

**Regular meeting** of the Town of Chester Town Board was held on December 9, 2014 at 7:00m pm at the Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, NY.

**Roll call:** Frederick H. Monroe, Karen DuRose, Edna Wells, Mike Packer and Steve Durkish. Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner was also in attendance.

**Bids on Fuel Oil, Kerosene and Diesel Fuel.**

One bid was received from Buckman's Family Fuel Co, Chestertown, NY. Price per gallon for fuel oil, kerosene and diesel will be based on prices faxed from suppliers. Fuel oil, kerosene and diesel will be shown as reseller price per gallon, plus a markup per gallon of \$0.22. Fuel oil for the Town Hall will be reseller price per gallon plus a markup per gallon of \$0.18. A qualified service person will be available for emergency service upon a two hour notice.

**RESOLUTION #155: ACCEPT BID FROM BUCKMAN'S FAMILY FUEL CO. FOR FUEL OIL, DIESEL AND KEROSENE FOR 2015, AS PROPOSED.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, accept the bid from Buckman's Family Fuel Co. for fuel oil, kerosene and diesel fuel at a markup of \$0.22 per gallon over reseller's price, and \$0.18 per gallon markup for fuel oil for the Town Hall. Qualified service person will be available for emergency service upon a two hour notice.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Public Hearing:**

Public hearing on contracts with North Warren Chamber of Commerce, North Warren Emergency Squad, (\$75,000), North Creek Fire District, (\$30,000), Chestertown Fire District (\$5,000), and Riverside Volunteer Fire Co.(\$7,000) was opened by Supervisor Monroe at 7:05 pm. He explained that the Chamber had initially requested \$18,000 with \$9,000 from Occupancy Tax. Mr. Monroe had asked for a clarification of what the total was, and they said it was \$18,000 total. They then said that was not correct, but they would need \$14,000 or they would have to lay people off from the Chamber information booth. In the meantime, we had received money from Occupancy Tax, so we will give them an additional \$5,000 from Occ. Tax, and \$9,200 from the budget, for a total of \$14,200.

Supervisor Monroe closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

**RESOLUTION #156: APPROVE 2015 CONTRACTS, AS PRESENTED.**

Introduced by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve 2015 contracts as discussed.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Bid for weekly senior citizen transportation.**

One bid was received from Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency for senior citizen bus transportation for \$11,180 for Calendar year 2015, with 52 trips, at \$215 per trip.

**RESOLUTION #157: ACCEPT BID FROM WARREN-HAMILTON COUNTIES COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR SENIOR CITIZEN BUS TRANSPORTATION AS PROPOSED.**

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mr. Durkish, accept bid from Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency for senior citizen bus transportation for 2015 for the total amount of \$11,180, as proposed.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Privilege of the floor.**

No participation.

**Old business.**

**Bti bids.** Discussion over the maps submitted by Bioconservation, showing the areas being treated with Bti in the town. The maps were not good facsimiles, and the Board requests that we have better maps and detailed reports in the future, of the areas that have been treated for black flies.

**RESOLUTION #158: ACCEPT BTI BID FROM BIOCONSERVATION, REQUESTING BETTER MAPS AND DETAILED REPORTS OF TREATMENT AREAS.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, accept bid from Bioconservation for Bti treatment for 2015, 2016, and 2017 in the amount of \$13,880 per each year for a total of \$41,640. Requesting better maps and detailed reports regarding treatment areas from Kathy Vanselow before contracts will be signed.

Aye 5 NO 0

**Pellet boiler status.** Mr. Monroe reported that the engineer from NYSERDA was here to take another look at our boiler room. They want to have another meeting here on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

**RESOLUTION #159: SCHEDULE COMBINED RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR JANUARY MEETING FOR SAME DATE.**

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, the re-organizational meeting and the regular January meeting will be scheduled for the same date, on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Timber Harvesting.**

Mr. Packer has not heard from Finch regarding the timber harvest. He will call and see if we can get a harvesting plan for Zoning review for the town.

**Specifications for new ski tow.**

John West had given Mr. Monroe some specs on the new ski tow. Wayne LaMothe from Warren County Planning said that they would pay ½ the cost out of our grant for Dynamite Hill, so they will go ahead and bid it. They are just waiting for the specs.

**New business.**

**Committee reports.**

The audit report of the Court, the Bookkeeper and the Town Clerk was presented to the Board.

**RESOLUTION #160: APPROVE 2014 AUDIT REPORT FOR THE COURT, THE BOOKKEEPER AND THE TOWN CLERK.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, approve the 2014 audit report for the books of the Court, the Bookkeeper and the Town Clerk.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Septic Variance.**

Mr. Tom Hutchins of Hutchins Engineering was in attendance representing Frances Lytz, 298 Knapp Hill Road, in the matter of a replacement septic disposal system that cannot meet the required setbacks. Mr. Hutchins gave a brief explanation of the proposed project that cannot meet the required 100 foot setback from the edge of Chester Creek. Applicant is seeking a 75' separation from the absorption field to Chester Creek, and a 15' separation from the absorption field to the existing residence instead of the 20' that is required. The geometric limitations of the property, in considering the house location and the stream location, make it unfeasible to construct a replacement system that is fully compliant with all horizontal setbacks.

The proposed project is a considerable improvement over the existing system, which is breaking down.

**RESOLUTION #161: AUTHORIZE CLERK ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR LYTZ SEPTIC VARIANCE AT JANUARY MEETING.**

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize Clerk advertise for public hearing for Lytz Septic Variance to be heard at the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting at 7:00pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Water tank painting.**

Engineer Tom Suozzo will be checking into possible grant money from state surplus in the amount of 5 billion dollars for repairs to infrastructure throughout the state, which should include the water tank.

**Retiree’s 2015 health insurance.**

All of the retiree’s want to stay with the plan that they currently have, but their HRA will be reduced to \$26 per month. Out of State premium is much higher, their HRA will be about \$8.

**RESOLUTION #162: APPROVE RETIREE’S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR 2015.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, approve retiree’s health insurance plan option for 2015.

AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #163: REAPPOINT MARY JANE DOWER TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.**

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, reappoint Mary Jane Dower to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another 5 year term, conditioned on her accepting the reappointment. The Clerk will call her.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Reappoint Health Officer.**

Health Officer Dr. John Ruge had been appointed as Health Officer in 2014 for a 4 year term, which does not expire until 2018.

**RESOLUTION #164: REAPPOINT MINDY CONWAY TO COUNTY YOUTH BOARD.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. Wells, authorize reappointment of Mindy Conway to County Youth Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Durkish	Yes
Mrs. Wells	Yes
Mr. Monroe	Abstain (relative)
Mrs. DuRose	Yes
Mr. Packer	Yes

**RESOLUTION #165: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH GORE MOUNTAIN FOR SKI PROGRAM.**

Introduced by Mrs. Wells, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, authorize Supervisor to sign contract with Gore Mountain for Ski program for 2015.

AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #166: AUTHORIZE SALE OF 1996 F-350 ONE-TON DUMP TRUCK WITH MINIMUM BID.**

Introduced by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize sale of 1996 F-350 one-ton dump truck with a minimum bid of \$1,500. Jason can provide details.

AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #167: AUTHORIZE MOU WITH DEC REGARDING REMOVAL OF BEAVER DAMS.**

Introduced by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Durkish, authorize Memorandum of Understanding with DEC regarding removal of beaver dams in the culverts.

AYE 5 NO 0

Discussion on changes to the State Land Master Plan. Mr. Monroe gave a history of the definition of wilderness lands (then the power went out and the conversation was lost). Town would like to pursue the possibility of a formal request to changes to the State Land Master Plan.

**RESOLUTION #168: 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	\$30,985.35	(307-347)
Highway Fund	\$30,931.23	(307-339)
C'Town Water	\$ 647.03	( 56-57 )
P'Ville Water	\$ 520.70	( 59-61 )
Library	\$ 649.98	( 43-43 )
Loon Lake Park District	\$ 200.00	( 35-35 )
Schroon Lake Park District	\$ 3,202.50	( 4-4 )

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On a motion by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Packer, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk