

Regular meeting of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on **December 10, 2013** at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, Chestertown, New York.

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

Bid opening.

Bids were opened for #2 fuel oil, diesel fuel and kerosene. There was only one bidder, Buckman's Family Fuel Co.

The bid was based on the daily price from their suppliers, which as of December 9th, are as follows:

#2 Fuel Oil - reseller price per gallon of \$3.1470
Markup of \$0.2200
Net price \$3.3670

Kerosene - reseller price per gallon of \$3.5747
Markup of \$0.2200
Net price \$3.7947

Diesel - reseller price per gallon of \$3.1495
Markup of \$0.2200
Net price \$3.3695

#2 Fuel Oil Town Hall only:
Reseller price per gallon of \$3.1470
Markup of \$0.1800
Net price \$3.3270

Additionally, Buckman Fuel Co. agrees to have a qualified service person available for emergency service upon a two hour notice.

RESOLUTION #179: ACCEPT BIDS FROM BUCKMAN FUEL CO. FOR #2 FUEL, KEROSENE, DIESEL FUEL AND #2 FUEL FOR TOWN HALL ONLY.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Packer, accept bids from Buckman Fuel Co. for #2 fuel oil, kerosene, diesel fuel and #2 fuel oil for the Town Hall only.

AYE 5 NO 0

Public Hearing regarding proposed contracts for the 2014 budget year.

Public hearing was opened by Supervisor Monroe regarding the following proposed contracts for the 2014 budget year:

North Warren Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to act as agent for the Town of Chester in the amount of \$14,000.

Contract with North Warren Emergency Squad to furnish emergency ambulance service in the Town of Chester in the amount of \$60,000.

Contract with North Creek Fire District to provide fire protection in the amount of \$30,000.

Contract with Riverside Volunteer Fire Co. to provide fire

protection in the amount of \$7,000, and Chestertown Fire Company to also provide protection in the Riverside Fire Protection District in the amount of \$5,000.

There being no input from the public, the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION #180: APPROVE PROPOSED CONTRACTS FOR THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR.

Introduced by Mr. Durkish, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, the proposed contracts for the 2014 budget year be approved, as presented.

AYE 5 NO 0

Bid for Senior Transportation.

One bid was received from Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency to provide Senior bus transportation for the 2014 Calendar year at a cost of \$10,660 for 52 trips, which equals \$205 per trip.

RESOLUTION #181: ACCEPT BID FOR SENIOR BUS SERVICE.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, accept bid for Senior bus service for 2014 from Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency in the amount of \$10,660.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #182: ACCEPT NOVEMBER MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Monroe, the Minutes of the November 7th and November 12th meetings were accepted, as presented.

AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the floor. Mary Jane Dower provided the board with a comparison sheet of attendance at this year's Farmer's Market as opposed to 2012, with an increase in traffic of 3,214 people. Next year, duration of the market will be shortened by two weeks, ending in September. The Vendors are all very pleased with the turnout of attendance.

Old business:

Discussion on changing Grievance Day to the first Tuesday in June, due to the assessor working for two municipalities. Process has to be done by Local Law and a Public Hearing must be held.

RESOLUTION #183: SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHANGE TO GRIEVANCE DAY.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, advertise for public hearing to be held on January 14th at 7:00 pm to enact a Local Law providing for the Board of Assessment Review to conduct its meetings on the first Tuesday in June.

AYE 5 NO 0

Pellet boiler.

Supervisor Monroe reiterated that the Local Finance Law limits us to repayment of a loan for the pellet boiler to 10 years. It is possible to finance through the NY Power Authority for up to 20 years, however, they do their own feasibility study, which we have to pay for, plus they use their own engineers, and they charge a fee which could be up to 11%. We have received proposals from both Cedarwood Engineering in the amount of \$14,500, and Mechanical/Electrical Engineering Consultants in the amount of \$33,300, both for engineering services. Mr. Monroe will try to negotiate with the engineers to reduce their charges. Mr. Packer asked whether we should log some of our own property and designate that money toward this project. Mr. Monroe thought that we could hire a forester to do a management plan. The Board has agreed to continue to pursue the Pellet boiler project.

Renovate.

The Post Treatment Survey for the milfoil on Loon Lake has been completed by Darrin Freshwater Institute. Everything other than the Milfoil survived the treatment. APA now wants copies of all the costs for the project, which is not a condition of the permit, only documentation of the process.

Chester recreation strategy advisory group.

Mr. Monroe explained that we need 5 or 6 people to appoint to this group, and Mary Jane Dower said that she would talk with the Tri-Lakes Business Alliance for suggestions.

Bird Pond Road.

The claim for the vehicle damage that was done on Bird Pond Road was denied.

New Business:

RESOLUTION #184: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize Supervisor Monroe sign County Snow & Ice Contract for 2014.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #185: AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEC.

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Memorandum of Understand with DEC for the removal of beaver dams in the culverts.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #186: RE-APPOINT ZBA MEMBER, HEALTH OFFICER AND SCHROON LAKE PARK COMMISSION MEMBER.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, re-appoint John Grady to Zoning Board of Appeals, Dr. Rugge as Health Officer, and Tom Luciano as Schroon Lake Park Commission member.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #187: EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR DONATION OF CHRISTMAS TREE.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, offer a Resolution of Appreciation to Joe Brand for his donation to the Town of Chester of a Christmas Tree for the lawn of the Town Hall.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #188: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SIGN GORE MTN. SKI CONTRACT.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Supervisor Monroe sign the Gore Mountain Ski contract.

AYE 5 NO 0

Truck purchase.

Mr. Monroe is having Attorney for the Town check the Oneida County Contract under which we hope to purchase a dump body truck, plow, wing and sander after 1/1/14. We have sent a non-binding letter of intent to a dealer in Glens Falls that we will be purchasing a truck after the first of the year.

RESOLUTION #189: AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE, PRE-PAYMENT OF BUS AND REGISTRATIONS FOR ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SELECTED APPOINTED TO ATTEND NYS ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK CITY.

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize attendance, pre-payment of bus and registrations for all elected officials and selected appointed employees to attend NYS Association of Towns Conference in New York City, to be held from February 16th until February 19th.

AYE 5 NO 0

Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

Supervisor Monroe turned the Chair over to Mr. Packer, as he is the Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. The Town of Chester supports the work of the Review Board in representing the Town in matters relating to the Adirondack Park.

RESOLUTION #190: TOWN OF CHESTER AGREES TO PAY THE REVIEW BOARD THE SUM OF \$300 FOR THE SERVICES OF THE REVIEW BOARD IN REPRESENTING THE TOWN IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE ADIRONDACK PARK.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, the Town of Chester agrees to pay the Review Board the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) for the services of the Review Board in representing the Town in matters relating to the Adirondack Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Durkish ~ AYE
Mrs. Wells ~ AYE
Mrs. DuRose ~ Aye
Mr. Packer ~ AYE
Mr. Monroe ~ ABSTAIN

Mr. Monroe resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION #191: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS AND CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize payment of abstracts and claims paid prior to audit, excepting the clothing racks for the prom dresses, until it is ascertained where it should be coded to.

General Fund	\$142,724.80	(528-576)
Highway Fund	\$115,849.36	(291-313)
C'Town Water	\$ 1,824.00	(51-54)
P'Ville Water	\$ 1,625.37	(48-55)
Library	\$ 6,959.81	(42-48)

AYE 5 NO 0

Mrs. Wells and Mrs. DuRose submitted their letter following audit of the Bookkeeper, Court Clerk, and Town Clerk's books.

Adjourn.

On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk