

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held on August 13, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Town Municipal Center, Chestertown, NY.

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

RESOLUTION #123: ACCEPT MINUTES OF JULY 9TH AND JULY 30TH.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, accept the Minutes of July 9th and July 30th, as presented.

AYE 5 NO 0

Bid opening. A Bid to Purchase had been advertised for the sale of a 1998 Sierra Chevy 4x4 2500 Pick up truck, with a minimum bid of \$1000. Also, an 8 ft. Snow Way Plow, a 68" Sidewalk plow, a 6 ft. Sidewalk plow, a Wonder Wheel blower, and a STIHL Back Blower.

Bids were opened for the Chevy Sierra Pickup, a single bid for \$1,250.

Bid received for the 68" sidewalk plow for \$251.49, and bid received for the 6 ft. sidewalk plow for \$155.95. Both were set at minimum bids of \$100 each. No other items were bid on.

RESOLUTION #124: ACCEPT BIDS OFFERED FOR THE TRUCK AND BOTH SIDEWALK PLOWS.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, accept all bids offered for the 1998 Sierra Chevy 4x4 pickup, and the two sidewalk plows, offered "as is."

AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor. Phil Downey was in attendance to discuss the placement of the speed bumps that have been situated on the Gambles Beach Road. He explained that he has worked for Smith's Sewage for over 18 years and has never seen any close calls or incidents on the road. He stated that the road is being used as a playground for 2 children, and one of the residents has planted a wall of trees around their property that fronts the corner of Olmstedville Road, blocking any line of sight on the Gambles Beach Road. Each tree stands at about 30 ft. high, and between 10-15 ft. at the base. He feels that the trees need to be trimmed or removed. Highway Superintendent Jason Monroe has spoken with Jeff Tennyson, Warren County DPW Superintendent, who is checking on the County's ROW on the Olmstedville Road, as the County wants to remove the trees there but needs the legal authority to do so.

Mr. Downey continued that NYS DOT and Warren County DPW do not use speed bumps on their roads. NYS says there needs to be 15 ft. of run for every 1" of rise. These measure a 4" rise with a 12" strip. He stated that it was pointless to put speed bumps on a road that has no speed limit posted. Additionally, he said NYS requires a warning sign

at 150 ft. before the bump. The current speed bump is only 30 ft. off the Olmstedville Road. He asked the board to reconsider the situation which they agreed to do.

Pottersville Garage. Mr. Andy DeLivron was in attendance and presented a "power point" slide show regarding the Pottersville Garage and the many cars that are stored there. He expounded on the junk regulations in the Town of Chester Zoning Local Law, and on the New York State regulations regarding junkyards. The Highway Committee, consisting of Mike Packer and Steve Durkish will meet with Roger Peet to work out a solution.

Mr. Matthew Simpson, Town of Horicon Councilman, was in attendance, and thanked the Town of Chester for bringing the Boat Wash Station to the Town of Horicon for Horicon Days, and for demonstrating it's use. It is a great way to educate people about invasive species infiltrating our waterways. Mr. Monroe stated that he had just signed the contract with the Dept. of State for Schroon Lake, a \$300,000 grant, and they have been asked to amend the work plan to include paying for half for a boat wash station for Schroon Lake.

RESOLUTION #125: AUTHORIZE YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR A LARAC GRANT FOR THE SEAGLE COLONY PROGRAM FOR 2014.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Monroe, authorize Mindy Conway and Barbara Repp apply for the LARAC Grant for the Seagle Colony program for 2014.

AYE 5 NO 0

Mrs. Mary Jane Dower presented an update on the Farmer's Market and the number of visitor's that have come so far. Parking on the grass was also discussed. Mrs. Dower stated that they would repair the grass in October that they have damaged.

Old Business:

Pellet Boiler. Supervisor Monroe stated that we have submitted an application to the USDA for a grant for a new Pellet Boiler. They have come and inspected the site, and all conditions are favorable. They have indicated that they will fast-track our application, so we are hoping to receive the grant. We only have one boiler at this time, and we are hoping not to have to buy another boiler before the heating season, which is fast approaching. The project for bids for the Pellet Boiler has been advertised, and a site visit for contractor's is scheduled for August 29th at 11:00 AM. Initially the bid opening was scheduled for this August 13th meeting, but needs to be changed to the September 10th meeting.

RESOLUTION #126: MOVE BID OPENING FOR PELLETT BOILER TO SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, move bid

opening for Pellet Boiler to September 10th meeting.

AYE NO 0

Renovate. APA permit requires a post treatment survey by an independent agency following the application of Renovate for the eradication of milfoil. The Darrin Freshwater Institute is willing to do it. Mr. Monroe would like authorization to sign a contract with them to have this done.

RESOLUTION #127: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN CONTRACT WITH DARRIN FRESHWATER INSTITUTE.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Supervisor Monroe sign agreement with Darrin Freshwater Institute for post treatment survey of Loon Lake following application of Renovate.

AYE 5 NO 0

LCD Project. We had sent one street light head out to the manufacturer to be changed from incandescent lighting to LCD, and it has been sent back to us. The electrician has been contacted, and once this light is installed, if it is acceptable, we will have the remaining 9 lights adapted. This will save us 100 watts per light.

New Business.

Japanese Knotweed control. Kathy Vanselow and Jan McCann were in attendance to do a presentation on this invasive species which is becoming quite prevalent around our town. This plant has to be treated systemically by injection and Pesticide applicators need to be certified to rid these plants. Their root system is extensive, and they should not be mowed or disturbed as it will only spread them. It is a fast-growing, herbaceous perennial with upright jointed stems and alternate leathery leaves that are broadly ovate. Established plants quickly grow into 3-6 ft. high thickets with extensive rhizomes. Flowers are small and greenish-white, developing in August and September, and they form a mass of white over the plant when in full bloom. Dead stems remain upright through the winter months. They are commonly found in disturbed open areas such as roadways, forest edges, neglected gardens, stream and river banks, and edges of bodies of water, most problematic in wetland areas. Early spring emergence and dense growth prevent other species from becoming established, and stems produce dense stands that crowd all other vegetation, degrading native plant and wildlife habitat. For more information, go to www.noknotweed.org, or contact the Chestertown Coordinator Jan McCann at 494-5908, or email at jmandkb@gmail.com.

Bicentennial request. The Bicentennial Committee has requested use of the town generator for the event to be held on Saturday, August 24th.

RESOLUTION #128: AUTHORIZE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE USE TOWN GENERATOR.

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mr. Packer, authorize the Bicentennial Committee use the town generator for their celebration

event to be held on August 24th.

AYE 5 NO 0

Bicentennial parade. The Bicentennial Committee has asked the Town Board members to march in the parade at the Bicentennial celebration on August 24th.

Tree removal. John West submitted a proposal from Stan Hunt to have 22 hazard trees removed from Landon Hill, for between \$5,600 and \$5,900. The Board requested Mr. West obtain a couple of additional estimates. Mr. West explained that High Peaks, under contract with the County, had not returned his phone calls.

Mr. West also mentioned, following a query from Mrs. DuRose, that there are trees in the Chester Rural Cemetery that have been marked for removal as well. Action will be taken at the September 10th meeting, which will be moved to September 11th (Wednesday), in the event that there is a primary election for the Town of Chester.

RESOLUTION #129: MOVE MONTHLY MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH IN THE EVENT THERE IS A PRIMARY ON THE 10TH.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, move monthly Town Board meeting to Wednesday, September 11th in the event that the Town of Chester has a Primary on Tuesday, September 10th.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #130: APPROVE WATER RENTS.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve water rents for 2013:

Chestertown ~	\$49,527.00
Pottersville ~	<u>\$25,117.00</u>
Total Warrant:	\$74,644.00

AYE 5 NO 0

Water Main. Jason Monroe reported that the water main has been tapped and the tee is in which will connect across Route 9 to the Glendale property. Town of Horicon is supplying the excavator and the equipment operator.

Jason also gave an update on the Hardscrabble Road project. Total road reconstruction was completed on the 3rd of August. 1700 ft. of culvert pipe was installed, 2 miles of road completed from start to finish in about 7 ½ weeks. \$91,000 had been budgeted for chip sealing, vs. paving which would have cost \$317,000. This includes oil and aggregate. Half of VanGuilder road is also paved. Bill Bokus was able to supply Item 4 for ½ the price of Peckham. Jason feels that it is cheaper to carry the load of the trucks/traffic with stone, then it is with blacktop, and most of the money should be put in the sub base. Total cost so far is about \$74,000, and we still have CHIPS money left in the amount of approximately \$70,000.

Boat wash attendants and Lake Stewards. Discussion on the Lake Stewards going back to school, and the boat wash attendants taking over for them. Board feels that their employment should be extended until Columbus Day.

RESOLUTION #131: EXTEND EMPLOYMENT OF BOAT WASH ATTENDANTS UNTIL COLUMBUS DAY.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, keep boat wash attendants on until Columbus Day.

AYE 5 NO 0

Loon Lake Boat Launch Report. From June 2nd to July 4th, 106 boats were launched. From July 5th to August 3rd a total of 167 boats were launched. Of this 167, no boats were identified with any invasive species entering Loon Lake. 2 boats were identified with Eurasian milfoil leaving, and were washed. 31 boats have been washed to date, 8 going in and 23 leaving the lake.

RESOLUTION #132: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize payment of abstracts and claims paid prior to audit:

General Fund	\$28,697.10	(329-383)
Highway Fund	\$80,472.06	(183-210)
C'Town Water	\$ 686.07	(31-34)
P'Ville Water	\$11,720.29	(25-29)
Library	\$ 1,878.40	(26-31)
Loon Lk. Park Dist.	\$15,533.70	(29-42)

AYE 5 NO 0

Ski Tow Rope. John West submitted a request for consideration to use bed tax money to replace a 1930 tow rope at Dynamite Hill for \$16,000, used. New, this unit would cost about \$34,000. A new cable will be put on it, and the old poles will need replacing. The motor has been rebuilt once. The unit runs electrically, and Schroon Lake has this model on their hill. The Town will look at it, and ask for some help from the Town of Horicon.

On a motion by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, Board went into executive session at 8:30 PM to have a discussion with Greg Klingler regarding the Assessor's office, discuss Zoning Clerk's pay, and update on Carol Bleickhardt.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, Board out of executive session at 9:25 PM. No action taken.

RESOLUTION #133: OFFER CAROL BLEICKHARDT COME BACK ON SAME TERMS AS BEFORE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Monroe, offer Carol Bleickhardt the opportunity to come in and work, if she wanted to, on

the same terms as before, for whatever hours are okay with her.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #134: INCREASE ZONING CLERK WAGE TO \$12 PER HOUR.

On a motion by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, increase pay of Zoning Clerk to \$12 per hours.

AYE 5 NO 0

On a motion by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk