scout Troop #3408 retrieve bottles and cans from recycle center for months of May, June and July, as long as those months are not taken.

AYE 5 NO 0

2013 Paving. Highway Superintendent Jason Monroe told the board that a typical black topped road contains 2 ½" of binder, with 1" of topcoat. For one mile of road, the cost for just the material is \$158,881. Due to the condition of a lot of the roads in the town, we either return to dirt roads, or adopt a system he has been researching which has been used successfully, known as double chip sealing. One mile of road under this system costs \$33,467 which would allow approximately 4.8 miles per year to be treated as opposed to 1 mile. Hammer milling of existing asphalt is done, and then liquid calcium is

applied and left on for about a month. This will harden the sub base, after which the double chip seal is applied. The roads will be brushed, and culverts replaced, and we will be using the existing materials. We will haul the aggregate, and Peckham will lay the liquid asphalt. Mr. Monroe looks to work on Hardscrabble Road for 2 miles, 800 ft. on Van Guilder Road, and an area on Rock Avenue during the 2013 paving season.

RESOLUTION #56: AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY TO IMPLEMENT DOUBLE CHIP SEAL METHOD FOR PAVING.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize the implementation of double chip seal method for re-paving of Town of Chester roadways.

AYE 5 NO 0

Boat launch stewards. Mr. Ed Griesmer from the Loon Lake Park District Association spoke about the Lake Steward program at the boat launch, and mentioned that the Stewards work from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Their hours are from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm, and 2 people work 4 hour shifts each. They do courtesy boat inspections, and they hand out key prevention program information. Mr. Griesmer requested a pay raise for the Stewards to \$9.00 per hour. They are each required to take a 2-day training course at Paul Smith's College.

RESOLUTION #57: APPROVE PAY INCREASE FOR LAKE STEWARDS.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, approve pay increase for Lake Stewards to \$9 per hour, with 2-four hours shifts.

AYE 5 NO 0

Boat wash station. Mr. Monroe mentioned that prevention against invasive species is the best money spent. This year cost us \$90,000 just for the milfoil, and there are many other invasive species out there affecting surrounding bodies of water. Lake George will no doubt be going to mandatory boat washing. If the invasive's affect our Lakes, being Loon Lake, Friends Lake, and Schroon Lake, we lose not only the assessed value in the tax revenue for the homes around the water, we lose the sales tax for people coming here, as well. The Lake George Park Commission bid out for boat washing stations, and the bid came back at \$21,500 each. Warren County has one, the State will buy two, Lake George will buy one, etc. We could piggy-back on this bid if we wanted to buy one. Mr. Monroe stated that the way these things come into a water body are on trailered boats, and they are in microscopic forms, even found in the boat motors. The only way to get rid of them is at a boat wash station. Mr. Monroe feels that if we stay ahead of the game, it is easier to avoid the problems than to have to deal with them once they are here. He feels that Horicon would share the cost, but a lot of the funding could come from Occupancy Tax. Following discussion, it was decided that the Board would think about the issue before making a decision.

Business Alliance. The Tri-Lakes Business Alliance is requesting authorization for ATV's to use sidewalks for their upcoming poker run. The Town cannot authorize that use.

Veterans' Memorial. Harry Bolback informed Mr. Monroe that the Home Depot had offered \$11,000 worth of benches, shrubs and labor for Veteran's Memorial and lawn.

Art show. Fred Holdman has requested \$250 for advertising for a Youth Visions juried Art Show to be held during May until June 1st.

RESOLUTION #58: AUTHORIZE \$250 FOR YOUTH VISIONS JURIED ART SHOW.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize \$250 for Youth Visions juried Art Show.

AYE 5 NO 0

Assessor. Mr. Monroe stated that Mr. Maniacek would be retiring on May 1st. The Board is looking for a coordinated assessment agreement with the Town of Horicon, and with the requirement that applicant become certified as required by law, if they are not certified at the time of application.

RESOLUTION #59: ADVERTISE FOR ASSESSOR.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, advertise for assessor. Certification preferred, or would require compliance with the law for certification after.

AYE 5 NO 0

Signage at the Beach. Mr. Roy Layton asked about signage at the beach with regard to parking, etc.

RESOLUTION #60: APPROVE ABSTRACTS AND BILLS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, approve abstracts and bills paid prior to audit.

General	\$30,275.03	(113-158)
Highway	\$50,773.71	(62-90)
Library	\$ 840.42	(9-11)
Chestertown Water	\$ 603.10	(10-11)
Pottersville Water	\$ 725.63	(9-10)

AYE 5 NO 0

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, board went into executive session at 9:10 pm to discuss employment history and performance of a particular person, and also a pending litigation.

Board out of executive session at 9:35 pm. No action taken.

On a motion by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk